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The Marshall County Commission met in a regular session on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Marshall County Commission Chambers. Clint Maze, County Attorney, led the invocation, and Commissioner Ronny Shumate led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT:

James Hutcheson, 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. All members voted affirmatively and so carried to approve the consent agenda presented as read by Chairman James Hutcheson. The consent agenda includes the minutes from the February 26, 2025, meeting and the claims docket for February 25, 2025, to March 10, 2025, for \$2,070,949.09.

ANNOUNCE WHITE GOOD PICKUP AND DUMPSTER ON MARCH 17, 2025, FOR DISTRICT 2.

Meeting started at 10:23 A.M, Commissioner Sims entered at 10:26 A.M.

APPROVE TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH GUNTERSVILLE WATER AND SEWER BOARD FOR WATER LINE CONNECTIONS TO THE NEW JAIL ADDITION; \$7,296.88 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND BALANCE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, duly seconded by Commissioner Baker, and all members voting affirmatively and so carried to approve to enter into an agreement with Guntersville Water and Sewer Board for water line connections to the new jail addition; \$7,296.88 Capital Improvement Fund Balance.

APPROVE TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH BUILDING AND EARTH FOR MATERIALS TESTING AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR NEW JAIL ADDITION; \$409,750 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND BALANCE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, duly seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve entering into a contract with Building and Earth for materials testing and inspection services for the new jail addition; \$409,750 Capital Improvement Fund Balance.

APPROVE THE RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AND RATIFYING THE LEVY OF THE COUNTYWIDE 40-12-4 SALES TAX IN FAVOR OF THE ARAB CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

A motion was made by Commissioner Watson, duly seconded by Commissioner Sims, and all members voted affirmatively to waive reading the resolution.

A motion was made by Commissioner Watson, duly seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve the Resolution confirming and ratifying the Levy of Countywide 40-12-4 Sales Tax in favor of the Arab City Board of Education.

A RESOLUTION REGARDING LEVY OF SALES AND USE TAXES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL PURPOSES

Recitals

Whereas, the Marshall County Commission (the "County Commission") is currently levying sales and use taxes pursuant to Section 40-12-4 of the Code of Alabama (1975), as amended (the "Section 40-12-4 Taxes"), the net proceeds of which are allocated and distributed, in part, to local boards of education within Marshall County in accordance with the provisions of said Section 40-12-4, including but not limited to Ordinance No. 12-18-2022. The City Board of Education of the City of Arab (the "Board") operates a city school system in Marshall County and receives a portion of the Section 40-12-4 Taxes.

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Whereas, the City of Arab (the "City") is considering the issuance of its General Obligation Warrants, Series 2025 (the "Series 2025 Warrants") to provide financing for the benefit of the Board. Proceeds of the Series 2025 Warrants will be used to construct a new, state-of-the-art public high school facility in the City and to acquire certain real property to be used for expansion of existing school facilities in the City.

Whereas, under the proposed plan of finance, the Board will be obligated to pay the debt service on the Series 2025 Warrants pursuant to the terms of a Public School Funding Agreement between the City and the Board (the "Funding Agreement"). To secure its obligations under the Funding Agreement, the Board intends to pledge its share of the proceeds from the Section 40-12-4 Taxes to the City as security for the payment of debt service on the Series 2025 Warrants through the proposed final maturity thereof in 2054.

Whereas, the City will rely on the continued levy, collection and disbursement of the Section 40-12-4 Taxes as security for the Series 2025 Warrants and the holders of the Series 2025 Warrants will rely on the continued levy of the Series 40-12-4 Taxes to provide a source of payment to the City for the Series 2025 Warrants.

Now, therefore, Be It Resolved by the County Commission of Marshall County, Alabama, as follows:

1. The recitals set forth in the foregoing preambles are hereby found and declared to be true and correct;
2. The County Commission covenants to continue to levy the Section 40-12-4 Taxes, for so long as the Funding Agreement is in effect and the Series 2025 Warrants and any other obligations secured by such taxes are outstanding, whether issued by the City or the Board (the "Board Warrants"), at rates not less than those in effect as of the date this resolution is adopted and to continue to distribute such taxes to the Board as provided by the Resolution of the County Commission and Section 40-12-4 of the Code of Alabama (1975), as amended; and
3. The provisions of this resolution shall constitute a contract with the City and the holders from time to time of the Board Warrants, including holders of the Series 2025 Warrants, through the final maturity thereof.

ENGINEERING – APPROVE THE WHITE ELEPHANT COVE SUBDIVISION IN DISTRICT 2.

A motion was made by Commissioner Watson, duly seconded by Commissioner Baker, and all members voted affirmatively to approve the White Elephant Cove Subdivisions plat in District 2.

ENGINEERING – APPROVE 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT FOR SOUTHERLAND DRIVE IN DISTRICT 3.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, duly seconded by Commissioner Baker, and all members voted affirmatively to approve the 30 MPH speed limit for Southerland Drive in District 3.

ENGINEERING – APPROVE THE EVERWOOD COTTAGES SUBDIVISION IN DISTRICT 1.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shumate, duly seconded by Commissioner Watson, and all members voted affirmatively to approve the Everwood Cottages Subdivision plat in District 1.

ENGINEERING – APPROVE TO AWARD COURTHOUSE GRILL BID TO THE NEXT QUALIFIED BIDDER, CHRISTI HARRISON, WITH CHARBURGER.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shumate, duly seconded by Commissioner Sims, and all members voting affirmatively and so carried to approve to award Bid # 47-24 for operation of the Courthouse Grill to the next qualified bidder, Christi Harrison with Charburger at \$950 a month.

Bid # 47-24 was previously awarded on February 12, 2025, to Farrah Nicole Carr for \$975 a month.

On March 4, 2025, Farrah Nicole Carr sent an email to withdraw her bid.

APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH WATER WAY.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, duly seconded by Commissioner Baker, and all members voting affirmatively and so carried to approve the contract with Water Way.

EMA – APPROVE TO ACCEPT THE 2025 CERTIFIED LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGER SALARY SUPPLEMENT GRANT OF \$17,000.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, duly seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve to accept the 2025 Certified Local Emergency Manager Salary Supplement Grant for \$17,000.

STATE SUBAWARD  
 Certified Local Emergency Manager Salary Supplement Subaward

1.	Grantee: Marshall County EMA	2.	Effective Dates: 10/01/2024-09/30/2025
3.	Issuing Agency: Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) 5898 County Road 41 P.O. Drawer 2160 Clanton, AL 35046-2160	4.	FAIN: N.A.
5.	CA Number: 25CLEM		
6.	Allocation Amount:		\$17,000.00
7.	CFDA N.A.	8.	State Award Date: 10/01/2024

This funding is awarded for the purpose of reimbursement of a portion of the Certified Local Emergency Manager's (CLEM) salary. Once the CLEM salary supplement request has been received by AEMA, then AEMA can reimburse CLEM funding.

The subgrantee agrees: (1) to provide any information requested by AEMA regarding salary payment documentation in a timely manner; (2) requests for reimbursement of expenses relative to this grant will be submitted using claim forms provided or approved by the AEMA Fiscal Division. (3) claims will be presented with clear and adequate supporting documentation as instructed by the AEMA Fiscal Division; (4) all claims relating to this grant must be submitted by October 17, 2025; (5) any additional information requested by AEMA concerning salary expenses will be provided immediately by the subgrantee to avoid delays in reimbursements; (6) all documents related to reimbursements will be made available to AEMA personnel for monitoring and review.

The subgrantee agrees that the Alabama EMA Director or his designated agent may elect to withhold or, with a ten day notice, withdraw all or part of this funding from the grantee for non-compliance with any portion of the terms stated in this document.

Certified Local EMA Director/Coordinator (please print and sign) / Date

Certification By County Official Authorized to Sign:

I certify that I understand and agree: to comply with the general and fiscal provisions of this grant subaward to include the terms and conditions; that I am duly authorized to sign as the County Chief Elected Official; to comply with provisions of the regulations governing these funds and all other applicable federal and state laws; that all information presented is correct; that costs incurred prior to this subaward approval may result in those expenses being absorbed by the subgrantee; and, that these grant funds will not supplant federal, state or local funds.

APPROVE THE SALE, TRADE, OR SCRAP OF FIXED ASSETS.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, duly seconded by Commissioner Baker, and all members voting affirmatively and so carried to approve the sale, trade, or scrap of fixed assets.

SCRAP FA#	DESCRIPTION	DEPARTMENT	REASON
	(6) Faux Leather Chairs	Commission	Item is no longer needed in department

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

MEETING ADJOURNED

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 James Hutcheson, Chairman

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