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The Dale County Commission convened in regular session Monday, February 14, 2011. The following members were present: Judge Eunice Hagler, Chairperson; District One Commissioner Douglas M. Williamson; District Two Commissioner Steve McKinnon; District Three Commissioner Charles W. Gary; and District Four Commissioner Kurt McDaniel.

Judge Hagler called the meeting to order at 6:00 p. m. Commissioner McKinnon opened with the Pledge to Allegiance. Commissioner Williamson followed with prayer.

APPROVED – MINUTES – JANUARY 24, 2011 MEETING

Mr. Williamson made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2011 meeting. Mr. McKinnon seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

HELD OVER

The appointments to the SE AL Rural Planning Organization and the Dale County Water Authority as well as the Quit Claim Deed for Sanders were put on hold for further study and review.

OFFICIALS FROM CITY OF OZARK

Ozark Mayor Billy Blackwell and Councilman Mark Blankenship spoke to the Commission about the possible purchase of the old Wal Mart building and the advantages to both the City and the County. The Mayor restated the City’s offer to the County for this building: $250,000 with no payment for three years and then $25,000 per year for ten years with zero interest. Mayor Blackwell also stated that the City would work with the County concerning the parking lot.

APPOINTMENT – DALE COUNTY AGPLEX AUTHORITY

Upon recommendation of the USDA, Dale County Offices, Mr. McDaniel made a motion to appoint Mr. Phillip Winslett to Place 2 Seat 1 on the Dale County AgPlex Authority. Mr. Gary seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

APPROVED – COUNTY LEVY FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - #2011-02-14-01

Mr. McKinnon made a motion to adopt the levy for alcoholic beverage applications and renewal fees for FY 2011-2012 that are the same as last year, which are the highest allowable by law. Mr. Williamson seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.
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APPROVED – DALE COUNTY POLICY STATEMENT AND PROCEDURES FOR DRUG AND/OR ALCOHOL TESTING - #2011-02-14-02

After several weeks of discussion, Mr. Gary made a motion to approve the Policy Statement and Procedures for Drug and/or Alcohol Testing for Dale County. Mr. McKinnon seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – ALDOT – PROJECT #DCP 23-01-11 –COUNTY ROAD 445 - #2011-02-14-03

Mr. McKinnon made a motion to approve the Resolution for project #DCP 23-01-11 between Dale County and the State of Alabama Department of Transportation. Mr. Williamson seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. Project #DCP 23-01-11 includes resurfacing County Road 445, from US 84 to County Road 17. Length – 1.513 miles.

APPROVED – SURPLUS EQUIPMENT – ROAD & BRIDGE DEPARTMENT - # 2011-02-14-04

Mr. McDaniel made a motion to approve as surplus equipment the miscellaneous equipment from the Road & Bridge Department as presented. Mr. Gary seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUEST

Mr. McDaniel made a motion to approve the following travel requests:
Sheila Glaze – RSVP
AL Assoc of RSVP Directors Feb 16-18, 2011 Orange Beach, AL
Mr. Gary seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

MEMORANDUM OF WARRANTS

Mr. McDaniel made a motion to approve the memorandum of warrants. (Payroll check numbers 149126-149278, Payroll direct deposit numbers 4164-4329, and Accounts Payable check numbers 53983-54229). Mr. Williamson seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

APPROVED – WORK REQUESTS – MIDLAND CITY AND DALE CO BOARD OF ED

Mr. Gary made a motion to approve the work request from the Town of Midland City for patching and packing potholes and the work requests from the Dale County Board of Education for Dale County High School and Midland City Elementary School. Mr. McDaniel seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. The Town of Midland City will cover the costs of their request and the General Fund will cover 100% of the cost for the work requests at the schools.
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APPROVED – EMPLOYMENT – EQUIPMENT OPERATOR III

Mr. Gary made a motion to approve the employment of Jeffrey Lamar Watson as an Equipment Operator III, Grade VII, at a salary of $13.68 per hour effective February 16, 2011. Mr. Williamson seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

APPROVED – EMPLOYMENT – ENGINEERING ASSISTANT II

Mr. McKinnon made a motion to approve the employment of Aaron Meeks as an Engineering Assistant II, at a salary of $10.00 per hour effective February 16, 2011. Mr. Meeks has been working as an EA I and is currently qualified to hold the position of EA II. Mr. Williamson seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

APPROVED – PURCHASE OF ASPHALT ZIPPER – ROAD & BRIDGE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Williamson made a motion to approve the purchase of an asphalt zipper for the Road & Bridge Department and authorize the County Engineer to proceed with the purchase from the County-Joint Bid Program. The cost is $89,950.00. Mr. McDaniel seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

APPROVED – FEE INCREASE – SOLID WASTE RESIDENTIAL PICKUP

Mr. Gary made a motion to increase the fees for Solid Waste Residential Pickup from $12.00 to $14.00 per month, continue to give a 5% discount for annual payment, and keep the current exemption, all effective June 1, 2011. Mr. McDaniel asked whether those who had paid in advance would be grandfathered in under the old rate. After some discussion was determined that they would. Mr. McKinnon seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon recommendation of the County Attorney, Mr. McKinnon made a motion to go into executive session to consider negotiations concerning the possible purchase of a parcel of property. Mr. Williamson seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION

Mr. Williamson made a motion to reconvene the regular session of the Commission. Mr. McKinnon seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

SPECIAL WORK SESSION

The Chairperson announced that there will be a Special Work Session on Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at 4:30 pm to discuss various personnel related issues.
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ANNOUNCEMENT – NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The Chairperson announced that the next regular meeting of the Dale County Commission would be Monday, February 28, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. There will be a work session beginning at 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: CONFIRMATORY STATEMENT

Mr. McDaniel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. McKinnon seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

It is hereby ordered the foregoing documents, resolutions, etc., be duly confirmed and entered into the minutes of the Dale County Commission as its official actions.

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Eunice Hagler, Probate Judge/Commission Chairperson

Douglas M. Williamson, Commissioner
District # 1

Charles W. Gary, Commissioner
District # 3

Steve McKinnon, Commissioner
District # 2

Kurt McDaniel, Commissioner
District # 4