

PUBLIC NOTICE:

**CONECUH COUNTY
GOVERNMENT CENTER
WILL BE CLOSED**

**MEMORIAL DAY
MAY 30, 2016**

**WE WILL RE-OPEN ON
TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2016**

AT 8:00 A.M.

CONECUH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MAY 9, 2016

STATE OF ALABAMA
CONECUH COUNTY

MAY 9, 2016
EVERGREEN, AL.

The Conecuh County Commission held their regular scheduled Commission Meeting on Monday, May 9, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. in the Conecuh County Government Center of the City of Evergreen.

Chairman Rodney Hildreth called the meeting to order.
The prayer was led by Mr. Winston Foshee
Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

The county administrator called the roll and the following board members were present:

Chairman Rodney Hildreth, Member Dist. 1
Commissioner David Cook, Jr., Member, Dist. 2
Commissioner Johnny Andrews, Member, Dist. 3.
Commissioner Ras McCreary, Member, Dist. 4
Commissioner Leonard Millender, Member, Dist. 5

1. Approve the Agenda for the Commission Meeting today:

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Millender seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2. Approve the minutes for the regular scheduled Commission meeting on April 25, 2016:

Commissioner Millender made a motion to approve the minutes for the Commission meeting on April 25, 2016. Commissioner McCreary seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

3. Approve Payroll/Personnel Report:

Payroll/Personnel Report:

Mrs. Ruby Straughn, Payroll Clerk reported the Payroll/Personnel Report for May 9, 2016 as follows:

Separated from the County:

Costa Jackson	4/28/16	Jail	Security Guard
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Total Overtime Hours: 37.25 Hours for the period of (04/25/2016 to 05/06/2016)

Probate Office	6.25
Sheriff Dept.	12.50
Jail	6.50
District 2	4.00
Engineer Dept.	8.00

Commissioner Andrews made a motion to approve the Payroll Report. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

4. APPROVED CLAIMS:

44270 - 44376	Claims	\$ 369,588.23
44377 - 44379	PCF	131,438.56
44380 - 44387	Claims	142,017.13

PAYROLL ACCOUNT:

26348	Claim	437.40
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General Fund: Over the board limit of \$500.00

Alco Glass, LLC-\$833.42
Election System & Software-\$32,753.56
Interstate Towing & Repair-\$1,231.91

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Gasoline Fund: Over the board limit of \$3000.00

Gulf Atlantic-\$12,056.20

Commissioner McCreary made a motion to approve the claims. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

5. Public Hearing for PY 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application:

Chairman Rodney Hildreth open up the meeting for a public hearing for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application. Cara Stallman informed the board on applying for a CDBG for water improvement. She had identified some places that are in need. There is an area in Conecuh County on county road 22 that has a 3 inch line. Ms. Stallman informed the board on wanting to make an application to replace that 3 inch line with a 6 inch line. The application is due July 1, 2016. Mr. Burt, a member of the Southwest Water Authority spoke on their wishes to have this project done and to answer questions the board may have.

Commissioner Andrews wanted the public to be aware that because you have a fire hydrant with a thousand feet from your house doesn't necessarily means your insurance will decrease. This only allows fire departments to comply with the specs to receive their ratings. Mr. Burt stated this was not for insurance purposes, but to help the volunteer fire departments. With this project, 13 fire hydrants will be added; at the present time there is none. Commissioner Andrews asked Mr. Burt if individual homeowners wants a fire hydrant closer to their home is it possible to purchase a hydrant. Mr. Burt stated they sell fire hydrant through the water board to customers at cost. Commissioner Andrews asked if the public will be aware of the opportunity to purchase a fire hydrant during this project process. Cara Stallman, Grant Writer, informed the board that this project calls for 13 fire hydrants. Skip, who is also with the Southwest Water Authority, identified every area that was needed by the water system that would serve the most houses. Ms. Stallman stated there was 13 fire hydrant in the budget, as the project goes along if there is people who think they are not getting a fire hydrant, then the grant budget can be increased. Ms. Stallman stated that it isn't necessarily an option for the public to buy; they can serve everybody with this project.

Chairman Hildreth called for a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Cook made a motion to close the public hearing. Commission McCreary seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

6. Mr. Winston Foshee- County Engineer's Report:

Mr. Foshee mentioned to board about some minor collector roads that the County will need to start putting the federal funds to. Every year the county gets approximately \$500,000 from the State with the county matching 20%. Mr. Foshee stated that Co Rds. 32 and 85 will be possible candidate for using some of the federal funds on. Mr. Foshee informed the board that once we receive the federal funds in October, we have roughly 18 months to spend it. We have about \$100,000 in our federal aid account, according to Mr. Foshee.

Mr. Foshee asked the board for consideration on two different resolutions:

- a. Widen level, Resurface and Traffic Stripe on Conecuh County Road 85 from County Rd. 29 to County Rd. 6 a distance of 6.200 Miles.
- b. Level, Resurface and Traffic Stripe on Conecuh County Road 32 from County Rd. 29 to the intersection of State Route 83 a distance of 3.800 Miles.

Commissioner McCreary made a motion to accept the two resolutions for County Rd 32 and County Rd 85. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Foshee informed the board on approximately \$600,000 dollars allocated for this fiscal year. He wants to go ahead and perceived with County Road 13; which will be a chip seal project and some spot leveling, possibly late summer. Commissioner Millender stated before we do that we need to have a work session. The money that Mr. Foshee is speaking of was put in Miscellaneous Revenue, but not necessarily for roads. Commissioner Millender suggested talking about it before we move forward and he can explain what took place with that. Commissioner Millender ask the board to table it until later.

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Commissioner Cook stated that we do need to understand what Commissioner Millender is speaking of; however, Commissioner Cook stated that County Road 13 is the worst road in the county. County Road 13 is in District 2 and was on budget a couple of years ago, but funds were not available. Commissioner Cook asked the board to really consider this being done because it is really bad.

Mr. Foshee said he would wait until the board scheduled a work session.

Mr. Foshee said since 2010 they went out and identified unpaved roads claimed as public roads. These are roads that have a prescriptive right of way. Individuals have come in to claim a road and want to put a fence up. Mr. Foshee suggest to the board that they come up with a procedure on how to handle situations like that. Mr. Foshee stated he mentioned this to Mr. Bishop, to see if he can work on something to that effect, so we can have something in writing. We need to be able to address individuals consistently, that come in with issues like that.

Commissioner Millender suggested to the board to allow Mr. Bishop to get with Mr. Foshee to put something together and bring it back before the board.

Commissioner Andrews made a motion to allow Mr. Bishop to get with Mr. Foshee to put something together and bring it back before the board. Commissioner Millender seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Foshee asked the board for consideration in swapping the Ford F-150 that the courthouse maintenance use with the Ford F-150 that the inmate crew use.

Commissioner Millender suggested the Chairman get with the party involved to discuss it.

7. County Administrator's Report:

County Administrator Stephanie Brown reported to the board that we receive a check from the ACCA Liability Self-Insurance Fund. It is the safety incentive discount for 2015 in the amount of \$13,701.45. Ms. Brown also reported on a check we received from Byrd Contractors, Inc. This was a reimbursement of sales tax, because the contractors were able to use the county tax exempt number while purchasing materials for the Brooklyn Water project. The check total was \$11,540.37.

Commissioner Millender asked when you bid a project was it put in the bid that they can use the tax ID. Cara Stallman answer no it was not, that the bid specs included the sales tax.

Commissioner Millender pointed out that if you have another individual to bid the same project, and funds was low and do to the fact it was not put in the contract to use the county ID, you have someone who using the County Tax ID after being awarded the bid. Is that Legal?

Mr. Foshee informed the board that it was not part of the original bid. All bids were based on the contractors buying materials. After the bid was award the contractors said they could buy the material without paying sales tax. Because the County does not pay sales tax. Commissioner Millender said that were still wasn't bidding apples to apples. Mr. Foshee reference sending the check back to Byrd Contractors. The board mentioned keeping the check. Commissioner Millender stated that when the auditor audit our books, it is nowhere on our books that say we authorized Byrd Contractor to use our tax ID number. Commissioner Millender asked where this money will be put. Commissioner Cook suggested getting an opinion from the State Examiner. Ms. Brown informed the board the she already talked to Christina Smith, State Examiner and Ms. Smith said that the law changed a couple of years ago allowing contractor's to be able to use the County tax ID; but it has to be approved by the board first. Commissioner Millender stated it never came before the board to be approved. Commissioner Andrews asked who gave them the number. Mr. Foshee said he gave them the number. Commissioner Cook asked what the end of the story. Ms. Brown stated because she wasn't involved when this project was originated; she just wanted the board to be aware of the check before depositing it.

Ms. Brown reminded the board on the departments that want to move funds from one line item to another. Commissioner Cook suggested waiting until we review the budget.

Ms. Brown asked the board for permission to put the Commission minutes and the E-911 minutes on the County's websites once they have been approved and signed.

Commissioner Andrews made a motion to allow Ms. Brown to put the Commission minutes and the E-911 minutes on the County's websites once they have been approved and signed. Commissioner Millender seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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8. Mr. Anthony Bishop-County Attorney's Report:

Not present

9. Cooperative District Meeting Report:

Commissioner Cook stated the Cooperative District had a meeting on April 27, 2016, discussing one item. The item that was discuss was another bond issue for 4 million dollars in hopes of paying off some local banks that advanced or loan the District money.

10. Commissioner's Comments and Announcements:

No Comments

11. News Media Comments:

No Comments

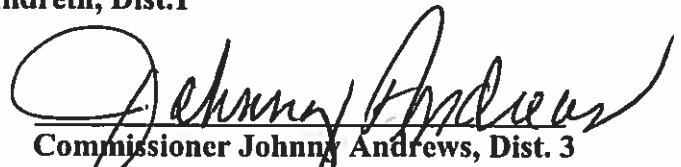
12. Adjourn:

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Hildreth asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

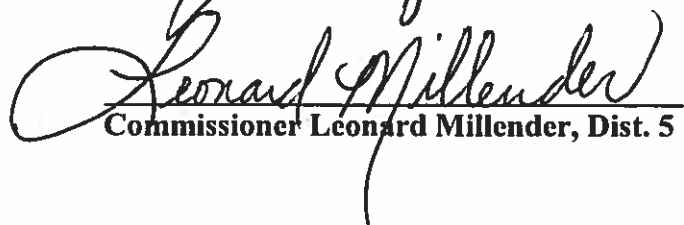
Commissioner Millender made a motion to adjourn the Commission Meeting. Commissioner McCreary seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.


Chairman Rodney Hildreth, Dist.1


Commissioner David Cook, Jr. Dist. 2


Commissioner Johnny Andrews, Dist. 3


Commissioner Ras McCreary, Dist. 4


Commissioner Leonard Millender, Dist. 5