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The Marshall County Commission met in a regular session on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Marshall County Commission Chambers. Mike Knop, County Engineer, led the invocation, and Commissioner Joey Baker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT:

David Reed, Chairman  
Ashleigh Bubbett, County Administrator  
Ronny Shumate, District 1 Commissioner  
James R. Watson, District 2 Commissioner  
Lee Sims, District 3 Commissioner  
Joey Baker, District 4 Commissioner  
Mike Knop, County Engineer  
Kristal Jones, Administrative Assistant  
Tanya Giroir, Commission Clerk  
Clint Maze, County Attorney

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Shumate, duly seconded by Commissioner Baker. The consent agenda was approved, presented as read by Chairman David Reed. The consent agenda includes the minutes from the May 28, 2025, meeting and the claims docket for May 27, 2025, to June 9, 2025, for \$2,926,286.82.

Chairman David Reed was officially sworn in Monday, June 9, 2025, at 8 A.M by Judge Riley in the Commission Office.

A ceremony was performed at the beginning of the meeting, with his family, by Judge Riley.

ANNOUNCE TWO-WEEK APPLICATION PERIOD FOR THE MARSHALL COUNTY TOURISM BOARD.

APPROVE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR RETAIL BEER (OFF-PREMISES ONLY) AND RETAIL WINE (OFF-PREMISES ONLY) AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ALCOHOL REVIEW COMMITTEE, AND SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE BACKWOODS GROCERY TO JUNE 25, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Watson, duly seconded by Commissioner Shumate, to approve to move forward with alcohol license applications for Retail Beer (Off-premise only) and Retail Wine (Off-premises only) as recommended by the Alcohol Review Committee, and set a Public Hearing for Backwoods Grocery, located at 5400 Swearengin Road, Scottsboro, AL 35769, for June 25, 2025 at 9:00 AM in the Commission Chambers.

REVENUE COMMISSION – APPROVE INSOLVENTS, ERRORS, AND TAXES IN LITIGATION FOR 2024 TAX YEAR.

A motion was made by Commissioner Watson, duly seconded by Commissioner Shumate, to approve insolvents, errors, and taxes in litigation for the 2024 tax year.

EMA – APPROVE TO BID A 2025 OR NEWER GMC 2500 HD CREW CAB 4WD SLE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shumate, duly seconded by Commissioner Sims, and all members voted affirmatively to approve to bid a 2025 or newer GMC 2500 HD Crew Cab 4WD SLE.

APPROVE RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AND FORMALIZE THE MARSHALL COUNTY OPIOID COMMITTEE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, duly seconded by Commissioner Shumate, all members voting affirmatively and so carried to waive the reading of the resolution.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, duly seconded by Commissioner Shumate, all members voting affirmatively and so carried to approve the Resolution to establish and formalize the Marshall County Opioid Committee.

STATE OF ALABAMA  
MARSHALL COUNTY

RESOLUTION OF THE MARSHALL COUNTY COMMISSION  
ESTABLISHING THE MARSHALL COUNTY OPIOID COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Marshall County Commission ("Commission") recognizes the significant impact of the opioid crisis within Marshall County and the urgent need for comprehensive measures to address its effects; and

WHEREAS, the Commission and the municipalities of Albertville, Arab, Boaz, and Guntersville have received settlement proceeds resulting from opioid litigation, which funds are restricted to be used to support efforts in combating the opioid crisis within the county; and

WHEREAS, the Commission deems it necessary to establish a dedicated committee, to be known as the Marshall County Opioid Committee ("Committee"), tasked with the oversight, management, and making recommendations to the Marshall County Commission for the allocation of the settlement proceeds towards initiatives aimed at mitigating the opioid crisis;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Marshall County Commission that the establishment of the Marshall County Opioid Committee is hereby authorized, to ensure the effective and responsible use of the opioid litigation settlement proceeds for the benefit of Marshall County and its residents.

1. Pursuant to the authority vested in the Marshall County Commission ("Commission") by the laws governing Marshall County, the Commission hereby establishes and formally recognizes the Marshall County Opioid Committee ("Committee"). The purpose of the Committee is to address the opioid crisis within Marshall County through research, policy development, and community engagement.
2. The Committee shall consist of members appointed, as follows:
  - a. One member to be appointed by the Commission; and
  - b. One member to be appointed by each of the City Council of Albertville, Arab, Boaz, and Guntersville; and
  - c. The Marshall County Sheriff or his/her designee; and
  - d. The Marshall County Administrator or his/her designee; and
  - e. The Marshall County District Attorney or his/her designee; and
  - f. The Marshall County Probate Judge or his/her designee; and
  - g. One member to be named by the Marshall County Circuit and District Judges; and
  - h. One member appointed by the Mountain Lakes Behavioral Healthcare Board of Directors; and

The term of the members of the Committee shall be for a period of three (3) years. At the initial meeting of the Committee shall draw lots to determine the length of the initial term, such that four members have a three-year term, four members have a two-year term, and three members have a one-year term.

3. The Committee, as established by the Commission, shall have the primary responsibility of reviewing all requested expenditures of the Opioid Litigation Settlement Proceeds. This review process includes, but is not limited to, evaluating the merits of each request, ensuring that expenditures align with the intended purposes of the settlement, and assessing the potential impact of such expenditures on the community served by the Commission.
4. Following the review, the Committee is tasked with making formal recommendations to the Commission regarding the approval, modification, or rejection of each expenditure request. These recommendations should be made in accordance with the established guidelines and criteria as provided by the court approved settlement agreements under which the settlement proceeds were paid, and with a view to maximizing the benefits of the Opioid Litigation Settlement Proceeds for the community.
5. In executing its responsibilities, the Committee shall operate transparently, ensuring that its processes and decisions are accessible to the public to the extent permitted by law. The Committee shall also endeavor to engage with community stakeholders to gather input and feedback on the proposed expenditures, thereby ensuring that the needs and priorities of the community are adequately considered in its recommendations.
6. Following the evaluation, the Committee shall prepare a written recommendation for each request, which will include a detailed assessment and rationale for the recommendation. These recommendations shall be submitted to the Commission on a quarterly basis, unless urgent action is required, in which case a recommendation may be submitted at the discretion of the Committee.

7. The Commission shall consider the Committee's recommendations at its next scheduled meeting following receipt of the recommendations. The Commission retains the final authority to approve, modify, or reject any recommendations made by the Committee.
8. This Resolution, or any part thereof, including the mandate of the Committee, may be amended, modified, or repealed only upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the Commission members present and voting at a meeting duly called and held for such purpose.
9. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Commission, and shall remain in effect until modified, rescinded, or superseded by subsequent resolution of the Commission. The Commission hereby delegates authority to the Committee to implement the provisions of this resolution, subject to the oversight and approval of the Commission.

Adopted this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of June 2025.

APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXAMINERS OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND THE MARSHALL COUNTY COMMISSION FOR FY24 AUDIT.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, duly seconded by Commissioner Baker, all members voting affirmatively and so carried to approve the agreement between the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts and the Marshall County Commission for FY24 Audit.

ENGINEERING – APPROVE MAYNARD ACRES A SUBDIVISION IN DISTRICT 1.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shumate, duly seconded by Commissioner Baker, and all members voted affirmatively to approve Maynard Acres a Subdivision in District 1.

ENGINEERING – APPROVE A REDUCTION IN THE 40 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON GEORGIA MOUNTAIN ROAD FROM HIDDEN VALLY RD TO BETHEL CHURCH RD TO 25 MPH LOCATED IN DISTRICT 1.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shumate, duly seconded by Commissioner Watson, and all members voted affirmatively to approve a reduction in the 40 MPH Speed Limit on Georgia Mountain Road from Hidden Valley Rd to Bethel Church Rd to 25 MPH located in District 1.

SHERIFF – APPROVE CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF ARAB TO HOUSE INMATES.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shumate, duly seconded by Commissioner Baker, and all members voted affirmatively to approve the contract with the City of Arab to house inmates.

ENGINEERING – APPROVE APPLYING FOR CDBG BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR STORM SHELTERS IN MARSHALL COUNTY, ALABAMA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Baker, duly seconded by Commissioner Shumate, and all members voted affirmatively to approve applying for CDBG Block Grant funds for storm shelters in Marshall County, Alabama.

ENGINEERING – APPROVE APPLYING FOR THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION'S BRIDGE INVEST PROGRAM (BIP) FOR BRIDGES LOCATED IN MARSHALL COUNTY, ALABAMA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shumate, duly seconded by Commissioner Baker, and all members voted affirmatively to approve applying for the Federal Highway Administration's Bridge Invest Program (BIP) for bridges located in Marshall County, Alabama.

APPROVE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS WITH PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shumate, duly seconded by Commissioner Baker, and all members voted affirmatively to enter into an executive session to discuss ongoing negotiations with the purchase of real property

At 10:12 AM, Chairman David Reed, County Administrator Ashleigh Bubbett, District 1 Commissioner Ronny Shumate, District 2 Commissioner James Watson, District 3 Commissioner Lee Sims, District 4 Commissioner Joey Baker, County Attorney Clint Maze, and Collections Administrator Penni Windsor left the Chambers to enter into executive session.

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At 10:40 AM, Chairman David Reed, County Administrator Ashleigh Bubbett, District 1 Commissioner Ronny Shumate, District 2 Commissioner James Watson, District 3 Commissioner Lee Sims, District 4 Commissioner Joey Baker, County Attorney Clint Maze, and Collections Administrator Penni Windsor re-entered the Chambers.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shumate, duly seconded by Commissioner Baker, and all members voted affirmatively to come out of Executive Session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, duly seconded by Commissioner Watson, and all members voted affirmatively to amend the agenda to Approve the counteroffer for the purchase of the RSVP Building located at 19272 Highway 431, Guntersville, Alabama 35976 and to Approve the execution of the lease agreement with Dendy Investment Group LLC of 410 Martling Road Building.

APPROVE THE COUNTEROFFER FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE RSVP BUILDING LOCATED AT 19272 HIGHWAY 431, GUNTERSVILLE, AL 35976.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, duly seconded by Commissioner Watson, and all members voted affirmatively to approve the counteroffer for the purchase of the RSVP building located at 19272 Highway 431, Guntersville, AL 35976.

APPROVE THE EXECUTION OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH DENDY INVESTMENT GROUP LLC OF THE BUILDING LOCATED AT 410 MARTLING ROAD, ALBERTVILLE, AL 35951.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, duly seconded by Commissioner Watson, and all members voted affirmatively to approve the execution of the lease agreement with Dendy Investment Group LLC Of the building located at 410 Martling Road, Albertville, AL 35951.

APPROVE TO PURCHASE THE RSVP BUILDING LOCATED AT 19272 HIGHWAY 431, GUNTERSVILLE, AL 35976, FOR \$3.8 MILLION, WITH THE COMMISSION PAYING THE CLOSING COST and 3% REALTOR COMMISSION FEE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, duly seconded by Commissioner Shumate, and all members voted affirmatively to approve the purchase of the RSVP building located at 19272 Highway 431, Guntersville, AL 35976, for \$3.8 million, with the Commission paying the closing costs and the 3% Realtor Commission Fee.

APPROVE THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH DENDY INVESTMENT GROUP LLC FOR THE BUILDING LOCATED AT 410 MARTLING ROAD, ALBERTVILLE, AL 35951.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, duly seconded by Commissioner Shumate, and all members voted affirmatively to approve the lease agreement with Dendy Investment Group LLC for the building located at 410 Martling Road, Albertville, AL 35951.

The Lease agreement with the option to purchase between Dendy Investment Group, LLC, and Marshall County, Alabama, is as follows:

The Triple Net Lease shall be for a term of 124 months, beginning on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 2025, and ending on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2035. Rent will be thirty-one thousand five hundred ninety-five dollars per month (\$31,595.00) beginning October 15, 2025, and continuing on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of each month until September 15, 2035, payable to PO BOX 1607, Albertville, AL 35950.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Baker, duly seconded by Commissioner Shumate, and so carried to adjourn.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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David Reed, Chairman

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Ronny Shumate, District 1 Commissioner

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James R. Watson, District 2 Commissioner

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Lee Sims, District 3 Commissioner

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Joey Baker, District 4 Commissioner