

**PROPOSED MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE MADISON COUNTY COMMISSION**

LOCATION: MADISON COUNTY COURTHOUSE -
COMMISSION BOARDROOM – 7TH FLOOR

DATE: SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

TIME: 10:00 A. M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: CHAIRMAN DALE W. STRONG
COMMISSIONER TOM BRANDON, DISTRICT 1
COMMISSIONER STEVE HARAWAY, DISTRICT 2
COMMISSIONER CRAIG HILL, DISTRICT 3
COMMISSIONER PHIL VANDIVER, DISTRICT 4
COMMISSIONER PHIL RIDDICK, DISTRICT 5
COMMISSIONER VIOLET EDWARDS, DISTRICT 6

ALSO
PARTICIPATING: MR. JEFF RICH, COUNTY ATTORNEY
MR. KEVIN JONES, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MR. CHUCK FAULKNER, COUNTY ENGINEER

1 CHAIRMAN STRONG: WE WILL GO AHEAD AND CALL OUR MEETING TO ORDER. WE HAVE
2 PASTOR JOHN DEES OF CROSSPOINT CHURCH HERE. JOHN, IF YOU'D LEAD US IN PRAYER,
3 PLEASE?
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5 PASTOR DEES: LET US JUST TAKE A MOMENT AND BE QUIET AND BE STILL BEFORE THE
6 LORD.
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8 [MOMENT OF SILENCE]
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10 JUST TAKE A MOMENT, IF THERE'S ANYTHING BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR HEAVENLY
11 FATHER, TAKE A MOMENT TO ASK HIS FORGIVENESS AND GET THAT THING CORRECTED
12 IN YOUR HEART.
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14 [MOMENT OF SILENCE]
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16 JUST TAKE A MOMENT TO SAY THANKS FOR ALL THE BLESSINGS HE HAS GIVEN. LORD,
17 WE THANK YOU FOR SUCH A BEAUTIFUL DAY THAT YOU'VE GIVEN US. THANK YOU FOR
18 THE MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. THANK YOU FOR MADISON COUNTY. GUIDE
19 THEM, DIRECT THEM, KEEP THEM, AND WE PRAY YOUR BLESSINGS UPON THESE LEADERS
20 BECAUSE LEADERSHIP IS NEVER EASY. LEADERSHIP IS OFTENTIMES HARD. WE THANK
21 YOU LORD FOR THESE LEADERS WHO HAVE STEPPED UP TO LEAD AND WE PRAY THAT
22 YOU WOULD BLESS THEM, BLESS THIS COMMUNITY, BLESS THIS COUNTY, AND FOR ALL
23 THE BLESSINGS WE'VE ALREADY RECEIVED, WE THANK YOU. IN THE NAME OF JESUS
24 CHRIST, OUR LORD, I PRAY, AMEN.
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26 CHAIRMAN STRONG: AMEN. THANK YOU, JOHN. WILL YOU JOIN US IN THE PLEDGE OF
27 ALLEGIANCE?
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29 [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]
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31 CHAIRMAN STRONG: ITEM NUMBER 3 IS DISCUSSION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA
32 DISPENSARY LICENSING. JEFF?
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34 MR. JEFF RICH: GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION. YOU MAY RECALL
35 THAT IN YOUR PREVIOUS MEETING, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS REQUESTED THAT THIS
36 BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES. I PROVIDED INFORMATION TO
37 YOU EARLIER IN THE WEEK TO HELP YOU WITH YOUR THOUGHT PROCESS AS YOU LOOK
38 AT YOUR ROLE WITH RESPECT TO THE RECENTLY-ENACTED LAW REGARDING MEDICAL
39 MARIJUANA LICENSING IN ALABAMA. YOU DO HAVE A ROLE, AS I EXPLAINED, BUT IT IS
40 A LIMITED ROLE TO SIMPLY ALLOW THE DOOR TO BE OPEN FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA
41 SALES IN UNINCORPORATED MADISON COUNTY, AND I PROVIDED SOME INFORMATION
42 TO YOU AND HAD A DISCUSSION WITH COMMISSIONER EDWARDS. I THINK SHE HAS
43 DISCUSSION POINTS THAT SHE WANTS TO MAKE. SO, I'LL TURN IT OVER TO HER WITH
44 THAT.
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46 COMMISSIONER EDWARDS: THANK YOU, MR. RICH FOR PUTTING IT ON THE AGENDA.
47 THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, FOR ALLOWING IT TO GO ON THE AGENDA. THIS WAS AN
48 ISSUE WE KNEW WAS COMING SINCE MAY OF 2021 WHEN GOVERNOR KAY IVEY SIGNED
49 THE LAW LEGALIZING MEDICAL CANNABIS. WE JUST KNEW IT WAS SOMETHING WE HAD
50 TO TAKE UP. WE JUST MOVED INTO THIS LATEST PHASE WHERE BUSINESSES ARE

1 APPLYING FOR DISPENSARY, CULTIVATING, PROCESSING AND TRANSPORTING OF THIS
2 LEGAL SUBSTANCE. SO, WE KNOW THAT THE PORTAL OPENED ON SEPTEMBER 1ST AND
3 WITHIN THE FIRST SIX DAYS, THE STATE RECEIVED 179 APPLICATIONS. 20 -- I'M SORRY,
4 19 OF THOSE IN THE FIRST SIX DAYS WERE FOR MADISON COUNTY. WE JUST HAVE A
5 DECISION TO MAKE. BEFORE IT IS CRUCIAL, I JUST WANTED TO GO AHEAD AND START
6 THE CONVERSATION. IT WAS INTRODUCED TO US AS A WHOLE BY SOMEONE WHO HAD
7 ECONOMIC INTEREST IN IT. I FEEL LIKE THE CONVERSATION IS BIGGER THAN THAT. THE
8 WHOLE POINT OF THIS WAS BECAUSE THERE WERE PEOPLE WHO NEEDED HELP
9 MEDICALLY. SO, I'VE ASKED, I'VE INVITED DR. PAM HUDSON TO COME AND SHARE WITH
10 US AS A PHYSICIAN, GETTING TO THE ROOT OF WHY THIS WAS EVEN SIGNED INTO LAW.
11 THAT WAS BECAUSE THERE WERE PEOPLE, MEDICALLY, THAT NEEDED THIS
12 ASSISTANCE. SO, IF I COULD INVITE DR. HUDSON TO SHARE WITH US ON THE MEDICAL
13 SIDE OF WHAT THIS COULD MEAN FOR MADISON COUNTY.
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15 DR. PAMELA HUDSON: THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER. I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY.
16 IT'S A PRIVILEGE TO SERVE, BUT IT'S ALSO A HUGE TASK, SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
17 ALSO, I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BRUSH UP ON SOME THINGS THAT I'M NOT
18 NECESSARILY AN EXPERT ON, BUT I TRIED TO PUT IN CONTEXT FOR YOU ALL. THINGS
19 THAT YOU MIGHT BE ASKED IN CASUAL CONVERSATION AND A LITTLE BIT OF
20 BACKGROUND. I SUSPECT MANY OF YOU KNOW MORE ABOUT THIS THAN I DO, BUT
21 PERHAPS NOT AS MUCH ON THE MEDICAL SIDE. SO, I'LL BE BRIEF OR ELSE I KNOW I'LL
22 GET THE HOOK.
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24 [LAUGHTER]
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26 DR. HUDSON: I WOULD PREFER TO CALL THIS MEDICAL CANNABIS BECAUSE THE
27 MARIJUANA NAME TAKES ON SOME SOCIAL CONTEXT THAT IS NOT REALLY IN OUR, ANY
28 OF OUR JURISDICTION AT THE MOMENT. AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW, IT IS A PLANT
29 DERIVATIVE. IT IS A NATURAL SUBSTANCE AND AS YOU MIGHT SUSPECT, THE BODY HAS
30 NATURALLY-OCCURRING RECEPTORS FOR THE CHEMICAL PRODUCTS THAT ARE IN
31 CANNABIS. THC IS THE FORM OF, DERIVATIVE OF THE PLANT THAT GIVES THE HIGH,
32 WHICH OBVIOUSLY HAS BEEN AN ISSUE FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE. ALL THE WAY DOWN
33 TO CBD, WHICH HAS A THC CONTENT OF .3 PERCENT. SO, VERY TINY, WHICH IS WHY IT'S
34 LEGAL IN MANY PLACES AND IN FACT, IF YOU GO TO THE PET STORE, YOU CAN BUY SOME
35 FOR YOUR DOG. SOME OF THE TROUBLES WE HAVE AND SEE BOTH MEDICALLY AND I'M
36 SURE, LEGALLY, IS THAT THE FEDERAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY CLASSIFIES
37 CANNABIS AS A CLASS ONE OR SCHEDULE ONE DRUG, WHICH PUTS IT ON PAR WITH
38 OXYCONTIN AND THAT HAS THE ADDED DIFFICULTY THAT A LOT OF RESEARCH HAS NOT
39 BEEN DONE. IT'S BEEN YEARS. YOU ALL KNOW THAT CANNABIS HAS BEEN AROUND FOR
40 A LONG, LONG TIME, BUT THERE IS NOT AS MUCH RESEARCH AS YOU WOULD THINK FOR
41 A SUBSTANCE THAT HAS SUCH A LONG HISTORY. PART OF THE REASON FOR THAT IS
42 THAT, IN ORDER TO PERFORM RESEARCH WITH A SCHEDULE ONE DRUG, YOU HAVE TO
43 HAVE ALL KINDS OF DIFFERENT LICENSES. SO, IT CAN'T BE TAKEN UP JUST AS A ROUTINE
44 BY A COLLEGE CHEMIST, FOR EXAMPLE. WITHIN THAT, FEDERALLY, IT'S NOT A LEGAL
45 SUBSTANCE, EXCEPT FOR A COUPLE OF RARE FORMS OF EPILEPSY. EACH OF THE STATES
46 THOUGH HAVE MADE SOME DECISIONS ABOUT IT, AND EACH OF THE STATES HAVE
47 VARIABLE DECISIONS THAT WERE MADE ON THE USE OF MEDICAL CANNABIS. AS THE
48 LEGISLATURES WERE WRESTLING WITH THIS THROUGH THE '80S AND '90S, FINALLY THE
49 REQUEST WAS MADE THAT THE INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE COME OUT WITH A CONSENSUS
50 OPINION TO GATHER THE INFORMATION AND TO REPORT. SO, THEY WERE ASKED IN THE

1 LATE 90'S TO ANSWER THREE QUESTIONS. CAN IT HELP MEDICAL CONDITIONS? IS IT
2 SAFE FOR MEDICAL USE? AND WHAT'S THE CONSENSUS ON THE SCIENCE? THE FIRST
3 TWO I'LL TOUCH ON. IN SHORT, THE ANSWER IS, YES; IT CAN HELP MEDICAL CONDITIONS.
4 SECONDLY, IS IT SAFE FOR MEDICAL USE? YES, BUT NOT IN THE SMOKED OR VAPED
5 FORM. SO, THOSE WERE PRETTY CLEAR CUT. THE LONGER VERSION OF THIS IS 100
6 PAGES. I CONFESS I HAVE NOT READ THE WHOLE THING. IF YOU WOULD LIKE ME TO
7 COME BACK AND REPORT IN THE FUTURE, I WILL BE HAPPY TO DO THAT. ACTUALLY, I
8 PROBABLY SHOULD NOT OFFER THAT.

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10 [LAUGHTER]

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12 DR. HUDSON: CURRENTLY, THERE ARE 37 STATES THAT ALLOW MEDICAL CANNABIS
13 AND ALABAMA, NOW, ONE OF THOSE. THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF LEGALIZATION FORMS.
14 ONE IS A LOW DOSE OR RESTRICTED USE, WHICH IS THC CONCENTRATIONS OF 3 PERCENT
15 OR LESS. THOSE STATES AROUND US THAT DO THIS LOW-DOSE RESTRICTED FORM ARE
16 GEORGIA AND TENNESSEE. THE OTHER IS A MORE COMPREHENSIVE, OR WHAT'S
17 SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS INTEGRATED LEGALIZATION, AND ALABAMA, MISSISSIPPI
18 AND FLORIDA HAVE THOSE. THAT INCLUDES THE PRODUCTION, THE GROWING AND ALL
19 THE OTHER PIECES OF THAT AND THE MEDICAL PIECES, OBVIOUSLY, WITH MORE
20 AVAILABILITY ARE IN THOSE COMPREHENSIVE STATES. AGAIN, I'LL REITERATE THAT
21 CURRENTLY, FEDERALLY, THE FDA HAS ONLY RECOGNIZED TWO TREATMENTS -- I'M
22 SORRY, TWO QUALIFYING CONDITIONS AND THEY'RE BOTH RARE FORMS OF EPILEPSY.
23 IN ALABAMA, AS YOU KNOW, THERE WERE A SIGNIFICANT SET OF REGULATIONS THAT
24 WERE ADOPTED AND ARE DUE TO GO INTO EFFECT IN 2023. IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE
25 THAT THERE CAN BE NO PRESCRIBING OF MEDICAL CANNABIS UNTIL THE LICENSES ARE
26 GRANTED. IT'S A POINT WHERE THE FLAG DROPS AND PRESCRIBERS CAN ASK FOR THEIR
27 SPECIAL LICENSE. THERE ARE DIFFERENT PIECES OF THIS. FIRST PRODUCTION, THEN
28 DISTRIBUTION, ET CETERA AND DISPENSING. I'M NOT GOING TO TALK ABOUT THAT. I'M
29 GOING TO TRY TO GIVE YOU SOME SENSE OF WHY IT MAY BE USEFUL. THERE ARE
30 DIFFERENT FORMULATIONS OF MEDICAL CANNABIS. IT CAN BE IN PILL FORM. IT CAN
31 BE IN LIQUID FORM. IT CAN BE SMOKED AND VAPED. IT CAN BE TOPICAL, RUBBED ON
32 THE SKIN AND THERE ARE DIFFERENT RISKS FOR THE HIGH SENSATION, BASED ON THE
33 CONCENTRATION AND THE METHOD OF DELIVERY. BUT AGAIN, IN THE USE OF MEDICAL
34 CANNABIS, THAT HIGH IS NOT THE END GOAL AND IN FACT, IT'S QUITE UNPLEASANT FOR
35 MANY FOLKS WHO DON'T HAVE A PERSONAL HISTORY OF HAVING USED MARIJUANA IN
36 THE PAST. IT'S A VERY UNPLEASANT SENSATION. SO, IN ALABAMA, PRESCRIBERS HAVE
37 TO BE PHYSICIANS, M.D. OR D.O. THEY HAVE TO HAVE THREE OR MORE YEARS OF
38 EXPERIENCE IN CLINICAL PRACTICE AFTER THEIR RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAM. THIS
39 IS NOT LIKELY TO BE SOMETHING THAT A YOUNG MEDICAL STUDENT OR RESIDENT
40 WOULD SAY "THIS IS HOW I'M GOING TO MANAGE MY CAREER." YOU HAVE TO HAVE
41 THAT EXPERIENCE. THEY ALSO HAVE TO HAVE AN ACTIVE ALABAMA LICENSE,
42 UNRESTRICTED. HAVE TO HAVE AN ALABAMA CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE LICENSE AND
43 FEDERAL DEA NUMBER. SO, ALL THOSE THINGS COST MONEY AND ARE HEAVILY
44 REGULATED. THIS IS NOT SOMETHING SOMEBODY CAN ACHIEVE CASUALLY. IN
45 ADDITION, THE PRESCRIBER HAS TO APPLY FOR A SPECIAL LICENSE THAT COSTS \$300.
46 THAT IS EQUAL TO WHAT DOCTORS PAY FOR THEIR ALABAMA STATE MEDICAL LICENSE.
47 SO, SUBSTANTIAL FEE RELATED TO THAT AND THAT FEE REOCCURS WHEN THEY
48 REAPPLY FOR CONTINUATION OF THEIR LICENSE TO PRESCRIBE MEDICAL CANNABIS. IN
49 ADDITION, THEY HAVE TO TAKE FOUR HOURS OF TRAINING, SPECIFIC TO MEDICAL
50 CANNABIS PRESCRIBING AND THEY HAVE TO PARTICIPATE, THEMSELVES, IN A REGISTRY

1 AND THEY HAVE TO COMMIT TO REGISTERING EACH OF THEIR PATIENTS. THEY ALSO
2 ARE COMMITTING TO THE RULE THAT REQUIRES THAT BEFORE THEY PRESCRIBE
3 MEDICAL CANNABIS, THEY HAVE TO RESEARCH WHAT'S CALLED THE PDMP, A REGISTRY
4 OF NARCOTIC PRESCRIPTIONS, SO THEY CAN -- THEY'LL BE LOOKING TO SEE, HAS
5 ANYBODY ELSE PRESCRIBED MEDICAL CANNABIS FOR THIS PATIENT? ARE THEY TAKING
6 OTHER SUBSTANCES, CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES? THEY ALSO HAVE TO AND THIS IS
7 WHERE I'M A PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN BY TRAINING. THIS IS REALLY CRITICAL. THIS
8 IS NOT A ONE AND DONE. PATIENTS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COME TO A PHYSICIAN AND
9 SAY, "I'VE GOT A QUALIFYING CONDITION, WILL YOU PLEASE GIVE ME A PRESCRIPTION?"
10 THEY HAVE TO HAVE AN ONGOING RELATIONSHIP WITH THAT PHYSICIAN. THESE ARE
11 GOING TO BE EITHER ONCOLOGISTS OR NEUROLOGISTS WHO ARE ALREADY SEEING
12 THEM FOR CONDITIONS OR PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS WHO ARE ASSISTING PATIENTS
13 IN THE LAST STAGES OF A TERMINAL ILLNESS AND THE PHYSICIAN IS REQUIRED TO
14 HAVE ONGOING FOLLOW-UP. YOU CAN'T REFILL THESE PRESCRIPTIONS OVER THE
15 PHONE AND THAT SORT OF THING. IN ADDITION, THE PHYSICIAN IS REQUIRED TO DO A
16 RISK-BENEFIT CONSULTATION WITH THE PATIENT. THE PATIENTS HAVE TO SIGN THAT
17 THEY HAVE INFORMED CONSENT TO UTILIZE THE PRESCRIPTION. INTERESTINGLY,
18 THERE ARE ALSO DOSE LIMITATIONS. I HAVE NOT SEEN THAT IN OTHER LEGISLATION.
19 SO, YOU CANNOT -- THE PHYSICIAN CANNOT JUST KEEP ADDING MORE, EITHER A HIGHER
20 CONCENTRATION OR MORE PILLS. THERE ARE CUT-OFFS, SO THE STATE WILL BE
21 INFORMED IF THERE ARE GOING TO BE ANY EXCEPTIONS. SO, I WOULD EXPECT AND
22 ACTUALLY HAVE TOUCHED BASE WITH A COUPLE OF MY COLLEAGUES. ONCOLOGISTS
23 WOULD PROBABLY BE THE FIRST GROUP OF PHYSICIANS WHO WOULD BE THINKING
24 ABOUT, CONTEMPLATING AND PROBABLY GETTING PRESCRIBING LICENSES SO THEY
25 CAN HELP THEIR PATIENTS BECAUSE ONE OF THE QUALIFYING CONDITIONS IS
26 PROBABLY ONE THAT EVERYBODY IN THIS ROOM HAS HAD, THE UNFORTUNATE
27 ENCOUNTER WITH NAUSEA, THE SEVERE NAUSEA AND VOMITING WITH CHEMOTHERAPY
28 FOR MALIGNANCY DIAGNOSES. QUALIFYING CONDITIONS, I WOULD SAY TO YOU, AS FAR
29 AS I KNOW, THERE'S NO CONDITION WHERE MEDICAL CANNABIS IS THE FIRST LINE
30 MEDICATION. SO, MEDICAL CANNABIS WOULD BE COMING IN AFTER THE FAILURE OF
31 OTHER APPROVED TREATMENT REGIMENTS OR MIGHT BE USED AS AN ADJUNCT TO TRY
32 TO GET THE SYMPTOMS RESOLVED TO THE VERY BEST FOR THE PATIENT'S BENEFIT.
33 THERE ARE 16 CONDITIONS IN ALABAMA THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THE LEGISLATION AND
34 DEPENDING HOW YOU LUMP THEM TOGETHER, JUST GENERALLY, THE SEVERE NAUSEA
35 AND VOMITING, UNRESPONSIVE TO NORMAL TREATMENTS, RELATED TO CANCER,
36 CHEMOTHERAPY, INTRACTABLE NAUSEA THAT SOMETIMES OCCURS IN ILLNESSES WITH
37 PATIENTS AND THAT HAS BEEN ONGOING AND UNABLE TO BE CONTROLLED WITH OTHER
38 MODALITIES. TREATMENT OF WASTING, WHICH MEANS THAT THEY CAN'T, THEIR
39 APPETITE IS SO LOW THAT THEY CAN'T PUT BODY WEIGHT ON AND STAY AT, NOT JUST A
40 HEALTHY WEIGHT, BUT A SURVIVABLE WEIGHT, AND THAT'S VERY COMMON DISEASES
41 LIKE HIV, AIDS AND ALSO IN CANCER. CHRONIC PAIN IS ALSO LISTED FROM THE STATE
42 OF ALABAMA AND THAT IS, AGAIN, CHRONIC PAIN IS, IT'S DEFINED AS A MEDICAL
43 CONDITION. IT'S NOT "I BROKE MY LEG AND THE PAIN HAS BEEN THERE FOR TWO DAYS."
44 THAT WOULD NOT FIT THE BILL. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT PEOPLE WHO HAVE ONGOING,
45 LONG-TERM TREATMENT FOR CHRONIC PAIN CONDITIONS THAT HAVE BEEN
46 UNRESPONSIVE TO OTHER METHODS. THE NEUROLOGIC DISEASES IS ANOTHER CLUSTER
47 OF DISEASES WHERE YOU CAN EXPECT TO SEE AND THUS, THE NEUROLOGIST, I THINK,
48 PROBABLY WOULD BE SECOND IN LINE. THE SPASTICITY THAT OCCURS WITH MULTIPLE
49 SCLEROSIS OR MS. AS YOU KNOW, THE HUNTSVILLE, MADISON COUNTY AREA IS A HOT
50 BED FOR ALS, PARTLY BECAUSE OF OUR MILITARY CONNECTION AND IT TENDS TO

1 CLUSTER IN LARGER CITIES, OBVIOUSLY. SO, THAT IS ANOTHER PIECE IN PARKINSON'S
2 DISEASE. THAT WAS A NEW ONE TO ME. MEDICAL CANNABIS DOES HAVE A PLACE IN
3 ALL THAT AND IN TALKING WITH MY COLLEAGUES, I THINK THAT WE WILL SEE FOLKS
4 MOVE QUICKLY TO BE ABLE TO HELP PATIENTS UNDER THESE, AGAIN, VERY STRINGENT
5 PRESCRIBING REQUIREMENTS. THERE ARE ALSO PATIENT RESPONSIBILITIES. THE
6 PATIENT HAS TO HAVE THAT PRESCRIPTION, THEY CAN'T JUST APPEAR AT A DISPENSARY
7 AND TRY TO ENUMERATE THEIR CONDITIONS AND HOPE TO GET A MEDICATION. THEY
8 HAVE TO AGREE AND PARTICIPATE IN A REGISTRY AND THEY ALSO PAY A FEE. THEY
9 HAVE TO PRESENT THE PRESCRIPTION OR A LETTER FROM THE PHYSICIAN THAT OPENS
10 THE DOOR FOR THEM TO GET THAT, AND THEY MUST PURCHASE AT A LICENSED
11 DISPENSARY. SO, YOU CAN'T TAKE THAT. THEY ACTUALLY GET AN ID CARD. THEY
12 CAN'T TAKE THAT CARD TO YOUR LOCAL FARMING COMMUNITY AND SEE WHAT'S
13 AVAILABLE. SO, AS YOU CAN SEE, THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT ILLNESS CONSTELLATIONS
14 THAT AND SYMPTOMOLOGY THAT MEDICAL CANNABIS IS AN ADJUNCT IN TREATMENT.
15 BUT THERE ARE, IN READING THE LEGISLATION AND CAUTIONS THAT THE ALABAMA
16 BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS HAVE PUT IN PLACE, THEY'RE PRETTY STRICT AND
17 EVEN MORE STRICT THAN SOME NARCOTICS. I BELIEVE THAT'S THE CONCLUSION OF MY
18 REMARKS, BUT IN THE SPIRIT OF THE PASTOR'S COMMENT, I WOULDN'T BE DOING MY
19 DUTY IF I DIDN'T REMIND YOU THAT THE BIVALENT COVID VACCINE IS AVAILABLE IN
20 OUR COMMUNITY AND I HOPE EVERYBODY WILL AVAIL THEMSELVES, SO WE CAN HAVE
21 SOME PROTECTION AGAINST THIS WILDFIRE OF OMICRON THAT'S GOING THROUGH. SO,
22 APOLOGIZE FOR THAT.

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24 CHAIRMAN STRONG: THANK YOU, DR. HUDSON. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS THAT WE
25 CAN TRY TO ANSWER?

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27 COMMISSIONER EDWARDS: I JUST HAVE ONE. THANK YOU, AGAIN FOR THE INVITATION.
28 YOU TOUCHED ON MY ONE QUESTION AS YOU WERE DOING RESEARCH THAT THE
29 DOCTORS, CANCER DOCTORS, DOCTORS WHO TREAT ALS, MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS, THAT
30 THEY LOOK FORWARD TO THE OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED TO BE ABLE TO PRESCRIBE
31 HERE IN MADISON COUNTY.

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33 COMMISSIONER BRANDON: THE OTHER THING I WANT TO BE CLEAR ON, FROM WHAT
34 YOU'RE SAYING AND WHAT I'VE READ, THIS IS NOT SOMETHING THAT IF A PHYSICIAN
35 GETS READY TO PRESCRIBE THIS, THIS IS NOT A "WE HAVEN'T TRIED ANYTHING YET,
36 WE'RE GOING TO TRY THIS FIRST." THIS IS, WHEN THEY PRESCRIBE THIS, WE'VE TRIED
37 THIS, TRIED THIS AND TRIED THIS TO NO AVAIL AND WE PRETTY MUCH RUN OUT OF
38 OPTIONS. THIS IS OUR LAST OPTION AND NOW WE'RE GOING TO MOVE TO THAT.

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40 DR. HUDSON: EXACTLY.

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42 COMMISSIONER EDWARDS: DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA - ANY NUMBER BY ANY CHANCE
43 FROM MADISON COUNTY?

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45 DR. HUDSON: I DON'T. AS I WAS PREPARING THIS, I DOUBT THAT THERE IS ANYBODY
46 SITTING IN THIS ROOM WHO DOES NOT KNOW SOMEBODY OR HAVE SOMEBODY IN YOUR
47 IMMEDIATE CIRCLE WHO HAS THAT INTRACTABLE NAUSEA AND VOMITING WITH
48 CHEMOTHERAPY OR SUFFERS FROM CHRONIC PAIN. SO, REALLY, THE DEMOGRAPHICS
49 ARE GOING TO MATCH -- PROPORTIONALLY, THEY'RE GOING TO MATCH THE INCIDENCE
50 OF MALIGNANCIES IN OUR COMMUNITY -- CHRONIC PAIN PATIENTS. SO, I THINK IF WE

1 WANTED TO DIG IN DEEP AND TRY TO FIGURE OUT, BUT I SUSPECT THAT THE PRODUCERS
2 AND DISPENSERS HAVE ALREADY DONE THAT WORK. SO, YOU MIGHT ASK WHAT THEY
3 THINK THEIR TARGET MARKET IS.

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5 COMMISSIONER RIDDICK: I HAVE A COMMENT THAT I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE. AS WE
6 CONSIDER THIS, I WANT THE PUBLIC TO KNOW THAT THESE LICENSES ARE NOT GOING
7 TO BE GIVEN OUT LIKE CANDY. THERE ARE NOT GOING TO BE LIKE CBD STORES ON
8 EVERY CORNER. THERE ARE ONLY FOUR LICENSEES STATEWIDE FOR DISPENSARIES, TO
9 MY KNOWLEDGE, AND THEY CAN EACH HAVE UP TO THREE SITES. ON THE INTEGRATED
10 FACILITIES, I THINK THERE ARE ONLY FIVE LICENSEES STATEWIDE AND EACH OF THOSE
11 CAN HAVE FIVE SITES. SO, THERE ARE ONLY A MAXIMUM OF 37 COUNTIES THAT COULD
12 EVEN HAVE THIS. I DON'T THINK IT'LL BE SOMETHING THAT WE'LL SEE THESE THINGS
13 ON EVERY STREET CORNER, BUT I DO HAVE A QUESTION AND JEFF, MAYBE THIS IS A
14 QUESTION FOR YOU. JURISDICTIONALLY, LET'S SAY THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE DID THIS
15 AND APPROVED IT, WHAT WOULD THAT MEAN TO MADISON COUNTY?

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17 MR. RICH: THEIR APPROVAL WOULD BE APPROVAL WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS, SUBJECT
18 TO THEIR ZONING REQUIREMENTS AND OTHER LAWS THAT THEY HAVE THAT MIGHT
19 GOVERN OPERATION OF ANY KIND OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT BUT WOULD MEAN
20 NOTHING AS TO THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF MADISON COUNTY. CITIZENS LIVING
21 IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA COULD COME TO THAT LOCATION AND BUY, WHETHER
22 THEY'RE A CITIZEN OF CULLMAN COUNTY OR JEFFERSON COUNTY OR WHEREVER, AS
23 LONG AS THEY'RE CITIZENS OF THE STATE.

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25 COMMISSIONER RIDDICK: PRESUMING THERE ARE ONLY A FEW LICENSEES IN THE CITY
26 OF HUNTSVILLE, WE PROBABLY WOULDN'T GET ONE IN MADISON COUNTY ANYWAY.
27 WOULD THAT STAND TO REASON?

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29 MR. RICH: I DO NOT KNOW. THE LICENSING SCHEME AND I DID NOT BRING IT WITH ME,
30 BUT THE LAW ITSELF IS ABOUT THAT THICK. THE REGULATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN
31 ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND EXAMINER'S BOARD ARE ABOUT
32 THAT THICK. SO, THERE ARE A MYRIAD OF FACTORS THAT GO INTO CONSIDERING A
33 LICENSE APPLICATION AND WHO GETS IT AND LOCATION AND I'M SURE DEMOGRAPHICS
34 AND NUMBER OF POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AND USERS. ALL OF THAT. SO, I WOULD BE
35 HESITANT TO SAY THAT IF HUNTSVILLE GETS ONE, THAT WOULD BE THE ONLY ONE THAT
36 WOULD BE APPROVED IN ALL OF MADISON COUNTY. MIGHT VERY WELL BE, BUT I
37 WOULD BE HESITANT TO SAY SO.

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39 COMMISSIONER RIDDICK: IF I WAS A LICENSEE AND WAS TRYING TO SPREAD OUT AND
40 HAD ONLY FIVE OR FOUR POSSIBLE LOCATIONS, I DON'T THINK I WOULD WANT TO PUT
41 TWO OF THEM IN THE SAME COUNTY.

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43 MR. RICH: I DO NOT KNOW. I AM SURE THEY ARE LOOKING AT THINGS LIKE WHERE ARE
44 REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTERS BECAUSE THOSE ARE GOING TO BE HOT BEDS FOR
45 PRESCRIPTIONS. SO, YOU LOOK AT HUNTSVILLE HOSPITAL AND UAB'S PRESENCE HERE.
46 NO OFFENSE TO CRESTWOOD.

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48 [LAUGHTER]

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50 MR. RICH: THEY HAVE A REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER. I DO NOT KNOW THE ANSWER TO

1 THAT.

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3 COMMISSIONER VANDIVER: IF WE APPROVE THIS FOR MADISON COUNTY, WOULD THAT
4 APPROVE IT FOR INSIDE THE CITY LIMITS?

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6 MR. RICH: IN OTHER WORDS, COULD SOMEONE WHO LIVED INSIDE THE CITY?

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8 COMMISSIONER VANDIVER: IF WE APPROVE -- VOTE TO GIVE LICENSES OR HOWEVER
9 MADISON COUNTY COMMISSION APPROVES THAT, WOULD THAT ALLOW SOMEBODY TO
10 DO IT WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OR JUST IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA?

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12 MR. RICH: JUST IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA. THEY CANNOT LOCATE IN THE CITY
13 WITHOUT CITY APPROVAL.

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15 COMMISSIONER VANDIVER: SO THEN, WE HAVE TO START DEALING WITH -- THEY CAN
16 PUT IT ANYWHERE IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA THEY WANT TO BECAUSE WE DON'T
17 HAVE ZONING RULES, AND OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WOULD HAVE TO MAINTAIN IT
18 AND WATCH OVER IT TO MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS RUNNING RIGHT WITH VERY LITTLE
19 REVENUE COMING BACK TO MADISON COUNTY FOR IT.

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21 MR. RICH: THAT IS TRUE. THERE ARE SOME LIMITATIONS THAT ARE WRITTEN IN THE
22 LAW WITH RESPECT TO LOCATIONS ADJACENT TO SCHOOLS, DAY CARES, AS TO
23 LOCATIONS SUCH AS THAT, BUT GENERALLY, THEY CAN GO ANYWHERE THAT WOULD
24 SUIT THEM, AS LONG AS THEY DID NOT VIOLATE THE DISTANCE RESTRICTIONS TO
25 SCHOOLS.

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27 COMMISSIONER HARAWAY: IN THE INFORMATION YOU GAVE US, IT SAYS THERE WILL
28 BE FOUR DISPENSARY LICENSES AND THEY CAN HAVE THREE TOTAL SITES IN THE STATE.
29 SO, THEY COULD CONCEIVABLY GET APPROVED IN JEFFERSON COUNTY AND THEN COME
30 AND PUT A SITE IN MADISON COUNTY? WOULD WE HAVE CONTROL OVER DENYING
31 THAT OR DO THEY APPEAL IT TO THE STATE AND THEY CAN PUT THEIR OTHER SITE IN
32 MADISON COUNTY?

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34 MR. RICH: NO. YOU WOULD HAVE TO AFFIRMATIVELY VOTE TO OPEN THE DOOR TO ANY
35 DISPENSARY OR INTEGRATED FACILITY IN UNINCORPORATED MADISON COUNTY.

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37 COMMISSIONER EDWARDS: I THINK WE WOULD BE REMISS IF WE DID NOT ASK THE
38 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IF THEY HAD ANYTHING TO SAY ABOUT THIS -- AND THEY DO.

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40 [LAUGHTER]

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42 CHIEF DEPUTY STACY BATES: THE SHERIFF IS NOT HERE. HE IS IN A MEETING HE
43 ALREADY HAD SCHEDULED, BUT WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THIS. SO, HE WANTED
44 ME TO GET UP HERE AND SOMEWHAT GIVE YOU CONCERNS, BUT AT THE SAME TIME,
45 WE'RE SOMEWHAT NEUTRAL ON IT TOO. ALL WE ARE GOING TO DO IS ENFORCE THE
46 LAW. THE WAY I READ IT, LIKE YOU WERE JUST SAYING, THE DISPENSARIES -- LOCAL
47 LAW ENFORCEMENT DOES NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH HOW THESE BUSINESSES
48 ARE RUN -- THE SECURITY OF THEM. THAT IS ALL A STATE-OPERATED FUNCTION. THE
49 ONLY THINGS WE WOULD DEAL WITH WOULD BE CRIMES COMMITTED AT THOSE
50 LOCATIONS. IF YOU HAD THEFTS OR IF YOU HAD ROBBERIES OR BURGLARIES. WE ARE

1 NOT HERE TO SAY YOU NEED ONE OR YOU DON'T NEED ONE, BUT I THINK IT IS SAFE TO
2 SAY THAT IT IS LIKE OPIOIDS OR ANYTHING ELSE. THINGS EVENTUALLY – THERE WILL
3 BE ABUSES. THERE ARE GOING TO BE THINGS THAT YOU DEAL WITH -- POTENTIAL DUIS
4 UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THESE THINGS, OTHER CRIMES ASSOCIATED WITH THEM, BUT
5 IT IS THE SAME THING WE DEAL WITH OTHER DRUGS TOO. IT IS WHAT IT IS. IF ANYONE
6 HAS ANY QUESTIONS FOR US, I'LL TRY TO ANSWER THE BEST I CAN.

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8 COMMISSIONER EDWARDS: IN THE NOTES THAT MR. RICH PROVIDED, IT MENTIONED
9 THAT YOU MAY NEED MORE RESOURCES TO DEAL WITH SOME OF THE CRIMES YOU JUST
10 SAID, BUT EVEN IF MADISON COUNTY DOES NOT, THERE IS ANOTHER SMALL
11 MUNICIPALITY IN THE COUNTY WHO HAS. SO, IF THEY GET IT, IT IS STILL GOING TO
12 AFFECT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND YOU WOULD STILL HAVE TO PREPARE FOR IT
13 ANYWAY WHETHER IT IS IN THE COUNTY OR A SMALLER MUNICIPALITY.

14
15 CHIEF BATES: YES, MA'AM. AT THE END OF THE DAY, THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAS
16 JURISDICTION THROUGHOUT THE CITIES, THROUGHOUT THE TOWNS WITHIN THE
17 COUNTY. WE PROVIDE A LOT OF ASSISTANCE TO THESE SMALLER TOWNS AND CITIES.
18 IT MIGHT NOT NECESSARILY BE INVESTIGATING ALL THEIR CRIMES, BUT IF THEY HAVE
19 A MAJOR CRIME, OR IF THEY NEED CRIME SCENE ASSISTANCE, THEN OUR PERSONNEL
20 WILL HANDLE THAT. WE WILL SEND CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATORS OUT. WE WILL SEND
21 INVESTIGATORS OUT TO HELP THEM INVESTIGATE THEIR CASES. SO, WE MAY HAVE TO
22 START HELPING ON THOSE TYPES OF THINGS. IF THE COUNTY DOES NOT APPROVE IT,
23 FOR SOME OF THESE MUNICIPALITIES OR TOWNS, WE WOULD STILL BE INVOLVED.

24
25 CHAIRMAN STRONG: ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS?

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27 COMMISSIONER HARAWAY: IF IT IS SOMETHING THAT WE WILL HAVE TO DEAL WITH
28 DOWN THE ROAD, AND JEFF HAS PUT THIS IN HERE THAT IT DOES NOT REQUIRE ANY
29 EMPLOYER TO AUTHORIZE OR ACCOMMODATE THE USE OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA.
30 EMPLOYERS CAN STILL HAVE THEIR OWN POLICIES. SO, WE WILL HAVE TO ESTABLISH A
31 POLICY AT SOME POINT AS TO HOW WE DEAL WITH OUR EMPLOYEES. SO, HR, I GUESS
32 YOU'RE GOING TO START DEALING WITH THAT TOO.

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34 [LAUGHTER]

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36 COMMISSIONER RIDDICK: I WOULD ADD ALSO AT THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT HEALTH
37 INSURANCE MEETING YESTERDAY, IT DID COME UP AS A TOPIC. THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE
38 TO BE LOOKING AT THAT AS WELL, WHETHER TO COVER THE PRESCRIPTION COSTS OF IT
39 TOO.

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41 MR. RICH: THE LAW DOES NOT MANDATE -- ANY HEALTHCARE INSURANCE PROVIDER IS
42 NOT MANDATED TO COVER IT.

43
44 CHAIRMAN STRONG: THE CONCERN IS NOT ABOUT THOSE WITH NEUROLOGICAL
45 DISEASE, MS, ALS, PARKINSON'S OR CANCER. THE CONCERN IS ABOUT ABUSE -- THE
46 UNKNOWN. THAT, RIGHT THERE, IS WHAT EVERY COMMISSIONER, I THINK, IS
47 CONCERNED ABOUT. AS WE NAVIGATE THIS, THAT IS THE CONCERN, THE ABUSE, AND
48 THOSE WHO MANIPULATE THE PROCESS, MANIPULATE THE LAW. I HOPE THAT THE
49 PUNISHMENT FOR THOSE WHO DO THAT IS SIGNIFICANT.

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1 COMMISSIONER RIDDICK: BEFORE WE END, I SEE REPRESENTATIVE BALL SITTING BACK
2 THERE. HE IS ONE OF THE ARCHITECTS OF THIS LEGISLATION. I WONDER IF HE HAD A
3 COMMENT OR ANYTHING, OR ANY INFORMATION HE WOULD LIKE TO LET US KNOW
4 ABOUT WHILE YOU'RE HERE.

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6 STATE REPRESENTATIVE MIKE BALL: I HAVE LOTS OF INFORMATION. ACTUALLY, WE
7 WOULDN'T BE HERE -- I'M THE ONE WHO GOT THE BALL ROLLING. THAT WAS A JOKE. IN
8 MY 20 YEARS IN LEGISLATURE, AS YOU KNOW, I'M NOT RUNNING, I'M LEAVING POLITICS.
9 AS A MATTER OF FACT, I FEEL LIKE THIS IS PROBABLY THE REASON THE GOOD LORD
10 GUIDED ME IN AND GUIDED ME OUT. YOU KNOW, IN ALL MY YEARS, THOUGH, THIS IS
11 THE FIRST -- I THINK THIS IS THE FIRST COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING I'VE EVER BEEN
12 TO AND IT'S BECAUSE I REALIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF STAYING IN MY LANE AND
13 EVERYBODY, OUR SYSTEM OF GOVERNANCE WORKS WHEN EVERYBODY STAYS IN THEIR
14 LANE. I ALWAYS HAD A GREAT DEAL OF RESPECT FOR OUR COUNTY COMMISSION. I
15 UNDERSTAND THIS IS NOT AN ISSUE ON THE MEDICAL SIDE. YOU GUYS DEAL WITH A
16 WHOLE LOT OF OTHER THINGS, AND QUITE FRANKLY, I NEVER WOULD HAVE DREAMED
17 WHEN I STARTED MY LEGISLATIVE CAREER THAT FOLKS WOULD CALL ME "MARIJUANA
18 MIKE," AND INCIDENTALLY, WHEN THEY STARTED DOING IT, INSTEAD OF RUNNING
19 FROM THE NAME, I EMBRACED IT. AS YOU KNOW, I SPENT A CAREER IN LAW
20 ENFORCEMENT AND I HAD A LOT OF THE SAME CONCERNS THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT
21 HAS OVER IT. I WAS QUITE FAMILIAR WITH PEOPLE WHO ABUSE IT AND QUITE FRANKLY,
22 THE CRIME THAT IS CAUSED BY PEOPLE WHO ABUSE IT, IT IS THERE NOW. THE WEED
23 MAN IS OUT THERE. THEY HAVE TO FIGHT IT ALL THE TIME. PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING
24 TO ABUSE THIS DRUG ARE DOING IT. I WANT TO TELL YOU HOW WE GOT HERE. IN
25 OCTOBER OF 2013, I WAS JUST AS OPPOSED TO ANY KIND OF MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION
26 AS ANYBODY IN THIS COUNTY. WHEN THEY INTRODUCED THOSE MEDICAL BILLS, I JUST,
27 I'D HELP KILL THEM BECAUSE I THOUGHT IT WAS A BACK DOORWAY TO SMOKE POT AND
28 GET HIGH. AS FAR AS I KNEW, IT WAS A SCHEDULE ONE NARCOTIC AND I WAS UNAWARE
29 OF ANY MEDICAL VALUE TO IT UNTIL I GOT AN E-MAIL FROM A LADY, SHERRY GIBBS,
30 WHO LIVES IN YOUR DISTRICT, COMMISSIONER VANDIVER. I GOT AN E-MAIL FROM HER
31 IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT -- PLEASE LEGALIZE MARIJUANA AND I ALMOST DELETED
32 IT, BUT SOMETHING MADE ME READ IT BECAUSE THE NEXT LINE WAS, "WE DON'T EVEN
33 DRINK, WE'RE CHRISTIANS, BUT MY GRANDDAUGHTER IS SUFFERING." THERE IS A
34 PICTURE OF HER AND AS I READ THROUGH THAT, AND SHE WAS TALKING ABOUT THE
35 CBD OIL AND CANNABIS, I THOUGHT IT WAS SNAKE OIL. AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, I WAS
36 AN INVESTIGATOR BEFORE I EVER GOT INTO POLITICS. ONE OF MY BIGGEST PROBLEMS
37 AS A POLITICIAN HAS BEEN THAT THE INVESTIGATOR AND POLITICIAN INSIDE MY HEAD
38 FIGHT ALL THE TIME. THE INVESTIGATOR USUALLY WINS, BUT IT IS HARD. THAT IS
39 WHAT THIS ISSUE GOT ME DOING, WAY BACK THEN. I BEGAN TO RESEARCH AND PRAY
40 A GREAT DEAL BECAUSE I KNEW THE POLITICS OF IT. I KNEW IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE. I
41 THOUGHT IT WAS CRAZY. SO, I STARTED LOOKING TO TRY TO FIND A REASON NOT TO
42 DO IT THAT I COULD TELL THIS GRANDMOTHER. THE MORE I INVESTIGATED -- I HAD TO
43 FOLLOW THE EVIDENCE AND THE TRUTH. THE POLITICS KEPT SAYING "DON'T DO IT," BUT
44 THE TRUTH, AS I BEGAN TO FIND OUT, THIS OIL DOES HELP PEOPLE WHO SUFFER FROM
45 SEIZURES. THE MORE I THOUGHT -- I SPENT TWO OR THREE MONTHS JUST AGONIZING
46 OVER WHETHER OR NOT -- I THOUGHT I WAS COMMITTING POLITICAL SUICIDE. THEN I
47 REALIZED THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO COULD BE HELPED AND WHAT WE'VE DONE IS, WE'VE
48 OVERREACHED AND, IN OUR ZEAL TO PROTECT PEOPLE, TO PROTECT SOCIETY FROM
49 PEOPLE WHO ABUSE IT, WE HAVE STOOD IN THE WAY FROM PEOPLE WHO CAN BE HELPED
50 BY IT. WHEN YOU'RE STOPPING PEOPLE FROM DOING GOOD -- AND I REALIZE THAT THE

1 PURPOSE THE GOOD LORD CREATED THIS PLANT, THERE ARE SOME THINGS IN HERE
2 THAT CAN BE USED FOR GOOD. IN OUR ZEAL TO STOP THE BAD, WE'VE INTERFERED WITH
3 DOING THE GOOD AND HELPING PEOPLE WHO ARE SUFFERING. SO, I WENT INTO 2014 AND
4 INTRODUCED CARLEY'S LAW. THERE WERE ALREADY SOME PEOPLE WHO WERE DOING
5 IT. WHEN I INTRODUCED IT, FOLKS THOUGHT I HAD GONE CRAZY. I HAD TO QUESTION
6 MY OWN SANITY AND IT WAS A HECK OF A BATTLE. IT WAS DURING AN ELECTION YEAR
7 AND I DIDN'T -- AND WE WOUND UP, ACTUALLY THE ORIGINAL CARLEY'S LAW, I DIDN'T
8 KNOW HOW PEOPLE WOULD GET IT, WHAT WE COULD DO, BUT I KNEW ONE THING FROM
9 MY -- DR. HUDSON HAS TALKED ABOUT THE MEDICAL STUFF. I KNEW AS A LAW
10 ENFORCEMENT PERSON THAT THESE PEOPLE WHO HAVE THIS MATERIAL TO HELP A
11 SUFFERING CHILD WHO IS BEING KILLED SLOWLY AND HER BRAIN IS BEING DESTROYED
12 BY SEIZURES, AND THIS COULD HELP AND WOULD HELP AND DID HELP. WE SAVED HER
13 LIFE. THOSE PEOPLE WHO POSSESS THIS ARE NOT CRIMINALS AND THE LAW SHOULD
14 NOT -- THEY SHOULD NOT HAVE TO OPERATE UNDERCOVER. SO, THE ORIGINAL CARLEY'S
15 LAW WAS JUST TO GIVE PEOPLE UNDER THOSE NARROW CIRCUMSTANCES IMMUNITY
16 FROM PROSECUTION. YOU WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT I WAS UNLEASHING SODOM
17 AND GOMORRAH ON ALABAMA TO HEAR SOME PEOPLE TALK. ANYWAY, WE WENT TO
18 2014 SESSION --

19
20 COMMISSIONER RIDDICK: NO DISRESPECT, BUT WE NEED TO WRAP THIS UP. WE HAVE A
21 LONG AGENDA HERE.

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23 [LAUGHTER]

24
25 REPRESENTATIVE BALL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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27 CHAIRMAN STRONG: ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS OR ANYBODY ELSE?

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29 REPRESENTATIVE BALL: LET ME SAY ONE THING. WHAT WE WOUND UP DOING WITH
30 CARLEY'S LAW, WE STUDIED THIS FOR -- WE PUT A MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR TO UAB
31 NEUROLOGICAL DEPARTMENT TO STUDY THIS AND THEY STUDIED IT. WE HAVE THIS
32 BILL BECAUSE OF DOCTOR SZAFLARSKI WHO HEADED UP THAT RESEARCH. WE LOOKED
33 EVERYWHERE. WE PUT A LOT OF THOUGHT INTO WHERE WE'RE AT. A LOT OF THOSE
34 WHO ARE CONCERNED ABOUT INCREASED CRIME, THIS IS NOT GOING TO DO THAT. THIS
35 IS HIGHLY REGULATED. THAT INCREASED CRIME IS ALREADY THERE. THEY'RE
36 ALREADY DOING IT ILLEGALLY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I SAID I HAD A LOT AND I
37 APPRECIATE YOU STOPPING ME BECAUSE I COULD HAVE WENT ALL MORNING. THANK
38 YOU.

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40 [LAUGHTER]

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42 REPRESENTATIVE BALL: ANY QUESTIONS?

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44 COMMISSIONER VANDIVER: NO. I THINK WHEN WE GET DOWN TO THE CHASE OF IT
45 HERE, OUR DECISION IS NOT IS MEDICAL MARIJUANA BENEFICIAL. I THINK THAT IS THE
46 LEGISLATURE'S DECISION. FROM WHAT I CAN UNDERSTAND, I BELIEVE IT'S A GREAT
47 PLACE FOR THEM TO START. OUR DECISION IS WHETHER WE LET THAT COME TO
48 MADISON COUNTY OR NOT IN A DISPENSARY. I THINK THAT IS THE ONLY DECISION WE
49 REALLY HAVE. MY CONCERN, AS I STATED EARLIER, WE DON'T HAVE THE ZONING RULES
50 TO PROHIBIT THAT FROM GOING NEXT TO A NEIGHBORHOOD OR ANYTHING ELSE AND

1 WHAT IT IS GOING TO COST OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO WATCH OVER IT, AND ALSO,
2 REVENUE IS NOT GOING TO COME IN TO HELP US OUT. ALL THAT WE ARE GOING TO DO
3 IS CREATE REVENUE FROM A PIECE OF PROPERTY AND WHAT IT BRINGS IN. WE ARE NOT
4 GOING TO GET SALES TAX OFF IT. WE ARE NOT GOING TO BENEFIT FROM THAT. MY
5 CONCERN IS BRINGING IT TO RURAL MADISON COUNTY. AS ONE OF THE THREE RURAL
6 COMMISSIONERS, I'M SCARED OF WHAT WILL HAPPEN WITH IT COMING TO OUR COUNTY
7 VERSUS LETTING THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE HAVE IT, WHERE THEY CAN ZONE IT AND
8 PUT IT IN PROPER LAWS.

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10 CHAIRMAN STRONG: THANK YOU. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION?

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12 COMMISSIONER HILL: LEGISLATING MORALITY IS NOT POSSIBLE. I DON'T THINK THAT
13 IS WHERE WE'RE AT, BUT I THINK REASONABLE DISCUSSIONS – I THINK WE ARE IN THE
14 RIGHT PLACE.

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16 CHAIRMAN STRONG: THANK YOU. ANYTHING ELSE? ITEM NUMBER 4 IS ANNOUNCEMENT
17 OF VACANCY TO TOWN MADISON COOPERATIVE DISTRICT FOR A TERM BEGINNING
18 IMMEDIATELY AND EXPIRING ON AUGUST 12, 2026. ITEM NUMBER 5 IS ANNOUNCEMENT
19 OF VACANCY OF PLACE 2 OF THE MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS FOR
20 A TERM BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 16, 2022 AND EXPIRING ON OCTOBER 16, 2025. ITEM
21 NUMBER 6 IS ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANCY OF PLACE 3 OF THE MADISON COUNTY
22 BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS FOR A TERM BEGINNING IMMEDIATELY AND EXPIRING
23 ON OCTOBER 16, 2025. ITEM NUMBER 7 IS APPOINTMENT TO PLACE 3 OF THE MADISON
24 COUNTY CEMETERY REHABILITATION AUTHORITY BOARD FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON
25 OCTOBER 3, 2022 AND EXPIRING ON OCTOBER 2, 2025. A BOARD INTEREST FORM WAS
26 RECEIVED FROM BERNS MILLER TO BE RE-APPOINTED. IS THERE A MOTION?

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28 COMMISSIONER HILL: SO, MOVED.

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30 CHAIRMAN STRONG: MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HILL. IS THERE A SECOND?

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32 COMMISSIONER RIDDICK: SECOND.

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34 CHAIRMAN STRONG: SECOND BY COMMISSIONER RIDDICK. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION?
35 ALL IN FAVOR? ANY OPPOSED? THE MOTION CARRIES. ITEM NUMBER 8 IS APPOINTMENT
36 TO PLACE 6 OF THE MADISON COUNTY CEMETERY REHABILITATION AUTHORITY BOARD
37 FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 3, 2022 AND EXPIRING ON OCTOBER 2, 2025. A
38 BOARD INTEREST FORM HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY CHARLOTTE STRONG TO BE RE-
39 APPOINTED. IS THERE A MOTION?

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41 COMMISSIONER EDWARDS: SO, MOVED.

42
43 CHAIRMAN STRONG: MOTION BY COMMISSIONER EDWARDS. IS THERE A SECOND?

44
45 COMMISSIONER VANDIVER: SECOND.

46
47 CHAIRMAN STRONG: SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VANDIVER. ANY FURTHER
48 DISCUSSION? ALL IN FAVOR? ANY OPPOSED? THE MOTION CARRIES. ITEM NUMBER 9 IS
49 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 31, 2022 MEETING OF THE MADISON COUNTY
50 COMMISSION. IS THERE A MOTION?

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2 COMMISSIONER RIDDICK: SO, MOVED.

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4 CHAIRMAN STRONG: MOTION BY COMMISSIONER RIDDICK: IS THERE A SECOND?

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6 COMMISSIONER HILL: SECOND.

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8 CHAIRMAN STRONG: SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HILL. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION?
9 ALL IN FAVOR? ANY OPPOSED? THE MOTION CARRIES. ITEM NUMBER 10 IS APPROVAL
10 OF BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023. I KNOW EVERYBODY -- JOSEPH, I'M GOING TO START
11 WITH JUST A COUPLE HIGHLIGHTS AND THEN THERE MAY BE SOME MORE QUESTIONS.
12 CURRENTLY, THIS BUDGET THAT IS BEING RECOMMENDED TO THE COMMISSION IS A
13 TOTAL BUDGET OF \$240,512,430. OF THAT, THE GENERAL FUND IS \$87,618,025, AND OF
14 COURSE, THE TOTAL BUDGET ENCOMPASSES THE ENTERPRISE ACCOUNTS FOR THE
15 BENEFIT OF PEOPLE WHO MAY BE WATCHING THIS. YOU LOOK AT OUR RESERVE STATUS
16 -- IT IS VERY STRONG. THIS IS ANOTHER BALANCED BUDGET THAT INCLUDES AN 8.6
17 COLA FOR ALL FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES. ALL COMPENSATION CHANGES ARE PENDING
18 REVIEW OF THE COMPENSATION ANALYST. YOU START LOOKING AT SOME OF THE
19 THINGS THAT ARE IN THIS BUDGET, FROM THE WATER DEPARTMENT AND ON DOWN, A
20 LOT OF THINGS TO MAKE IT BETTER. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE TO DO IS TO
21 ADOPT THIS BUDGET, AND ADOPTION OF THIS BUDGET REQUIRES THAT THE EMPLOYEES'
22 HANDBOOK BE AMENDED TO REMOVE APPENDIX 6, PROCEDURE 4, PARAGRAPH 2
23 THROUGH 4 AND PROCEDURE 4. WHAT WE HAVE IS A PROCESS THERE THAT LIMITS
24 INCREASE -- IS LIMITED TO 7.5 PERCENT, AND OF COURSE, THIS RECOMMENDATION OF A
25 COST-OF-LIVING RAISE IS 8.6 PERCENT. OTHER THINGS THAT ARE IN THIS. YOU LOOK AT
26 HEALTH INSURANCE CHANGES -- IT INCLUDES 6.4 PERCENT INCREASE. OF THAT, 80
27 PERCENT IS PAID BY THE TAXPAYERS OF MADISON COUNTY AND 20 PERCENT IS PAID BY
28 THE EMPLOYEE. THE WATER DEPARTMENT HAS ABOUT \$5.2 MILLION IN CAPITAL
29 PROJECTS THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THIS BUDGET. SOME OF THOSE, WE'LL JUST TOUCH
30 SO THAT EVERYBODY KNOWS WHAT THAT IS GOING TOWARD. IT INCLUDES \$154,000 FOR
31 SERVICE TRUCKS, \$247,000 FOR DUMP TRUCKS, \$287,000 FOR BACKHOES, \$72,000 FOR
32 TRAILERS, \$221,000 FOR SERVICE TRUCKS OR VEHICLES. IT ALSO INCLUDES MINI X,
33 \$155,000, \$83,000 FOR SOME GPS UNITS. YOU START LOOKING AT WASTE CONTROL IN THIS
34 BUDGET RIGHT HERE FOR WASTE CONTROL, IT INCLUDES FIVE OF THE M2 112 FREIGHT
35 LINERS THAT COST \$1.85 MILLION. IN INCLUDES \$82,000 TO REPLACE SOME OF THESE
36 OLDER TRUCKS, EQUIPMENT TO CLEAN UP WHEN WE HAVE SITUATIONS THAT OCCUR IN
37 PROVIDING THAT SERVICE, IT INCLUDES THAT. AGAIN, THAT WILL MAKE THAT
38 DEPARTMENT A LOT BETTER. IF YOU LOOK DOWN TO THE PROBATE JUDGE'S OFFICE,
39 THERE ARE A LOT OF MOVING PARTS THERE. I KNOW IT HELPS CLEAN UP THE CLERK'S
40 POSITIONS. WE HAVE TWO CHIEFS WHO WILL BE ADDED THERE, DIVIDING THE
41 DEPARTMENT WHERE THEY HANDLE THE WORK THAT IS HAPPENING THERE. THE
42 BUILDING INSPECTION DEPARTMENT, IT INCLUDES FOR THEM TEN TRUCKS, SO THAT
43 THEIR INSPECTORS CAN DO THE JOB THAT IS THERE. WE'VE GOT OUTDATED TRUCKS AS
44 PART OF THAT. THE FARMER'S MARKET -- WE'RE GOING TO REDO THE PAVING AND
45 STRIPING OF THE PARKING LOT THERE. IF YOU LOOK AT HUMAN RESOURCES, THEY'RE
46 GOING TO DIGITIZE SOME OF THE EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL FILES, RATHER THAN ALL THE
47 PAPERWORK THAT GOES THERE. THEN, OF COURSE, IF YOU LOOK AT THE SHERIFF'S
48 DEPARTMENT, WHICH IS THE LARGEST BUDGET IN MADISON COUNTY. THE SHERIFF'S
49 DEPARTMENT HAS SEVERAL THINGS THAT ARE PART OF THEIR BUDGET TO INCLUDE
50 FOUR ADDITIONAL DEPUTIES FOR MADISON COUNTY. IF YOU LOOK AT WHERE WE WERE

1 LESS THAN TEN YEARS AGO, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAD A TOTAL OF 111 -- IN
2 NOVEMBER 2012, HAD 111 FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME EMPLOYEES. THIS, RIGHT HERE,
3 WILL TAKE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO 178 FULL-TIME, A-POST CERTIFIED DEPUTIES.
4 THAT ARE THERE IS A BIG DIFFERENCE COMPARED TO WHERE IT WAS TEN YEARS AGO.
5 THIS COMMISSION HAS ADDED 67 NEW DEPUTIES TO PATROL MADISON COUNTY IN THE
6 LAST TEN YEARS AND I COMMEND EACH OF YOU FOR THAT. YOU LOOK THROUGH SOME
7 OF THE OTHER THINGS THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THIS BUDGET, MUCH OF IT IS JUST
8 OPERATIONS COST -- THE JAIL, BUT IF YOU LOOK AT THE TOTAL BUDGET, 48 PERCENT OF
9 EVERY DOLLAR THAT COMES TO THE GENERAL FUND GOES TO MADISON COUNTY
10 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THAT IS SOMETHING THAT I TAKE PRIDE IN AND KNOW THIS
11 COMMISSION DOES. YOU START LOOKING AT AN AVERAGE OF ALMOST 1,000 INMATES A
12 DAY. THAT IS A HUGE COST TO THE TAXPAYERS, BUT IT IS A WORTHY COST. YOU START
13 LOOKING, 25 PERCENT OF THEIR BUDGET GOES TO THE JAIL. SO, OF THE 48 PERCENT, 25
14 PERCENT OF THAT GOES TO THE JAIL AND 23 PERCENT OF IT GOES TO THE SHERIFF AND
15 THEIR OPERATION OF THEIR PATROL DIVISION. I'M PROBABLY BETTER OFF TO OPEN THIS
16 UP FOR DISCUSSION, BUT AGAIN, THE BUDGET IS BALANCED. I THANK EVERYONE WHO
17 HAS PARTICIPATED. I THANK THE COMMISSIONERS WHO HAVE CALLED WITH
18 QUESTIONS EITHER TO ME OR JOSEPH, CAROL OR ANYBODY IN THE FINANCE DIVISION,
19 BUT AGAIN, OPEN FOR QUESTIONS AND TELL YOU WHAT -- SO THAT WE CAN DISCUSS IT,
20 IF WE CAN HAVE A MOTION AND SECOND FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES. IS THERE A
21 MOTION?

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23 COMMISSIONER RIDDICK: MOTION.

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25 CHAIRMAN STRONG: MOTION BY COMMISSIONER RIDDICK. IS THERE A SECOND?

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27 COMMISSIONER HILL: SECOND.

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29 CHAIRMAN STRONG: SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HILL AND THE FLOOR IS OPEN FOR
30 DISCUSSION. JOSEPH, GO AHEAD AND HAVE YOU COME TO THE MICROPHONE. I KNOW
31 THERE MAY BE MORE YOU WANT TO ADD AND WE'LL GO FROM THERE.

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33 MR. JOSEPH WHITE: WE'RE AVAILABLE IF YOU GUYS HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR
34 CONCERNS. THIS HAS BEEN A FUN AND EXCITING BUDGET PROCESS. WE'VE GOT A
35 BALANCED BUDGET. IT REALLY TAKES CARE OF SOME OF OUR EMPLOYEE ISSUES THAT
36 WE'VE BEEN HAVING AND IT PUTS A LOT OF MONEY FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS ACROSS THE
37 COUNTY. SO, WE'RE REALLY EXCITED, BUT IF ANY OF THE COMMISSIONERS HAVE
38 QUESTIONS, WE'RE HERE TO ANSWER THOSE AND WORK THROUGH THAT PROCESS.

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40 CHAIRMAN STRONG: I KNOW EVERYBODY HAS DUG THROUGH IT 15 TIMES, PROBABLY.
41 THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS -- YOU KNOW, STATISTICS AND DATA-DRIVEN. ONE OF THE
42 BIGGEST THINGS THAT POPPED UP TO ME IS TEN YEARS AGO, WE HAD A 42 PERCENT
43 WATER LOSS AND WE APPROVED TO DO ADVANCED METERING AND A BUNCH OF NEW
44 LINES IN THESE LAST TEN YEARS. IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS, OUR WATER LOSS HAS
45 BEEN 17 PERCENT. THAT RIGHT THERE IS A HUGE SAVINGS TO THE TAXPAYERS OF
46 MADISON COUNTY, TO OUR WATER DEPARTMENT, TO CHUCK, THAT STOOD UP. I THINK
47 ABOUT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. IT INCLUDES A \$300,000 PURCHASE OF AN
48 ARMORED BEARCAT. THAT IS SOMETHING YOU DON'T NEED UNTIL YOU NEED IT. YOU
49 CAN'T GET IT UNTIL THE LAST SECONDS. IT'S PROVEN IT'LL SAVE LIVES. I THINK THAT'S
50 A VERY GOOD INVESTMENT. THE FOUR NEW DEPUTIES, I KNOW THE COMMISSION HAS

1 HAD, EVERYBODY HAS COMMENTED ON THAT. WE MADE A GOOD STRIDE IN ADDING
2 ADDITIONAL DEPUTIES. THESE ADDITIONAL DEPUTIES WILL HAVE HELP IN MANY WAYS
3 TO INCLUDE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT. I KNOW THAT'S ONE THING COMMISSIONERS ARE
4 CALLED ON FREQUENTLY. I THINK THAT'LL BE VERY BENEFICIAL. ANY FURTHER
5 QUESTIONS?

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7 COMMISSIONER HILL: A LOT OF HELP TO OUR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS. I
8 APPRECIATE THAT.

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10 CHAIRMAN STRONG: ABSOLUTELY. WHAT WE DO, WE GO AND TAKE. THERE IS A THREE-
11 MIL TAX THAT IS CHARGED IN UNINCORPORATED MADISON COUNTY. THE PEOPLE OF
12 MADISON COUNTY VOTED THIS IN, AND THE COLLECTION OF THE THREE-MIL TAX, THEY
13 GO TO THE TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE AND GO TO EACH -- TO THE 911 CENTER AND THEY
14 FIND OUT HOW MUCH IS COLLECTED WITHIN EACH DEPARTMENT. WE HAVE A FLOOR.
15 IT DOES NOT MATTER HOW SMALL THE DEPARTMENT MAY BE OR HOW FEW CALLS THEY
16 RUN THERE, WAS A FLOOR OF X. THERE WAS AN INCREASE IN THAT. THERE IS ALSO THAT
17 NO DEPARTMENT WILL GET LESS THAN 60 PERCENT OF WHAT IS COLLECTED FROM THEIR
18 DISTRICTS. IT IS A SELF-IMPOSED TAX. THAT, RIGHT THERE WE'RE SEEING AS THE
19 GROWTH CONTINUES THAT OTHER, MANY DEPARTMENTS ARE NOW GETTING INCREASES
20 AND THAT WILL CONTINUE BASED ON THE COLLECTION. THERE'S ALSO AN ALCOHOL
21 TAX THAT WAS PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE AND WHAT RETURNS, THERE'S A
22 PERCENTAGE OF THAT THAT RETURNS TO THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS. FOR
23 INSTANCE, AT ONE POINT, I THINK THERE WAS ONLY ALCOHOL BY THE DRINK. I THINK
24 IN MERIDIANVILLE. NOW, I THINK THERE IS ALCOHOL BY THE DRINK IN SEVERAL OF THE
25 DISTRICTS AND WHATEVER IS COLLECTED IN A TAX, IT'S NOMINAL, BUT IT GOES BACK
26 TO THE AFFECTED AREA OF WHERE IT WAS COLLECTED. THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE
27 -- AS A MATTER OF FACT, EVERY ONE OF THEM GOT AN INCREASE THIS YEAR, BUT THE
28 GROWTH IS, COMMISSIONER, HEADED YOUR WAY. EVERY DISTRICT IS GROWING, BUT
29 EVERYBODY KNOWS THE SUBDIVISIONS WE APPROVED THAT THERE IS A LOT OF
30 GROWTH IN MADISON COUNTY AND THESE DOLLARS WILL BE SPENT VERY WISELY.
31 COMMISSIONER, I THINK I CUT YOU OFF.

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33 COMMISSIONER EDWARDS: NO, NO. I APPLAUD THE GROWTH. DID I SEE IT CORRECTLY
34 THAT OTHER DEPARTMENTS THAT NEEDED EXTRA PEOPLE THOUGH THAT WE ONLY
35 HAVE ONE DEPARTMENT TO GET IT? IS THAT RIGHT, JOSEPH?

36
37 MR. WHITE: THERE IS A FEW ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENTS IN THERE WHERE THE HIRING
38 OF ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES HAS BEEN PUSHED BACK THAT THE COMMISSION
39 RECOMMENDED. THERE WAS MORE THAN ONE, BUT THERE WERE ONLY A FEW THAT
40 WERE AFFECTED BY THAT.

41
42 CHAIRMAN STRONG: WE DID ADD A COUPLE DISPATCHERS FOR THE SHERIFF'S
43 DEPARTMENT. I KNOW THAT ANIMAL CONTROL DID SUBMIT FOR ADDITIONAL ANIMAL
44 CONTROL OFFICERS. I KNOW THAT TEN YEARS AGO, WE EVALUATED THAT. THE
45 COLLECTION OF ANIMAL LICENSE IS ABOUT \$45,000 PER YEAR, AND WHAT WE ARE
46 RECOMMENDING IS A \$450,000 BUDGET, SO THE COST TO OPERATE THE DEPARTMENT,
47 THEY'RE COLLECTING ABOUT 10 PERCENT OF WHAT IT COSTS. I DO WANT TO BE SURE
48 THAT WE'RE PROPERLY PREPARED TO RESPOND TO ANIMAL BITES, TO ANIMALS THAT
49 ARE RUNNING ASTRAY. IT COSTS ABOUT \$75 PER EACH ANIMAL THAT IS COLLECTED
50 WHEN WE TAKE IT TO THE HUMANE SOCIETY. OF COURSE, THAT INCLUDES A RABIES

1 SHOT, A FLEA PILL AND MAYBE SOME OTHER THINGS THERE. IT'S PRETTY COSTLY. I
2 JUST BELIEVE THAT CURRENTLY, WE'VE GOT ENOUGH ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS TO
3 HANDLE IT. I AM NOT SAYING THAT IT WON'T HAVE TO BE RELOOKED AT, BUT AGAIN,
4 IT'S A PRETTY COSTLY SITUATION AND I THINK WE OUGHT TO GO BASED ON COST AND
5 DON'T THINK WE NEED ADDITIONAL PATROLS TO PICK UP ANIMALS. THERE ARE A LOT
6 OF DIFFERENT THOUGHTS ON THAT. I KNOW THAT IS ONE DEAR TO YOUR HEART,
7 COMMISSIONER.

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9 COMMISSIONER EDWARDS: IT IS AND I --

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11 CHAIRMAN STRONG: IT IS A HARD DECISION BUT BASED ON \$45,000 IN COLLECTIONS AND
12 A \$455,000 BUDGET, I FELT THAT IF WE EXPANDED THAT, IT COULD POTENTIALLY TAKE
13 US BACK IN THE DIRECTION OF WHERE WE WERE TEN YEARS AGO, WHERE WE WERE
14 STARING AT A TOUGH FINANCIAL SITUATION. IT MAY NEED TO BE RELOOKED AT A
15 LATER DATE AND BEING SURE THAT WE HAVE APPROPRIATE VEHICLES AND WHAT THEY
16 NEED, BUT I WAS CONCERNED ABOUT ADDING ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL.

17
18 COMMISSIONER EDWARDS: I AGREE WITH YOU 100 PERCENT. I THINK MY CONCERN
19 WITH THAT DEPARTMENT IS BECAUSE IT IS RIGHT THERE ON THE CAMPUS I WORK ON,
20 AND I SEE HOW THEY WORK SO HARD. I KNOW THEY NEEDED OFFICERS TEN YEARS AGO.
21 AT EACH COMMISSION MEETING, WE TALK ABOUT THE GROWTH, THE GROWTH AND
22 THEY DON'T JUST DEAL WITH DOGS. SO, WE HAVE EMPLOYEES THERE WHO DON'T WANT
23 TO GO ON VACATION BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT TO LEAVE THEIR WORK ON
24 SOMEBODY ELSE OR THEY DON'T WANT THE STACK OF WORK WHEN THEY COME BACK.
25 SO, THEY'RE NOT TAKING VACATION OR THEY ARE COMING IN SICK. I THINK THAT IT'S
26 MORE THAN ONE DEPARTMENT THAT IS DOING THAT. SO, AS WE CONTINUE TO TALK
27 ABOUT GROWTH OF THE COUNTY, I THINK THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO EVENTUALLY
28 DEAL WITH SOME OF THE SHORTAGES WE'RE SEEING IN THE DEPARTMENTS. I LOVE
29 THAT WE'RE BUYING EQUIPMENT. I LOVE TO TALK ABOUT GROWTH, BUT AT SOME
30 POINT, WE WILL HAVE TO TALK ABOUT SOME OF THESE DEPARTMENTS AS A STRUGGLE.

31
32 CHAIRMAN STRONG: THAT'S GOOD. IF YOU LOOK BACK TO 2013, WE HAD A TOTAL OF
33 1,094 COUNTY EMPLOYEES, AND THAT INCLUDES FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME. IF YOU
34 LOOK TODAY, WE HAVE 982. SO, WE'RE 112 LESS EMPLOYEES TODAY THAN WE WERE IN
35 2013. THE BIG THING THAT WE LOOK AT IS THAT WE HAVE DONE A LOT TO INCREASE
36 THE SALARIES, BETTER HEALTH INSURANCE. BUT AGAIN, WITH THE GROWTH OF THIS
37 COUNTY, THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT WE'LL ALWAYS BE LOOKING AT DEPARTMENTS AND
38 THAT GROWTH THAT MAY COME WITH IT.

39
40 COMMISSIONER RIDDICK: DO YOU HAVE THE NUMBER OF JOB OPENINGS, PRESENTLY?

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42 CHAIRMAN STRONG: WE HAVE A LOT OF JOB OPENINGS. IT WAS HARD WHAT HAD TO BE
43 DONE HERE. TEN YEARS AGO, I THINK WE, AT ONE POINT, REDUCED OUR WORKFORCE
44 BY ABOUT 250, 260 EMPLOYEES. OF COURSE, WE'RE BACK, GOING IN THE RIGHT
45 DIRECTION AND IT'S A TRIBUTE TO THIS COMMISSION AND EVERYBODY WHO IS A PART
46 OF IT. YOU START TALKING ABOUT THE SIZE OF THIS BUDGET AND \$240 MILLION SOUNDS
47 LIKE A LOT, BUT WHEN YOU START LOOKING AT THE SIZE OF MADISON COUNTY, I THINK
48 YOU ALL ARE DOING A PHENOMENAL JOB STRETCHING EVERY DOLLAR TO GET MORE
49 OUT OF IT. THERE ARE A COUPLE OF OTHER THINGS THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THIS
50 BUDGET. WE HAD \$800,000 PROJECTED LOSS IN PISTOL PERMITS, AND SO, WE'RE TRYING

1 TO BE SURE THAT WE CAN MANAGE THAT. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THE COURT
2 SYSTEM CAME AND REQUESTED \$30,000. THIS WILL BE A COMBINATION OF DRUG COURT,
3 MENTAL HEALTH COURT, VETERANS COURT, DRUG TESTING AND ANKLE MONITORING.
4 YOU START LOOKING AT AN ANKLE MONITOR, IT'S ABOUT SEVEN TO NINE DOLLARS
5 VERSUS ABOUT \$60 A DAY TO INCARCERATE SOMEBODY. OUR JUDGES ARE LOOKING AT
6 EVERY OPTION THEY CAN TO REDUCE THE COST, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE'VE GOT
7 SOMEBODY WHO IS A NON-VIOLENT OFFENDER OR SOMEONE WHO IS NOT A THREAT TO
8 SOCIETY. OF COURSE, I THINK THAT IS A VERY GOOD EXPENDITURE OF THOSE DOLLARS.
9 IT IS JUST ONE OF THESE THINGS, JUST TRYING TO STRETCH IT AS FAR AS WE POSSIBLY
10 CAN. WE'VE GOT INCLUDED IN THIS, THE PROBATE JUDGE, IT'S ABOUT \$750,000 TO REPAIR
11 OR RENOVATE A BUILDING THAT CURRENTLY, WE ARE STORING OUR VOTING MACHINES
12 IN A COUNTY BUILDING THAT IS PROBABLY WORTH A COUPLE MILLION DOLLARS. THIS
13 IS A GREAT EXPENDITURE HERE. IT IS MY HOPE TO GET THAT BUILDING BACK ON THE
14 TAX ROLLS, RATHER THAN STORING VOTING MACHINES. I WANT TO THANK FRANK. I
15 DON'T KNOW IF HE'S HERE, BUT I KNOW THAT HE'S WORKING TO GET THAT BUILDING
16 GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION AND HAS BEEN LOOKING AT THAT FOR SOME TIME. YOU
17 LOOK AT THE AXION BODY CAMERAS THAT WE'RE TRYING TO REPLACE FOR THE
18 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WHICH IS CRITICAL, AND THEN, YOU START LOOKING AT THE
19 EFFORT OF THE SHERIFF FOR LESS LETHAL METHOD AND THAT IS TASERS. BODY
20 CAMERAS AND TASERS, THEY WORK TOGETHER. SO, HOPEFULLY THAT WILL MAKE A
21 SAFER MADISON COUNTY. AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT HERE. THE OTHER THING THAT
22 WE'RE RUNNING INTO IS THE AVAILABILITY OF TRUCKS AND VEHICLES AND POLICE
23 CARS. YOU'RE SITTING HERE, WE'VE GOT SOME GARBAGE TRUCKS THAT HAVE BEEN
24 ORDERED FOR ALMOST TWO YEARS NOW. WE'RE STILL WAITING ON DELIVERY AND WE
25 INCLUDED THE PURCHASE OF FIVE ADDITIONAL TRUCKS FOR THE SANITATION
26 DEPARTMENT THIS YEAR. WE'RE STILL OUT. COMMISSIONER, I KNOW YOU'RE OVER
27 THAT DEPARTMENT. WE'RE 18 MONTHS, 24 MONTHS IN FROM WHEN WE ORDERED
28 SANITATION TRUCKS AND WE STILL HAVE NOT GOTTEN THEM.

29
30 COMMISSIONER HARAWAY: WE ORDERED SOME IN THE PREVIOUS BUDGET CYCLE AND
31 IN THIS CYCLE. THEY'LL BE IN THE NEXT ONE BEFORE WE EVER SEE THEM. A LOT OF
32 THIS EQUIPMENT THAT'S IN THERE, WE MAY NOT SEE IT IN THE NEXT BUDGET. IT MAY
33 HAVE TO BE TRANSFERRED TO '24 BUDGET BEFORE WE SEE IT BECAUSE OF LEAD TIME
34 ON THIS STUFF.

35
36 CHAIRMAN STRONG: THIS ALSO INCLUDES -- EVERYBODY KNOWS WE HAVE AS400
37 SYSTEM. WE'VE NAVIGATED OUR WAY TO GET AWAY FROM THAT ANTIQUATED SYSTEM.
38 THIS INCLUDES \$225,000 FOR THE SALES TAX DEPARTMENT, TO BRING THEM OUT FROM
39 UNDER IT AND I BELIEVE, I KNOW THAT BRYON IS NOT HERE TODAY, BUT I THINK THAT
40 IS THE LAST DEPARTMENT. SOMEBODY ELSE CAN HELP ME HERE. I KNOW THAT IS THE
41 LAST DEPARTMENT UNDER THE AS400 SYSTEM? I KNOW THAT WILL MAKE A BIG
42 DIFFERENCE. THE I.T. DEPARTMENT INCLUDED \$160,000 FOR PHONE UPGRADES. ONE OF
43 THE OTHER REQUESTS WAS THROUGH THE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, NEEDING
44 UPGRADED COMPUTERS. FIRST TIME WE EVER HAD THAT REQUEST. IT IS A
45 RECOMMENDATION OF TRYING TO BE SURE THAT WE DO EVERYTHING WE CAN WITH
46 THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT WE'VE GOT. OPEN FOR ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS. ANY
47 FURTHER QUESTIONS FOR JOSEPH? ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS FOR CAROL, JEFF, ME?
48 THERE IS A MOTION AND A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR? ANY OPPOSED? THE MOTION
49 CARRIES. THANK YOU, JOSEPH. THANK YOU TO EVERYBODY FOR YOUR HELP. AS WE
50 SAY, WE'LL CONTINUE TO EVALUATE REVENUE AND IF THINGS CHANGE, WE DEFINITELY

1 WILL BE OFFERING HELP THERE. ALSO, I WANT TO THANK THE COMMISSION. AS EACH
2 OF YOU KNOW, WE'VE HAD SOME -- A REVOLVING DOOR IN LOSING SOME GREAT
3 EMPLOYEES AND THIS 8.6 PERCENT INCREASE. WHAT WE DID IS USE THE CONSUMER
4 PRICE INDEX. I THINK THAT WAS FROM MAY? IS THAT RIGHT, JOSEPH AND CAROL? THAT
5 PRICE INDEX WAS AT 8.6 PERCENT IN MAY AND WE HAD TO PLUG IT IN THE BUDGET. OUR
6 EMPLOYEES ARE A VALUABLE ASSET OF OUR COUNTY. WHILE WE HAVE LESS, I STILL
7 BELIEVE IT IS MORE. IT IS BENEFICIAL TO PAY MORE. WE ARE DEFINITELY DOING MORE
8 IN MADISON COUNTY WITH LESS. I THANK EACH OF YOU. THE NEXT ITEM ON THE
9 AGENDA IS ITEM NUMBER 11, APPROVAL OF DEPOSITORY BANK. JEFF? THANK YOU TO
10 EVERYBODY FOR YOUR HELP.

11
12 MR. RICH: IN YOUR MATERIALS IS A REQUEST FROM MADISON COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR,
13 VALERIE MILES TO APPOINT REGIONS BANK AS A QUALIFIED PUBLIC DEPOSITORY
14 UNDER THE SECURITY FOR ALABAMA FUNDS ENHANCEMENT ACT OR WHAT IS
15 COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE SAFE ACT. UNDER CODE OF ALABAMA, SECTION 11-1-7,
16 THE COMMISSION SHALL APPOINT A BANK OR SAVINGS ASSOCIATION THAT IS A
17 QUALIFIED PUBLIC DEPOSITORY AS THE DEPOSITORY FOR THE TAX COLLECTOR'S
18 COLLECTIONS. REGIONS BANK SATISFIES THAT. IT IS THE RECOMMENDATION AND
19 REQUEST OF THE TAX COLLECTOR THAT REGIONS BANK BE APPOINTED. THIS WOULD BE
20 APPROPRIATE FOR A MOTION BY THE COMMISSION AND AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF THE
21 MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS TO APPOINT REGIONS BANK AS THE DEPOSITORY FOR THE
22 TAX COLLECTOR.

23
24 CHAIRMAN STRONG: THANK YOU. IS THERE A MOTION?

25
26 COMMISSIONER BRANDON: SO, MOVED.

27
28 CHAIRMAN STRONG: MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BRANDON. IS THERE A SECOND?

29
30 COMMISSIONER HARAWAY: SECOND.

31
32 CHAIRMAN STRONG: SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HARAWAY. ANY FURTHER
33 DISCUSSION? ALL IN FAVOR? ANY OPPOSED? THE MOTION CARRIES. ITEM NUMBER 12,
34 ACCEPTANCE OF DEED FOR BLAKE BOTTOM ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, TRACTS 33,
35 34, AND 59. JEFF?

36
37 MR. RICH: MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION, THIS IS PART OF THE ONGOING EFFORT TO
38 ACQUIRE THE NECESSARY PROPERTY RIGHTS TO COMPLETE THE BLAKE BOTTOM ROAD
39 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. THERE ARE THREE DEEDS BEFORE YOU FOR ACCEPTANCE AND
40 AUTHORIZATION FOR RECORDATION IN THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE. THE
41 FIRST DEED IS FROM CARL HOLDEN AND HIS WIFE, TWANDA HOLDEN. THIS IS FOR THE
42 PURCHASE OF .112 ACRES AND A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT OF .053 ACRES.
43 THE TOTAL PURCHASE PRICE IS \$112,500 AND THIS IS TRACT 33. THE SECOND DEED FOR
44 YOUR CONSIDERATION IS FROM DARIEL MAYFIELD. IT IS FOR THE PURCHASE OF .13
45 ACRES AND A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT OF .03 ACRES. THE TOTAL
46 PURCHASE PRICE IS \$103,231. THIS IS TRACT 34. THE PHYSICAL ADDRESS OF THIS IS BLAKE
47 BOTTOM ROAD AND SYCAMORE LANE DRIVE. THE LAST DEED FOR YOUR
48 CONSIDERATION IS A DEED FROM ROBERT CLARK AND HARRIET CLARK. THIS IS FOR THE
49 PURCHASE OF .059 ACRES AND A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT OF .04 ACRES.
50 THE TOTAL PURCHASE PRICE IS \$116,000 AND THIS IS REFERRED TO IN THE PROJECT

1 PLANS AS TRACT 59. THESE ARE APPROPRIATE FOR A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE
2 ACCEPTANCE OF THE DEEDS AND THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE RECORDATION OF THE
3 SAME IN THE OFFICE OF JUDGE OF PROBATE.

4
5 CHAIRMAN STRONG: THANK YOU. IS THERE A MOTION?

6
7 COMMISSIONER VANDIVER: SO, MOVED.

8
9 CHAIRMAN STRONG: MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VANDIVER. IS THERE A SECOND?

10
11 COMMISSIONER RIDDICK: SECOND.

12
13 CHAIRMAN STRONG: SECOND BY COMMISSIONER RIDDICK. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION?
14 ALL IN FAVOR? ANY OPPOSED? THE MOTION CARRIES. ITEM NUMBER 13, RESOLUTION
15 REGARDING VACATION OF UTILITY AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT, BRIAR FORK CROSSING.
16 JEFF?

17
18 MR. RICH: IN YOUR MATERIALS IS A PROPOSED RESOLUTION AND QUITCLAIM DEED.
19 MARATHON LAND COMPANY, LLC IS THE OWNER OF BRIAR FORK CROSSING
20 SUBDIVISION. THAT SUBDIVISION IS BEING RESUBDIVIDED AND CONSEQUENTLY THERE
21 HAS BEEN A REQUEST RECEIVED TO VACATE THE UTILITY AND DRAINAGE EASEMENTS
22 LOCATED ON LOTS 1 THROUGH 13 OF BRIAR FORK CROSSING. THE REQUEST HAS BEEN
23 REVIEWED BY THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT AND THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT. IT MEETS
24 THE REQUIREMENTS OF BOTH. IT'S RECOMMENDED THAT IT BE APPROVED AND THIS IS
25 APPROPRIATE FOR A MOTION AND ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION.

26
27 CHAIRMAN STRONG: THANK YOU. IS THERE A MOTION?

28
29 COMMISSIONER HILL: SO, MOVED.

30
31 CHAIRMAN STRONG: MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HILL. IS THERE A SECOND?

32
33 COMMISSIONER RIDDICK: SECOND.

34
35 CHAIRMAN STRONG: SECOND BY COMMISSIONER RIDDICK. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION?
36 ALL IN FAVOR? ANY OPPOSED? THE MOTION CARRIES. ITEM NUMBER 14, RESOLUTION
37 APPROVING POLICY REGARDING PAYMENT FOR FUEL STATION AND ASSOCIATED
38 EQUIPMENT UPGRADES, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR. JEFF?

39
40 MR. RICH: IN YOUR MATERIALS IS A PROPOSED RESOLUTION, WHICH IF APPROVED,
41 WOULD ACCOMPLISH ADOPTION OF A POLICY REGARDING FUEL STATION
42 MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND UPGRADING COSTS SHARING BETWEEN THE DISTRICT
43 OFFICE WHERE THE FUEL STATION IS LOCATED AND THE GENERAL FUND. THIS WAS
44 CIRCULATED FOR YOUR REVIEW. IF IT IS APPROVED, IT WOULD ACCOMPLISH AN
45 AGREEMENT GOING FORWARD THAT THE GENERAL REPAIR COST THAT IS LESS THAN
46 \$50,000 FOR EACH FUELING STATION WOULD BE SPLIT ON A 50/50 BASIS BETWEEN THE
47 GENERAL FUND AND THE DISTRICT BUDGET WHERE THAT FUELING STATION IS
48 LOCATED. IF THERE IS A MAJOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT, MORE THAN \$50,000, THEN IT
49 WOULD BE SUBJECT TO THE PUBLIC WORKS ACT. THEN, THERE WOULD BE A DISCUSSION
50 ABOUT HOW TO MANAGE THE COST OF THAT BETWEEN THE DISTRICT BUDGET AND THE

1 GENERAL FUND ON A CASE-BY-CASE DETERMINATION, BASED ON BENEFIT TO THE
2 COUNTY AS A WHOLE VERSUS THE LOCAL BENEFIT. SO, THIS IS IN FOLLOW-UP TO YOUR
3 DISCUSSION AT YOUR LAST COMMISSION MEETING WHERE YOU ASKED ME TO PREPARE
4 SOMETHING FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

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6 CHAIRMAN STRONG: THANK YOU. IS THERE A MOTION?

7
8 COMMISSIONER VANDIVER: SO, MOVED.

9
10 CHAIRMAN STRONG: MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VANDIVER. SECOND BY
11 COMMISSIONER HILL. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION? I KNOW THAT THAT RIGHT THERE
12 WILL HELP A LOT, ESPECIALLY HAVING THOSE FUEL STATIONS FOR ALL OUR COUNTY
13 VEHICLES. THERE IS A MOTION AND A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR? ANY OPPOSED? THE
14 MOTION CARRIES. ITEM NUMBER 15, RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT WITH YOUNG SIGN
15 AND CRANE SERVICE, INCORPORATED DOING BUSINESS AS EMPIRE CRANE AND RIGGING
16 REGARDING CRANE SERVICES. JEFF?

17
18 MR. RICH: IN YOUR MATERIALS IS A CONTRACT WITH YOUNG SIGN AND CRANE SERVICE,
19 INCORPORATED. THIS CONTRACT WAS SIGNED PURSUANT TO YOUR POLICY REGARDING
20 RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENTS THAT PROVIDE FOR EXPENDITURES IN AMOUNTS LESS
21 THAN \$10,000. DISTRICT 4 NEEDED THIS CONTRACT IN PLACE. DISTRICT 4 HAD ORDERED
22 SEVERAL CULVERTS THAT WERE TO BE DELIVERED AT VARIOUS TIMES TO LOCATIONS
23 IN DISTRICT 4. THOSE CULVERTS ARE SO HEAVY THAT THEY NEEDED A SIGNIFICANT
24 CRANE TO UNLOAD THE CULVERTS AT THE VARIOUS LOCATIONS. THE PRICING UNDER
25 THE AGREEMENT WAS \$225 PER HOUR WITH A MINIMUM FOUR-HOUR CHARGE BASED ON
26 EACH ONE OF THE LOCATIONS. I BELIEVE THERE WERE ABOUT 30 BOX CULVERTS THAT
27 HAD TO BE UNLOADED AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS.

28
29 COMMISSIONER VANDIVER: 18 CAME IN THURSDAY AND FRIDAY.

30
31 MR. RICH: THIS AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED TO ALLOW THOSE CULVERTS TO BE OFF-
32 LOADED. IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR A MOTION RATIFYING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S
33 SIGNATURE ON THE AGREEMENT.

34
35 CHAIRMAN STRONG: THANK YOU. IS THERE A MOTION?

36
37 COMMISSIONER VANDIVER: SO, MOVED.

38
39 CHAIRMAN STRONG: MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VANDIVER. IS THERE A SECOND?

40
41 COMMISSIONER HARAWAY: SECOND.

42
43 CHAIRMAN STRONG: SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HARAWAY. ANY FURTHER
44 DISCUSSION?

45
46 COMMISSIONER VANDIVER: NOT ABOUT THIS, BUT WE MAY NEED TO DO A BID ABOUT
47 THIS FOR THE FUTURE. I CAN SEE THE PROBLEM WE HAVE IS WE'VE GOT TO HAVE THIS
48 DONE PRETTY QUICKLY. WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH LEAD TIME TO GET OUT AND FIGURE
49 OUT HOW LONG. THEY CALL US AND SAY THE CULVERT IS READY AND YOU HAVE TO
50 GET THE DITCH READY AND ALL THAT. SO, WE MAY NEED TO HAVE A BID, SO WE CAN

1 JUST FIGURE IT OUT AND DO IT.

2 CHAIRMAN STRONG: THERE IS A MOTION AND A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR? ANY
3 OPPOSED? THE MOTION CARRIES. ITEM NUMBER 10 IS AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO
4 EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH NATIONAL CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER REGARDING
5 FUNDING. JEFF?

6
7 MR. RICH: MR. CHAIRMAN, I THINK THAT IS ITEM NUMBER 16.

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9 CHAIRMAN STRONG: 16. THERE WE GO.

10
11 MR. RICH: IN YOUR MATERIALS IS A PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL
12 CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER, WHICH IS A QUALIFIED 501(C)(3) CORPORATION. THIS IS
13 FOR AN APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S BUDGET TO
14 PROVIDE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN MADISON COUNTY WHO HAVE
15 BEEN AFFECTED BY SEXUAL AND PHYSICAL ABUSE, NEGLECT OR EXPOSURE TO
16 TRAUMA. THIS IS APPROPRIATE FOR A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN'S
17 SIGNATURE.

18
19 CHAIRMAN STRONG: THANK YOU. IS THERE A MOTION?

20
21 COMMISSIONER HILL: SO, MOVED.

22
23 CHAIRMAN STRONG: MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HILL. SECOND BY COMMISSIONER
24 VANDIVER. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION? ALL IN FAVOR? ANY OPPOSED? THE MOTION
25 CARRIES. ITEM NUMBER 17, AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE APPLICATION FOR
26 FEDERAL ASSISTANCE REGARDING FLOOD MITIGATION. JEFF?

27
28 MR. RICH: IN YOUR MATERIALS IS A PROPOSED APPLICATION TO FEMA FOR FEDERAL
29 ASSISTANCE IN REGARD TO FLOOD MITIGATION IN DISTRICT 1. THIS WOULD BE FOR A
30 GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$240,000. IT WOULD CARRY WITH IT A MATCHING
31 REQUIREMENT FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF \$60,000 THAT COULD BE PROVIDED
32 IN IN-KIND SERVICES. THIS IS TO MITIGATE AN EXISTING FLOODING SITUATION IN
33 DISTRICT 1. THIS WOULD REQUIRE A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN'S
34 SIGNATURE ON THE APPLICATION AND THE SUBMITTAL OF THE SAME TO THE FEDERAL
35 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY.

36
37 CHAIRMAN STRONG: THANK YOU. IS THERE A MOTION?

38
39 COMMISSIONER BRANDON: MOTION.

40
41 CHAIRMAN STRONG: MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BRANDON. IS THERE A SECOND?

42
43 COMMISSIONER HILL: SECOND.

44
45 CHAIRMAN STRONG: SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HILL. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION? ALL
46 IN FAVOR? ANY OPPOSED? THE MOTION CARRIES. ITEM NUMBER 18, AUTHORIZE
47 CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH SCHOEL ENGINEERING COMPANY,
48 INCORPORATED REGARDING HOBBS ISLAND ROAD AT DITTO LANDING ACCESS
49 IMPROVEMENTS. JEFF?

50

1 MR. RICH: IN YOUR MATERIALS IS A PROPOSED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
2 WITH SCHOEL ENGINEERING COMPANY FOR ACCESS IMPROVEMENT DESIGN AT DITTO
3 LANDING AND HOBBS ISLAND ROAD. IT IS TO BE FUNDED WITH DISTRICT 5 FUNDS. IT
4 HAS A NOT-TO EXCEED AMOUNT PROVISION OF \$6,300. THIS IS FOR THE DESIGN,
5 CONSTRUCTION PLANS AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED
6 WITH THAT PROJECT. THIS IS APPROPRIATE FOR A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE
7 CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE.

8
9 CHAIRMAN STRONG: THANK YOU. IS THERE A MOTION?

10
11 COMMISSIONER RIDDICK: SO, MOVED.

12
13 CHAIRMAN STRONG: MOTION BY COMMISSIONER RIDDICK. IS THERE A SECOND?

14
15 COMMISSIONER HILL: SECOND.

16
17 CHAIRMAN STRONG: SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HILL. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION?

18
19 COMMISSIONER RIDDICK: YEAH, I WANTED TO EXPLAIN A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHAT THIS
20 IS. I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY OF YOU VISITED AT THE OLD BOAT HARBOR, WHAT THEY
21 CALL THE EAST HARBOR THAT WE DEEDED OVER TO DITTO. WHEN YOU ENTER THAT,
22 IT'S ALMOST LIKE A DOUBLE U-TURN. YOU TURN REALLY HARD TO THE RIGHT, AND
23 THEN BACK TO THE LEFT TO GET YOUR BOAT IN THERE. SO, IT'S A VERY -- IT'S REALLY
24 NOT EVEN SAFE AND IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO GET A BOAT IN THERE. SO, THIS
25 ENGINEERING WORK IS GOING TO DESIGN WHERE THEY CAN COME STRAIGHT IN OFF THE
26 ROAD AND DOWN TO THE LEFT TO PUT A BOAT IN, BUT THE NICE THING ABOUT THIS IS
27 THAT THIS IS GOING TO BE A COLLABORATION WITH THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE. THEY'RE
28 GOING TO BE DOING SOME WORK FOR HUNTSVILLE UTILITIES DOWN THERE, PUTTING IN
29 A NEW ROAD TO A PUMP STATION ON THE RIVER AND THEY'LL ALREADY HAVE MEN AND
30 EQUIPMENT DOWN THERE, SO THEY AGREED TO DO THE ACTUAL WORK, IF WE WOULD
31 FUND THE ENGINEERING AND PARTICIPATE SOME IN THE FUNDING OF IT. SO, ANYWAY,
32 THAT'S WHAT THIS IS.

33
34 CHAIRMAN STRONG: IT'S SAFE. IT CAN JUST MAKE IT SAFER. I THINK THAT'S THE THING
35 WE'RE TRYING TO DO. MAKE IT MORE OPTIMAL. THERE'S A MOTION AND A SECOND. ANY
36 FURTHER DISCUSSION?

37
38 COMMISSIONER HILL: BEING A DISTRICT 3 PROJECT, I APPRECIATE THE COLLABORATION
39 WITH ME. WE'VE TALKED ABOUT IT AND AS WE REDISTRIBUTE THAT WILL BE DISTRICT 5.
40 SO, I APPRECIATE HIS INITIATIVE. THANK YOU FROM THE CITIZENS OF DISTRICT 3.

41
42 CHAIRMAN STRONG: ALL IN FAVOR? ANY OPPOSED? THE MOTION CARRIES. ITEM
43 NUMBER 19, AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH LBYD
44 INCORPORATED REGARDING ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS AT THE ROBERT "BOB"
45 HARRISON SENIOR WELLNESS & ADVOCACY CENTER. JEFF?

46
47 MR. RICH: IN YOUR MATERIALS IS A PROPOSED AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL
48 SERVICES WITH LBYD INCORPORATED. THIS IS FOR ACCESS IMPROVEMENT TO THE
49 CLASSROOM AT THE HARRISON SENIOR WELLNESS AND ADVOCACY CENTER. IT
50 INVOLVES DESIGN OF ADA COMPLIANT RAMPS AND STAIRS FOR THE CLASSROOMS. IT

1 HAS NOT TO EXCEED VALUE OF \$11,000 AND IS TO BE FUNDED THROUGH DISTRICT
2 6 FUNDS. IT'S APPROPRIATE FOR A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE.

3
4 CHAIRMAN STRONG: THANK YOU. IS THERE A MOTION?

5
6 COMMISSIONER EDWARDS: SO, MOVED.

7
8 CHAIRMAN STRONG: MOTION BY COMMISSIONER EDWARDS. IS THERE A SECOND?

9
10 COMMISSIONER VANDIVER: SECOND.

11
12 CHAIRMAN STRONG: SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VANDIVER. ANY FURTHER
13 DISCUSSION? ALL IN FAVOR? ANY OPPOSED? THE MOTION CARRIES. ITEM NUMBER 20,
14 AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH CDG, INCORPORATED
15 REGARDING WALL TRIANA HIGHWAY WIDENING PROJECT. JEFF?

16
17 MR. RICH: IN YOUR MATERIALS IS A PROPOSED AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT
18 FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH CDG INCORPORATED. YOU PREVIOUSLY APPROVED
19 AN AGREEMENT FOR CDG TO PERFORM THE NECESSARY ENGINEERING SERVICES TO
20 ACCOMPLISH THE WIDENING OF WALL TRIANA HIGHWAY FROM A TWO-LANE ROADWAY
21 TO A FIVE-LANE HIGHWAY FROM U.S. HIGHWAY 72 TO NORTH OF MCCRARY ROAD. AS
22 PART OF THAT PROCESS, U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE HAS IDENTIFIED TWO SPECIES OF
23 SNAILS LISTED ON THE ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST. THERE NEEDS TO BE A FISH AND
24 WILDLIFE SURVEY CONDUCTED. THIS WOULD APPROVE THE NECESSARY CONTRACT FOR
25 THE FISH AND WILDLIFE SURVEY TO BE CONDUCTED THROUGH CDG AND ITS SUB-
26 CONSULTANT. THE TOTAL COST OF THE SURVEY WILL BE \$12,247.50. THAT WILL BRING
27 THE TOTAL ENGINEERING COST FOR THE SCOPE OF ENGINEERING WORK TO \$319,612.50.
28 THIS IS APPROPRIATE FOR A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE.

29
30 CHAIRMAN STRONG: THANK YOU. IS THERE A MOTION?

31
32 COMMISSIONER VANDIVER: SO, MOVED.

33
34 CHAIRMAN STRONG: MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VANDIVER. IS THERE A SECOND?

35
36 COMMISSIONER RIDDICK: SECOND.

37
38 CHAIRMAN STRONG: SECOND BY COMMISSIONER RIDDICK. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION?
39 ALL IN FAVOR? ANY OPPOSED? THE MOTION CARRIES. ITEM NUMBER 21, AUTHORIZE
40 CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH CDG, INCORPORATED REGARDING OLD
41 RAILROAD BED ROAD AND ORVILLE SMITH ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS. JEFF?

42
43 MR. RICH: THIS IS A PROPOSED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CDG
44 INCORPORATED FOR INTERSECTION DESIGN IMPROVEMENTS AT OLD RAILROAD BED
45 AND ORVILLE SMITH ROAD. THE CONTRACT INCLUDES SURVEYING, ENVIRONMENTAL
46 STUDIES, TRAFFIC ANALYSIS AND DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PLANS. THE CONTRACT
47 HAS A NOT-TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$64,825 TO BE FUNDED THROUGH DISTRICT 4. IT IS
48 APPROPRIATE FOR A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE.

49
50 CHAIRMAN STRONG: THANK YOU. IS THERE A MOTION?

1 COMMISSIONER VANDIVER: SO MOVED.

2
3 CHAIRMAN STRONG: MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VANDIVER. IS THERE A SECOND?

4
5 COMMISSIONER RIDDICK: SECOND.

6
7 CHAIRMAN STRONG: SECOND BY COMMISSIONER RIDDICK. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION?

8
9 COMMISSIONER VANDIVER: THIS IS A REAL WEIRD INTERSECTION WHERE YOU'VE GOT
10 BASICALLY THREE ROADS COMING TOGETHER. HAD SOME SERIOUS ACCIDENTS OVER
11 THE YEARS, JUST TRYING TO IMPROVE IT A LITTLE BIT THERE.

12
13 CHAIRMAN STRONG: THANK YOU. THERE IS A MOTION AND A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR?
14 ANY OPPOSED? THE MOTION CARRIES. ITEM NUMBER 22, AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO
15 EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EXAMINERS OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
16 REGARDING FISCAL YEAR 2021 AUDIT. JEFF?

17
18 MR. RICH: IN YOUR MATERIALS IS A PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH THE ALABAMA
19 DEPARTMENT OF EXAMINERS OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS. AS YOU ARE AWARE THE
20 EXAMINERS CONDUCT THE FEDERAL AUDIT SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY COMMISSION.
21 THEY ARE PAID BY THE COUNTY TO DO SO. THIS AGREEMENT, IF APPROVED, WILL
22 ALLOW THE AUDIT FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2020 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021
23 TO BE CONDUCTED. THE TOTAL COST OR MAXIMUM COST UNDER THIS AGREEMENT
24 WOULD BE \$19,176. IT DOES REQUIRE THE COMMISSION TO PAY 80 PERCENT OF THE AUDIT
25 COSTS UPON EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT AND THE REMAINING 20 PERCENT UPON
26 COMPLETION OF THE FIELD WORK AS EVIDENCED BY THE EXAMINERS OF PUBLIC
27 ACCOUNTS. THIS IS APPROPRIATE FOR A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN'S
28 SIGNATURE.

29
30 CHAIRMAN STRONG: THANK YOU. IS THERE A MOTION?

31
32 COMMISSIONER VANDIVER: SO, MOVED.

33
34 CHAIRMAN STRONG: MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VANDIVER. IS THERE A SECOND?

35
36 COMMISSIONER BRANDON: SECOND.

37
38 CHAIRMAN STRONG: SECOND BY COMMISSIONER BRANDON. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION?

39
40 COMMISSIONER VANDIVER: ARE WE UP TO DATE ON THESE? BEHIND?

41
42 MR. RICH: THIS ONE WOULD ACCOMPLISH AUDIT OF FEDERAL COMPLIANCE FOR
43 OCTOBER OF 2020 THROUGH SEPTEMBER OF 2021.

44
45 MR. WHITE: FISCAL YEAR '21 IS THE LAST FISCAL YEAR THAT WE COMPLETED. SO,
46 THEY'LL BE WORKING ON GETTING THAT ONE DONE. THIS COST HERE IS FOR THE
47 FEDERAL PORTION. THE STATE OF EXAMINERS DO THE LEGAL COMPLIANCE AUDIT FOR
48 FREE, BUT IF THERE IS A FEDERAL AUDIT, THERE IS A CHARGE FOR THAT. SO, THAT IS
49 WHAT THIS COST IS.

50

1 CHAIRMAN STRONG: ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS? ALL IN FAVOR? ANY OPPOSED? THE
2 MOTION CARRIES. ITEM NUMBER 23, AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT
3 WITH -- HOW DO YOU PRONOUNCE THAT, JEFF?

4
5 MR. RICH: GRANICUS.

6
7 CHAIRMAN STRONG: GRANICUS REGARDING WEBSITE MAINTENANCE AND LICENSING.
8 JEFF?

9
10 MR. RICH: IN YOUR MATERIALS IS A RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH GRANICUS. GRANICUS
11 HAS BEEN THE PROVIDER FOR LICENSING HOSTING AND MAINTAINING THE COUNTY
12 WEBSITE FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS. THIS IS THE FOURTH YEAR THEY WILL DO THIS.
13 THE RENEWAL COST IS \$8,913.71. THAT IS AN ANNUAL COST. THIS IS APPROPRIATE FOR A
14 MOTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE.

15
16 CHAIRMAN STRONG: THANK YOU. IS THERE A MOTION?

17
18 COMMISSIONER RIDDICK: MOTION.

19
20 CHAIRMAN STRONG: MOTION BY COMMISSIONER RIDDICK. IS THERE A SECOND?

21
22 COMMISSIONER HARAWAY: SECOND.

23
24 CHAIRMAN STRONG: SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HARAWAY. ANY FURTHER
25 DISCUSSION? ALL IN FAVOR? ANY OPPOSED? THE MOTION CARRIES. ITEM NUMBER 24,
26 AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH GOVERNMENTJOBS.COM,
27 INCORPORATED DOING BUSINESS AS NEOGOV REGARDING JOB APPLICATION
28 MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE FOR HR. JEFF?

29
30 MR. RICH: IN YOUR MATERIALS IS A PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH NEOGOV. NEOGOV
31 HAS BEEN THE PROVIDER OF THE SOFTWARE SOLUTION THAT MANAGES THE
32 APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT AND ALSO MANAGES
33 THE ONBOARDING PROCESS. THE RENEWAL AGREEMENT HAS AN ANNUAL COST
34 ASSOCIATED WITH LICENSING AND SUPPORT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,287.89. THIS IS
35 ABOUT A \$2,000 INCREASE FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR. THIS IS APPROPRIATE FOR A
36 MOTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE.

37
38 CHAIRMAN STRONG: THANK YOU. IS THERE A MOTION?

39
40 COMMISSIONER HARAWAY: SO, MOVED.

41
42 CHAIRMAN STRONG: MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARAWAY. IS THERE A SECOND?

43
44 COMMISSIONER RIDDICK: SECOND.

45
46 CHAIRMAN STRONG: SECOND BY COMMISSIONER RIDDICK. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION?
47 ALL IN FAVOR? ANY OPPOSED? THE MOTION CARRIES. ITEM NUMBER 25, AUTHORIZE
48 CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH SMARTSHEET, INCORPORATED REGARDING
49 RECORDS MANAGEMENT SERVICES. JEFF?

50

1 MR. RICH: THIS IS AT THE REQUEST OF THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT. THIS IS A
2 RENEWAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH SMARTSHEET. SMARTSHEET IS A WORK
3 MANAGEMENT SMARTSHEET SOLUTION THAT IS UTILIZED BY THE HUMAN RESOURCES
4 DEPARTMENT. THIS IS THE ANNUAL LICENSING AND MAINTENANCE TO ALLOW THE HR
5 DEPARTMENT TO HAVE ACCESS TO SMARTSHEET FOR THEIR RECORD KEEPING AND
6 RECORDS MANAGEMENT. THE ANNUAL COST IS \$20,800. THIS IS APPROPRIATE FOR A
7 MOTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE.

8
9 CHAIRMAN STRONG: THANK YOU. IS THERE A MOTION?

10
11 COMMISSIONER HARAWAY: SO, MOVED.

12
13 CHAIRMAN STRONG: MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARAWAY. SECOND BY
14 COMMISSIONER BRANDON. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION? ALL IN FAVOR? ANY OPPOSED?
15 THE MOTION CARRIES. ITEM NUMBER 26, AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE
16 AGREEMENT WITH BEHAVIOR HEALTH SYSTEMS, INCORPORATED REGARDING
17 EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SERVICES. JEFF?

18
19 MR. RICH: IN YOUR MATERIALS IS AN AGREEMENT WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
20 SYSTEMS. THIS IS SIMPLY AN AMENDMENT TO YOUR EXISTING AGREEMENT WITH THEM
21 THAT WOULD REFLECT NEW PRICING AS TO PART OF THE SERVICES THEY PROVIDE.
22 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEMS PROVIDES THE EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM THAT
23 MADISON COUNTY EMPLOYEES HAVE ACCESS TO THROUGH THE HR DEPARTMENT. THE
24 COST ASSOCIATED WITH THE VARIOUS SERVICES THAT THEY PROVIDE IS DETAILED IN
25 THE AGREEMENT THAT YOU'VE BEEN PROVIDED. THIS IS APPROPRIATE FOR A MOTION
26 AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE.

27
28 CHAIRMAN STRONG: THANK YOU. IS THERE A MOTION?

29
30 COMMISSIONER VANDIVER: SO, MOVED.

31
32 CHAIRMAN STRONG: MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VANDIVER. IS THERE A SECOND?

33
34 COMMISSIONER HILL: SECOND.

35
36 CHAIRMAN STRONG: SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HILL. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION? ALL
37 IN FAVOR? ANY OPPOSED? THE MOTION CARRIES. ITEM NUMBER 27, AUTHORIZE
38 CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH SAFETY FIRST REGARDING TESTING
39 SERVICES. JEFF?

40
41 MR. RICH: IN YOUR MATERIALS IS A PROPOSED AGREEMENT. THIS IS A RENEWAL OF AN
42 AGREEMENT RELATED TO THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT DRUG TESTING
43 POLICY AND ACTIVITIES. BHS SAFETY FIRST PERFORMS DRUG TESTING SERVICES AT THE
44 REQUEST OF MADISON COUNTY. THE COST ASSOCIATED FOR THE VARIOUS TESTING
45 SERVICES IS DETAILED IN THE AGREEMENT. THIS IS APPROPRIATE FOR A MOTION
46 AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE.

47
48 CHAIRMAN STRONG: THANK YOU. IS THERE A MOTION?

49
50 COMMISSIONER RIDDICK: MOTION.

1 CHAIRMAN STRONG: MOTION BY COMMISSIONER RIDDICK. IS THERE A SECOND?

2

3 COMMISSIONER HARAWAY: SECOND.

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5 CHAIRMAN STRONG: SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HARAWAY. ANY FURTHER
6 DISCUSSION? ALL IN FAVOR? ANY OPPOSED? THE MOTION CARRIES. ITEM NUMBER 28,
7 AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER
8 SAFETY ADMINISTRATION REGARDING DATA SERVICES. JEFF?

9

10 MR. RICH: IN YOUR MATERIALS, AND IT IS PROBABLY MISCHARACTERIZED IN THE
11 AGENDA TO THE EXTENT THAT THERE IS NOT REALLY AN AGREEMENT TO BE EXECUTED
12 BUT WHAT WOULD BE NECESSARY IS SIMPLY AUTHORIZATION OF A SUBSCRIPTION TO
13 THE CLEARINGHOUSE THAT IS MANDATED BY THE FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY
14 ADMINISTRATION. THE CLEARING HOUSE ALLOWS MADISON COUNTY TO ACCESS THAT
15 CLEARING HOUSE AND ALSO REPORT DATA TO THE CLEARINGHOUSE, WHICH IS
16 MANDATED UNDER FEDERAL LAW FOR CDL DRIVER'S LICENSE HOLDERS IN REGARD TO
17 DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING DATA. THE PRICE FOR THE SUBSCRIPTION IS BASED ON
18 THE NUMBER OF QUERIES THAT YOU MAKE. AGAIN, THERE IS NO AGREEMENT TO SIGN.
19 IT IS JUST AUTHORIZING THAT SUBSCRIPTION. IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR A
20 MOTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBSCRIPTION.

21

22 CHAIRMAN STRONG: THANK YOU. IS THERE A MOTION?

23

24 COMMISSIONER RIDDICK: MOTION.

25

26 CHAIRMAN STRONG: MOTION BY COMMISSIONER RIDDICK. IS THERE A SECOND?

27

28 COMMISSIONER VANDIVER: SECOND.

29

30 CHAIRMAN STRONG: SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VANDIVER. ANY FURTHER
31 DISCUSSION? ALL IN FAVOR? ANY OPPOSED? THE MOTION CARRIES. ITEM NUMBER 29,
32 AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH SOGO SURVEY, LLC REGARDING
33 SURVEY SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTION. JEFF?

34

35 MR. RICH: IN YOUR MATERIALS IS A PROPOSED AGREEMENT RELATED TO THE HUMAN
36 RESOURCES DEPARTMENT FOR A SUBSCRIPTION ON AN ANNUAL BASIS TO A SURVEY
37 SOFTWARE SOLUTION. THE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION COST IS \$1,238. THIS IS APPROPRIATE
38 FOR A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE.

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40 CHAIRMAN STRONG: THANK YOU. IS THERE A MOTION?

41

42 COMMISSIONER VANDIVER: SO, MOVED.

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44 CHAIRMAN STRONG: MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VANDIVER. SECOND BY
45 COMMISSIONER HARAWAY. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION? ALL IN FAVOR? ANY OPPOSED?
46 THE MOTION CARRIES. ITEM NUMBER 30, AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE
47 AGREEMENT WITH LINCOLN FINANCIAL REGARDING EMPLOYEE LIFE INSURANCE. JEFF?

48

49 MR. RICH: IN YOUR MATERIALS IS A PROPOSED RENEWAL WITH LINCOLN FINANCIAL.
50 LINCOLN FINANCIAL HAS PROVIDED THE LIFE INSURANCE PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY

1 COMMISSION, THE ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY LIFE INSURANCE EMPLOYEES CAN
2 PURCHASE AND LONG-TERM DISABILITY POLICIES THAT EMPLOYEES CAN PURCHASE.
3 THE PRICING FOR THOSE VARIOUS TYPES OF INSURANCE IS DETAILED IN THE RENEWAL.
4 THE RENEWAL DOES SHOW AN INCREASE FROM THE CURRENT MONTHLY PREMIUMS TO
5 THE MONTHLY PREMIUMS THAT WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON JANUARY 1, 2023. THIS IS
6 APPROPRIATE FOR A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE
7 ACKNOWLEDGING THE CHANGE IN THOSE RATES.

8
9 CHAIRMAN STRONG: THANK YOU. IS THERE A MOTION?

10
11 COMMISSIONER RIDDICK: MOTION.

12
13 CHAIRMAN STRONG: MOTION BY COMMISSIONER RIDDICK. IS THERE A SECOND?

14
15 COMMISSIONER HILL: SECOND.

16
17 CHAIRMAN STRONG: SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HILL. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION?

18
19 COMMISSIONER RIDDICK: I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY, LOOKS LIKE JENNIFER HAS BEEN REAL
20 BUSY SINCE GETTING WITH US AND WE APPRECIATE ALL THE WORK YOU'VE DONE AND
21 HELPING CATCH US BACK UP. BEEN WITHOUT A PERSONNEL DIRECTOR FOR A WHILE, SO
22 LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE DONE A GOOD JOB HELPING US GET BACK CAUGHT UP. THANK YOU.

23
24 MS. JENNIFER MAHAN: THANK YOU.

25
26 CHAIRMAN STRONG: ALL IN FAVOR? ANY OPPOSED? THE MOTION CARRIES. ITEM
27 NUMBER 31, AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH THE ALABAMA
28 DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES REGARDING A GRANT. JEFF?

29
30 MR. RICH: IN YOUR MATERIALS IS A PROPOSED GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE ALABAMA
31 DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023. IT IS IN THE AMOUNT OF
32 \$346,072. THIS IS FOR OPERATION OF THE MADISON COUNTY JUVENILE COURT
33 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. IT IS A RENEWAL OF LAST YEAR'S GRANT AND I BELIEVE IT IS
34 THE SAME AMOUNT THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED PURSUANT TO THAT GRANT. IT
35 IS APPROPRIATE FOR A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE
36 ACKNOWLEDGING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE GRANT.

37
38 CHAIRMAN STRONG: THANK YOU. IS THERE A MOTION?

39
40 COMMISSIONER RIDDICK: MOTION.

41
42 CHAIRMAN STRONG: MOTION BY COMMISSIONER RIDDICK. IS THERE A SECOND?

43
44 COMMISSIONER HARAWAY: SECOND.

45
46 CHAIRMAN STRONG: SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HARAWAY. ANY FURTHER
47 DISCUSSION? ALL IN FAVOR? ANY OPPOSED? THE MOTION CARRIES. ITEM NUMBER 32,
48 AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES,
49 INCORPORATED REGARDING COPIER LEASE. JEFF?

50

1 MR. RICH: IN YOUR MATERIALS IS A PROPOSED COPIER LEASE FOR THE PROBATE COURT.
2 THE PRICING OF THE LEASE IS PURSUANT TO A STATE CONTRACT, WHICH ALLOWS FOR
3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION ON THE SAME TERMS. IT IS FOR 36 MONTHS. IT HAS
4 A MONTHLY PAYMENT ASSOCIATED WITH IT OF \$450.04. IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR A
5 MOTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE.

6
7 CHAIRMAN STRONG: THANK YOU. IS THERE A MOTION?

8
9 COMMISSIONER RIDDICK: MOTION.

10
11 CHAIRMAN STRONG: MOTION BY COMMISSIONER RIDDICK. IS THERE A SECOND?

12
13 COMMISSIONER EDWARDS: SECOND.

14
15 CHAIRMAN STRONG: SECOND BY COMMISSIONER EDWARDS. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION?
16 ALL IN FAVOR? ANY OPPOSED? THE MOTION CARRIES. ITEM NUMBER 33, AUTHORIZE
17 CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH TAX MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES,
18 INCORPORATED REGARDING AUDIT SERVICES. JEFF?

19
20 MR. RICH: IN YOUR MATERIALS IS A PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH TAX MANAGEMENT
21 ASSOCIATES INCORPORATED. THIS IS FOR THE TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE. THE TAX
22 ASSESSOR HAS THE ABILITY, RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY TO AUDIT BUSINESS
23 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RETURNS FROM TIME TO TIME. TAX MANAGEMENT
24 ASSOCIATES INCORPORATED PERFORMS THOSE AUDIT SERVICES. THE COST FOR THE
25 AUDIT SERVICES IS BASED ON THE AMOUNT OF THE RETURN THAT IS BEING AUDITED.
26 SO, THE HIGHER THE AMOUNT, THE GREATER THE COST FOR THE AUDIT FEE. THAT IS
27 DETAILED AT PAGE 3 OF THE AGREEMENT. THIS IS APPROPRIATE FOR A MOTION
28 AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE.

29
30 CHAIRMAN STRONG: THANK YOU. IS THERE A MOTION?

31
32 COMMISSIONER RIDDICK: MOTION.

33
34 CHAIRMAN STRONG: MOTION BY COMMISSIONER RIDDICK. IS THERE A SECOND?

35
36 COMMISSIONER HARAWAY: SECOND.

37
38 CHAIRMAN STRONG: SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HARAWAY. ANY FURTHER
39 DISCUSSION? ALL IN FAVOR? ANY OPPOSED? THE MOTION CARRIES. ITEM NUMBER 34,
40 AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH TIPTON HEATING AND COOLING,
41 INCORPORATED REGARDING INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT AT THE PULASKI PIKE
42 WATER BOOSTER. JEFF?

43
44 MR. RICH: IN YOUR MATERIALS IS A PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH TIPTON HEATING AND
45 COOLING INCORPORATED. THIS IS FOR MATERIAL AND LABOR TO INSTALL TWO
46 COMPRESSORS AND CAPACITORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE COMPRESSORS AT THE
47 PULASKI PIKE WATER BOOSTER STATION. THE TOTAL COST OF THE AGREEMENT IS \$1,800
48 AND I BELIEVE UNDER THE AGREEMENT, THE COUNTY IS GOING TO PROVIDE THE
49 COMPRESSORS AND THE CAPACITORS AND THIS IS SIMPLY FOR THE LABOR AND
50 ADDITIONAL MATERIAL NECESSARY TO INSTALL THOSE. THIS IS APPROPRIATE FOR A

1 MOTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE.
2
3 CHAIRMAN STRONG: THANK YOU. IS THERE A MOTION?
4
5 COMMISSIONER RIDDICK: MOTION.
6
7 CHAIRMAN STRONG: MOTION BY COMMISSIONER RIDDICK. IS THERE A SECOND?
8
9 COMMISSIONER VANDIVER: SECOND.
10
11 CHAIRMAN STRONG: SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VANDIVER. ANY FURTHER
12 DISCUSSION? ALL IN FAVOR? ANY OPPOSED? THE MOTION CARRIES. ITEM NUMBER 35 IS
13 TRAVEL REQUEST. JEFF?
14
15 MR. RICH: IN YOUR MATERIALS IS A TRAVEL REQUEST FROM JASON BRITTON. JASON IS
16 AN EMPLOYEE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. THIS IS FOR JASON TO ATTEND A
17 FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE AT ORANGE BEACH. IT IS FROM OCTOBER
18 16TH THROUGH OCTOBER 19TH. THE TOTAL TRAVEL COST REQUESTED FOR APPROVAL IS
19 \$1,380.39. THIS HAS RECEIVED THE DEPARTMENT HEAD APPROVAL AND LIAISON
20 APPROVAL AND IS APPROPRIATE FOR A MOTION BY THE COMMISSION TO AUTHORIZE
21 THE TRAVEL EXPENSES.
22
23 CHAIRMAN STRONG: THANK YOU. IS THERE A MOTION?
24
25 COMMISSIONER HILL: SO, MOVED.
26
27 CHAIRMAN STRONG: MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HILL. IS THERE A SECOND?
28
29 COMMISSIONER RIDDICK: SECOND.
30
31 CHAIRMAN STRONG: SECOND BY COMMISSIONER RIDDICK. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION?
32 ALL IN FAVOR? ANY OPPOSED? THE MOTION CARRIES. ITEM NUMBER 36 IS PRIVATE
33 WORK REPORT. KEVIN?
34
35 MR. KEVIN JONES: MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION, IN YOUR MATERIALS YOU'LL FIND
36 THE MOST RECENTLY AUDITED PRIVATE WORK AND IT WILL BE ENTERED INTO THE
37 PERMANENT RECORD.
38
39 CHAIRMAN STRONG: THANK YOU. LET THE RECORD REFLECT. ITEM NUMBER 37 IS
40 SUBDIVISIONS. CHUCK?
41
42 MR. FAULKNER: GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION. THE FOLLOWING
43 SUBDIVISIONS HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND WERE FOUND TO BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH
44 THE MADISON COUNTY SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS. THEY ARE RECOMMENDED FOR
45 APPROVAL. HAZEL MEADOWS PHASE 2 IS PROPOSED IN DISTRICT 1. IT WILL CREATE 30
46 LOTS.
47
48 CHAIRMAN STRONG: THANK YOU. IS THERE A MOTION?
49
50 COMMISSIONER BRANDON: MOTION.

1 CHAIRMAN STRONG: MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BRANDON. IS THERE A SECOND?

2

3 COMMISSIONER HILL: SECOND.

4

5 CHAIRMAN STRONG: SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HILL. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION? ALL
6 IN FAVOR? ANY OPPOSED? THE MOTION CARRIES.

7

8 MR. FAULKNER: CREEK GROVE PHASE 2 IS PROPOSED IN DISTRICT 3. IT CREATES 71 LOTS.

9

10 CHAIRMAN STRONG: THANK YOU. IS THERE A MOTION?

11

12 COMMISSIONER HILL: SO, MOVED.

13

14 CHAIRMAN STRONG: MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HILL. IS THERE A SECOND?

15

16 COMMISSIONER RIDDICK: SECOND.

17

18 CHAIRMAN STRONG: SECOND BY COMMISSIONER RIDDICK. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION?
19 ALL IN FAVOR? ANY OPPOSED? THE MOTION CARRIES.

20

21 MR. FAULKNER: KENDALL FARMS PHASE 1 IS PROPOSED IN DISTRICT 4. IT CREATES 98
22 LOTS AND 1 TRACT.

23

24 CHAIRMAN STRONG: THANK YOU. IS THERE A MOTION?

25

26 COMMISSIONER VANDIVER: SO, MOVED.

27

28 CHAIRMAN STRONG: MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VANDIVER. IS THERE A SECOND?

29

30 COMMISSIONER RIDDICK: SECOND.

31

32 CHAIRMAN STRONG: SECOND BY COMMISSIONER RIDDICK. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION?
33 ALL IN FAVOR? ANY OPPOSED? THE MOTION CARRIES.

34

35 MR. FAULKNER: MCMULLEN GARDENS PHASE 1 IS PROPOSED IN DISTRICT 1. IT CREATES
36 45 LOTS AND 1 TRACT.

37

38 CHAIRMAN STRONG: THANK YOU. IS THERE A MOTION?

39

40 COMMISSIONER BRANDON: MOTION.

41

42 CHAIRMAN STRONG: MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BRANDON. IS THERE A SECOND?

43

44 COMMISSIONER HILL: SECOND.

45

46 CHAIRMAN STRONG: SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HILL. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION? ALL
47 IN FAVOR? ANY OPPOSED? THE MOTION CARRIES.

48

49 MR. FAULKNER: BRIAR FORK CROSSING, A RESUBDIVISION IS A FINAL PLAT IN DISTRICT
50 1. IT CREATES 23 LOTS.

1 CHAIRMAN STRONG: THANK YOU. IS THERE A MOTION?

2

3 COMMISSIONER BRANDON: MOTION.

4

5 CHAIRMAN STRONG: MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BRANDON. IS THERE A SECOND?

6

7 COMMISSIONER RIDDICK: SECOND.

8

9 CHAIRMAN STRONG: SECOND BY COMMISSIONER RIDDICK. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION?
10 ALL IN FAVOR? ANY OPPOSED? THE MOTION CARRIES.

11

12 MR. FAULKNER: BERMUDA LAKES PHASE 4A IS A FINAL PLAT IN DISTRICT 1. IT CREATES
13 30 LOTS.

14

15 CHAIRMAN STRONG: IS THERE A MOTION?

16

17 COMMISSIONER BRANDON: MOTION.

18

19 CHAIRMAN STRONG: MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BRANDON. IS THERE A SECOND?

20

21 COMMISSIONER HILL: SECOND.

22

23 CHAIRMAN STRONG: SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HILL. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION? ALL
24 IN FAVOR? ANY OPPOSED? THE MOTION CARRIES.

25

26 MR. FAULKNER: CHASE COVE IS A FINAL PLAT IN DISTRICT 1. IT CREATES 39 LOTS.

27

28 CHAIRMAN STRONG: THANK YOU. IS THERE A MOTION?

29

30 COMMISSIONER BRANDON: MOTION.

31

32 CHAIRMAN STRONG: MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BRANDON. IS THERE A SECOND?

33

34 COMMISSIONER HILL: SECOND.

35

36 CHAIRMAN STRONG: SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HILL. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION? ALL
37 IN FAVOR? ANY OPPOSED? THE MOTION CARRIES. THANK YOU, CHUCK. ITEM NUMBER
38 38 IS BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS. KEVIN?

39

40 MR. JONES: MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION, WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING BUDGET
41 ADJUSTMENTS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION: SHERIFF'S PISTOL PERMIT FUND, PURCHASE
42 OF EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,200; INSTALLATION OF SECURITY SYSTEM IN THE
43 AMOUNT OF \$35,000; SHERIFF'S JAIL STORE PAYMENT FOR RADIO CONTRACT IN THE
44 AMOUNT OF \$35,000; TAX ASSESSOR, PURCHASE OF SUPPLIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,500;
45 PUBLIC WORKS, PAYMENT FOR STREET LIGHTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,325; DISTRICT
46 1, REIMBURSEMENT FOR OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$109; DISTRICT 3, TRANSFER
47 CARRYOVER FOR CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$46,000; DISTRICT 4, SALE OF
48 EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,224; SALE OF EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000;
49 CDBG BLOCK GRANT FOR THE HEALS REIMBURSEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$95,016.
50 THEY'RE IN ORDER FOR YOUR APPROVAL.

1 CHAIRMAN STRONG: THANK YOU. IS THERE A MOTION?
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3 COMMISSIONER BRANDON: SO, MOVED.
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5 CHAIRMAN STRONG: MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BRANDON. SECOND BY COMMISSIONER
6 VANDIVER. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION? ALL IN FAVOR? ANY OPPOSED? THE MOTION
7 CARRIES. NOW IS THE TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M SHOWING NONE. THANK YOU.
8 COMMISSIONER BRANDON?
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10 COMMISSIONER BRANDON: NO. I'M GOOD. THANK YOU.
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12 CHAIRMAN STRONG: COMMISSIONER HILL?
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14 COMMISSIONER HILL: NO, SIR.
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16 CHAIRMAN STRONG: COMMISSIONER HARAWAY?
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18 COMMISSIONER HARAWAY: ACCOMPLISHMENT THAT YOU MADE TO GET US OFF THE
19 THE AS400 WITH EVERYBODY HERE. WE WERE TOLD THAT COULD NEVER BE DONE,
20 BASICALLY WHEN WE FIRST GOT HERE, AND YOU DON'T EXPRESS THAT ENOUGH IN
21 YOUR SPEECHES AND STUFF. SO, I THINK THAT IS SOMETHING YOU NEED TO ADD TO IT.
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23 CHAIRMAN STRONG: THERE IS NOBODY THAT CAN REPAIR THE AS400. WE'RE DOWN TO
24 THE FINAL PERSON WHO IS THERE. BUT IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, TEN YEARS AGO, WHEN
25 WE WOULD PRESENT BUDGETS, IT WOULD BE ON A GREEN AND WHITE PAPER AND YOU
26 NEEDED A PUSH CART TO GET IT TO YOUR VEHICLE. I COMMEND A LOT OF PEOPLE. THE
27 I.T. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN PHENOMENAL AND THIS IS GOING TO HELP SALES TAX MORE
28 AND BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE MORE WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS. IT'S BEEN GOOD.
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30 COMMISSIONER RIDDICK: HATS OFF TO BRYON AND HIS STAFF.
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32 COMMISSIONER HARAWAY: NO DOUBT. WE WERE TOLD TIME AND TIME AGAIN THAT IT
33 WOULD NOT HAPPEN AND SURE ENOUGH WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO DO IT.
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35 CHAIRMAN STRONG: PHIL? COMMISSIONER VANDIVER? COMMISSIONER EDWARDS?
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37 COMMISSIONER EDWARDS: NO, THANK YOU.
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39 CHAIRMAN STRONG: I WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY. YOU START TALKING ABOUT THE
40 BUDGET, THE PROCESS. I CAN REMEMBER WHEN I WAS A DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, YOU
41 MIGHT HAVE A DAY THE BUDGET WOULD BE PRESENTED AND YOU WOULD VOTE THE
42 NEXT DAY. WHAT WE HAVE DONE HERE IS HAD INPUT FROM EVERYBODY. WE'VE BEEN
43 AS FAIR AS POSSIBLE. OUR FINANCES IN MADISON COUNTY ARE THE BEST THEY HAVE
44 EVER BEEN. WE'RE AT THE POSITION I KNOW EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDS THAT WE'VE
45 GOT TO MAKE SOME DECISIONS ABOUT A COURTHOUSE IN THE DAYS AHEAD. THIS
46 BUDGET, JUST LIKE THE REST OF THEM, PUTS US IN A POSITION WHERE WE CAN GET TO
47 THE BOND MARKET AND MAKE THIS THING HAPPEN FOR THE TAXPAYERS OF MADISON
48 COUNTY. I THANK ALL OF THE EMPLOYEES. OUR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED
49 MEETING OF THE MADISON COUNTY COMMISSION IS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH AT
50 10:00 A.M. AND WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS, OUR MEETING IS ADJOURNED.