

STATE OF ALABAMA)	FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSION
)	REGULAR MEETING
FRANKLIN COUNTY)	FEBRUARY 20, 2024 8:30 AM

PRESENT: Honorable Barry Moore, presiding as Judge of Probate and Chairman, and Messrs., Chris Wallace, Jason Miller, and David Hester as Members.

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Latham of the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office, EMA Director Mary Hallman-Glass, County Engineer Jason Baggett, Assistant County Engineer Caleb Sherill, County Coroner Charles Adcox, County Administrator Leah Mansell, Jessica Thompson, Evan Hargett and John McReynolds.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Moore called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

The meeting was opened in prayer by Member Chris Wallace.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Member Joseph Baldwin.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Moore stated that all Members are present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Moore told the Members there will be ALDOT meetings in the North Region on February 26, 2024, May 30, 2024, August 29, 2024, and November 27,2024. Should the members be available to attend.

Chairman Moore reminded the Members of the Chambers Partnership Awards Banquet on March 7th and to let Leah know if anyone needed her to order them tickets.

Chairman Moore stated Solid Waste Manager, Gene Ward, was absent today due to having flu A, flu B and strep. He requested to add item 3C to the agenda under the Solid Waste to hire a temporary Heavy Equipment Operator.

Member Jason Miller thanked everyone for the calls, text, and prayers during the birth of his daughter last month.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It is on motion of Mr. Jason Miller, second by Mr. Chris Wallace, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to approve the addition of item 3C to the agenda.

It is on motion of Mr. David Hester, second by Mr. Chris Wallace, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to approve the overall agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It is on motion of Mr. Joseph Baldwin, second by Mr. Jason Miller, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Board to approve the January 29, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

It is on motion of Mr. Jason Miller, second by Mr. Chris Wallace, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Board to approve the January bills for payment.

NEW BUSINESS

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

HIRE ROADWAY MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN I

It is on motion of Mr. David Hester, second by Mr. Joseph Baldwin, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to approve to hire Ray Thirkill as Roadway Maintenance Technician I effective February 20, 2024.

Letter as follows:

COUNTY ENGINEER
Jason Baggett



TELEPHONE - (256) 332-8434
EMAIL - jasonb@franklincountyal.org

Franklin County Highway Department
P.O. BOX 717
RUSSELLVILLE, ALABAMA 35653

February 7, 2024

Honorable Barry Moore
Chairman
Franklin County Commission
P.O. Box 1028
Russellville, AL 35653

RE: Roadway Maintenance Technician (RMT) I

Dear Judge Moore:

The purpose of this letter is to recommend Ray Thirkill for the vacant RMT I position at the Franklin County Highway Department. Upon the approval of the County Commission Ray will start at Step 2 (\$14.06/Hr) on the RMT I scale effective February 20, 2024. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please inform me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jason Baggett".

Jason Baggett, PE
County Engineer

Cc: File

HIRE PART-TIME TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE

It is on motion of Mr. Chris Wallace, second by Mr. Jason Miller, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to approve to hire John Payne as a part-time temporary employee, effective February 12, 2024.

Letter as follows:

COUNTY ENGINEER
Jason Baggett



TELEPHONE - (256) 332-8434
EMAIL - jasonb@franklincountyal.org

Franklin County Highway Department
P.O. BOX 717
RUSSELLVILLE, ALABAMA 35653

February 7, 2024

Honorable Barry Moore
Chairman
Franklin County Commission
P.O. Box 1028
Russellville, AL 35653

RE: Part -Time Temporary Employment Notification

Dear Judge Moore:

It is my pleasure to inform you that Mr. John Payne will begin as a part-time temporary employee on February 12, 2024. Mr. Payne will be paid \$19.00 per hour working less than 30 hours per week.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please inform me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jason Baggett".

Jason Baggett, PE
County Engineer

Cc: File

VACANT EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN II POSITION

It is on motion of Mr. David Hester, second by Mr. Joseph Baldwin, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to approve to extend the vacant Equipment Maintenance II position until it is filled.

ADVERTISE FOR FINANCING OF DUMP TRUCK

It is on motion of Mr. Chris Wallace, second by Mr. Jason Miller, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to approve to advertise for financing for two dump trucks totaling \$488,870 for 5-year loan.

ADVERTISE FOR SEALED BIDS ON VERMEER WOODCHIPPER

It is on motion of Mr. Joseph Baldwin, second by Mr. David Hester, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to approve to advertise for sealed bids on Vermeer Woodchipper.

ADVERTISE FOR SEALED BIDS ON TREEFROG LIMB CUTTER

It is on motion of Mr. David Hester, second by Mr. Jason Miller, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to approve to advertise for sealed bids Treefrog Limb Cutter.

ADVERTISE FOR MOTOR GRADER REPAIRS

It is on motion of Mr. Joseph Baldwin, second by Mr. David Hester, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to approve to advertise for sealed bids for Motor Grader repairs.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE/JAIL

HIRE DEPUTY

It is on motion of Mr. Chris Wallace, second by Mr. Joseph Baldwin, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Board to approve to table the hiring of a deputy at this time.

HIRE CORRECTIONS OFFICER/DISPATCER

It is on motion of Mr. Jason Miller, second by Mr. David Hester, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Board to approve the hire of Maddie Hairell as Corrections Officer/ Dispatcher effective January 5, 2024.

Letter as follows:



SHANNON OLIVER
SHERIFF

FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

748 WALNUT GATE ROAD
RUSSELLVILLE, ALABAMA 35654

OFFICE 256-332-8811
JAIL 256-332-8425
FAX 256-332-8816

January 30, 2024

Barry Moore, Chairman
Franklin County Commission
Po Box 1028
Russellville, AL 35653

Gentlemen,

After reviewing applications and conducting interviews, I am hiring Maddie Hairrell permanent full time as Corrections Officer /Dispatcher. Effective January 5, 2024.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Oliver".

Shannon Oliver
Sheriff

DECLARE VEHICLES SURPLUS

It is on motion of Mr. Joseph Baldwin, second by Mr. Jason Miller, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Board to approve the list of 5 vehicles surplus property and to list on GovDeals.com.

List as follows:

Franklin County Sheriff's Office Surplus Vehicles

2014 Chevrolet Caprice	129,569 miles	6G3NS5U21EL951597
2016 2017 Ford Explorer	178,021 miles	1FM5K8AR4HGA35747
2017 2016 Ford Explorer	165,786 miles	1FM5K8AR6GGC50352
2018 Ford Explorer	155,474 miles	1FM5K8AR2JGA45991
2019 Ford Explorer	110,621 miles	1FM5K8ARXKGB14170

RESOLUTION TO USE LATCF FUNDS FOR AEDS

It is on motion of Mr. Joseph Baldwin, second by Mr. Chris Wallace, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Board to take no action until further information is presented for the resolution to use LATCF funds for AEDs until more information can be gathered.

SOLID WASTE

RESIGNATION OF TEMPORARY HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

It is on motion of Mr. Chris Wallace, second by Mr. Jason Miller, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to approve the resignation of temporary Heavy Equipment Operator, David Murray, effective February 5, 2024.

Letter as follows:



FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE

P.O. Box 1205
RUSSELLVILLE, ALABAMA 35653



PHONE (256) 332-8412
FAX (256) 332-8855



February 8, 2024

Judge Barry Moore
Commission Chairman
Franklin County Commissioners
P.O. Box 1028
Russellville, AL 35653

Re: Heavy Equipment Operator Resignation

Gentleman,

This letter is to inform you of the resignation of part time Heavy Equipment Operator, David Murray, effective 02/05/2024.

Thank you,

Robert Ward
Landfill Manager
Franklin County Solid Waste
(256) 332-8412

ADVERTISE FOR HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

It is on motion of Mr. David Hester, second by Mr. Joseph Baldwin, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to approve to advertise for the vacant Heavy Equipment Operator position.

Letter as follows:



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February 8, 2024

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Commission Chairman
Franklin County Commissioners
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Russellville, AL 35653

Re: Heavy Equipment Operator Advertisement

Gentleman,

This letter is to request to advertise for the vacant Heavy Equipment Operator position.

Thank you,

Robert Ward
Landfill Manager
Franklin County Solid Waste
(256) 332-8412

HIRE TEMPORARY HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

It is on motion of Mr. Chris Wallace, second by Mr. Jason Miller, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to approve to hire Terry DeMastus as temporary Heavy Equipment Operator effective February 12, 2024.

Letter as follows:



FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE

P.O. Box 1205
RUSSELLVILLE, ALABAMA 35653



PHONE (256) 332-8412
FAX (256) 332-8855



February 12, 2024

Judge Barry Moore
Commission Chairman
Franklin County Commissioners
P.O.Box 1028
Russellville, AL 35653

Re: Heavy Equipment Operator

Gentleman,

We are requesting to hire Terry DeMastus as a temporary Heavy Equipment Operator as of 02/12/2024.

Thank you,

Robert Ward
Landfill Manager
Franklin County Solid Waste
(256) 332-8412

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AMENDMENT ONE

It is on motion of Mr. Jason Miller, second by Mr. David Hester, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to approve resolution in support of Amendment One.

Resolution as follows:

STATE OF ALABAMA

FRANKLIN COUNTY

RESOLUTION OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSION

WHEREAS, voters will soon consider Amendment 1, which will be on the ballot during the 2024 Primary Election held on March 5, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature regularly passes local laws and local constitutional amendments that impact the services provided to the county's residents, as well as the mechanisms for funding these services; and

WHEREAS, some of these taxpayer-funded services include law enforcement, education, fire protection, ambulance services, the regulation of alcoholic beverages, and economic development; and

WHEREAS, since 1984, the Alabama Constitution has required that no legislation be considered by the Legislature until both of the State's annual budgets are passed and delivered to the Governor; and

WHEREAS, there is an exception that allows the Legislature to consider other matters ahead of the budgets by adopting a "Budget Isolation Resolution" (BIR) by a vote "of not less than three-fifths of a quorum present"; and

WHEREAS, the language of this exception has been interpreted various ways since 1984 and has generated lawsuits in recent years over how many votes are needed to adopt a BIR; and

WHEREAS, if a court finds that a local law's BIR was adopted improperly, it could result in that local law being challenged on procedural grounds, even if the local law otherwise passed both chambers and became law; and

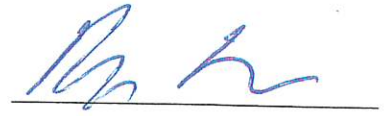
WHEREAS, Amendment 1 would allow local bills and local constitutional amendments to be considered by the Legislature without the adoption of a BIR, removing a procedural step from the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, the Association of County Commissions of Alabama has adopted a resolution encouraging Alabamians to vote yes to Amendment 1 on March 5, 2024.

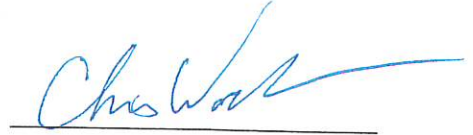
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSION that it encourages the citizens of the county to go to the polls on March 5, 2024, and make their voices heard on Amendment 1.

DONE this 20th day of February, 2024.

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSION



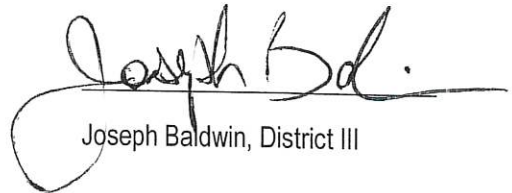
Barry Moore, Chairman



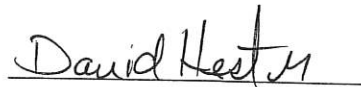
Chris Wallace, District I



Jason Miller, District II

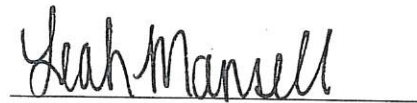


Joseph Baldwin, District III



David Hester, District IV

ATTEST:



Leah Mansell, County Administrator

RENEW LINE OF CREDIT WITH CB&S BANK

It is on motion of Mr. David Hester, second by Mr. Chris Wallace, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to approve to renew line of credit with CB&S Bank.

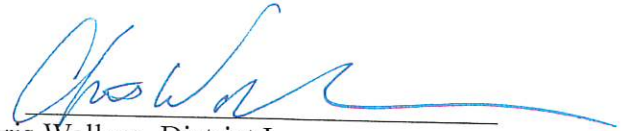
ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Moore thanked everyone for attending the meeting.


It is on motion of Mr. Chris Wallace, second by Mr. Jason Miller, that the meeting be adjourned.



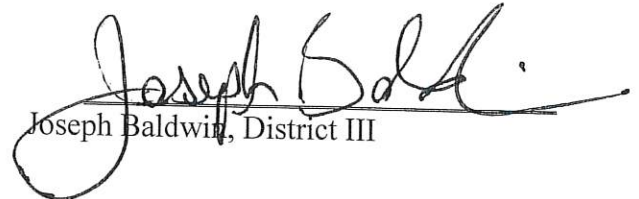
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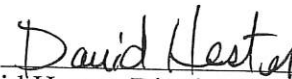
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