

TUSCALOOSA COUNTY COMMISSION  
MEETING  
MAY 24, 2017

TUSCALOOSA COUNTY           §  
STATE OF ALABAMA           §

This being the date and hour to which the Tuscaloosa County Commission adjourned, the County Commission met pursuant to such adjournment with Probate Judge W. Hardy McCollum presiding as Chairman. The following members were present:

Stan Acker  
Jerry Tingle  
Mark C. Nelson  
Reginald Murray

Commissioner Reginald Murray moved, seconded by Commissioner Jerry Tingle, the County Commission voted unanimously to go into Executive Session prior to the end of this meeting to discuss board appointments.

Commissioner Jerry Tingle moved, seconded by Commissioner Mark C. Nelson, the County Commission voted unanimously to change the following regularly scheduled County Commission Meetings:

June 7, 2017 to be June 14, 2017  
June 21, 2017 to by June 28, 2017  
July 5, 2017 and July 19, 2017 to be July 26, 2017

Chairman W. Hardy McCollum presented Tuscaloosa County Deputy Mark Weaver a thirty-five year service pin and thanked him for his dedicated service to the citizens of Tuscaloosa County.

Commissioner Jerry Tingle moved, seconded by Commissioner Stan Acker, the County Commission voted unanimously to adopt resolutions approving and accepting the following preliminary plat submissions:

Sand Valley Phase II

Waterton Lakes, Resurvey of Lots 11 and 12

Exhibit 5-1, Pages

Commissioner Stan Acker moved, second by Commissioner Reginald Murray, the County Commission voted unanimously to award the bid for precast box culvert section components to Forterra Pipe and Precast, LLC in the amount of \$33,424.00. The bid was opened on May 17, 2017.

Exhibit 5-2, Pages

Commissioner Reginald Murray moved, seconded by Commissioner Jerry Tingle, the County Commission voted unanimously to approve the warrants issued to cover Tuscaloosa County's expenditures for April 2017.

Exhibit 5-3, Page

Upon request by District Attorney Hays Webb, Commissioner Jerry Tingle moved, seconded by Commissioner Stan Acker, the County Commission voted unanimously to allocate up to \$225,000.00 to the District Attorney's office for the remainder of the 2016-2017 fiscal year with the District Attorney's office and County Financial Officer Bill Lamb collaborating on withdraws as needed if the District Attorney's escrow account funds deplete as anticipated.

Commissioner Stan Acker moved, seconded by Commissioner Reginald Murray, the County Commission voted unanimously to approve funding in the amount of \$2,500.00 from the District I discretionary fund to be used to complete the radio repeater project at Wiley Volunteer Fire Department.

Exhibit 5-4, Page

Commissioner Jerry Tingle moved, seconded by Commissioner Stan Acker, the County Commission voted unanimously to authorize paving to the Coaling Fire Department and storm shelter drive and parking area by Tuscaloosa County Public Works under the following conditions: the areas to be paved must be clearly marked and agreed to by representatives from Coaling Volunteer Fire Department Board and the Town Council of Coaling. The Town of Coaling, Coaling Volunteer Fire Department and Commissioner District 2 fund commits \$12,000.00 each to the cost of the \$36,000.00 project. Public Works is to work out the details, agreements and collections for the project.

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Commissioner Reginald Murray moved, seconded by Commissioner Jerry Tingle, the County Commission voted unanimously to depart from the order of business set forth in the official agenda to consider an agreement with TTL on the Fosters Storm Shelter Project.

Commissioner Reginald Murray moved, seconded by Commissioner Jerry Tingle, the County Commission voted unanimously to authorize an agreement with TTL for the Fosters Storm Shelter. The grant match by the county is 25% of the total cost of \$3,950.00 (\$987.50) to be funded from the District 4 discretionary fund.

Exhibit 5-6, Pages

Commissioner Jerry Tingle moved, seconded by Commissioner Reginald Murray, the County Commission voted unanimously to make the following board appointments:

Melvin Vines and Dan Gibson reappointed to the Heritage Commission. Their terms will expire September 20, 2020 and May 29, 2021 respectively.

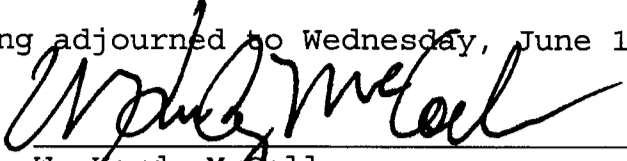
Dr. Guillermo Godoy, Ron Turner, Rev. Donnell Williams reappointed to the Mental Health Board. Their terms will expire April 1, 2023, April 1, 2023 and April 1, 2020 respectively.


Curtis Travis reappointed to the Park and Recreation Authority. His term will expire October 1, 2019.


John Foster, Jr. reappointed to the Coaling Water Authority, Inc. His term will expire March 1, 2023.


Gary McCracken reappointed to the Fosters Ralph Water Authority. His term will expire March 1, 2023.

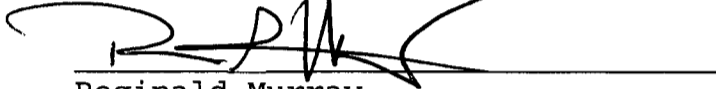
There being no further business to come before the Tuscaloosa County Commission, the meeting adjourned to Wednesday, June 14, 2017.

  
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W. Hardy McCollum  
Judge of Probate and Chairman  
Tuscaloosa County Commission

  
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Stan Acker  
Commissioner - District I

  
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Jerry Tingle  
Commissioner - District II

  
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Mark C. Nelson  
Commissioner - District III

  
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Reginald Murray  
Commissioner - District IV

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**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PRELIMINARY PLAT**

**Waterton Lakes  
Resurvey of Lots 11 and 12**

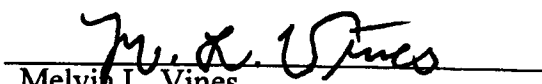
**WHEREAS**, the County Engineer has reported to the Tuscaloosa County Commission that the developer has complied with all Tuscaloosa County Subdivision related to the preparation and presentation of a preliminary plat for a new development or the extension of an existing development; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tuscaloosa County Commission has been presented with the preliminary plat and accompanying information, and determines that there is no just reason to withhold approval of the preliminary plat.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED BY THE TUSCALOOSA COUNTY COMMISSION** that the preliminary plat recommended for approval by the Tuscaloosa County Engineer is approved and accepted

Approved and accepted at our regularly scheduled meeting on this the 24th day of May, 2017.

  
W. Hardy McCollum, Chairman  
Tuscaloosa County Commission

  
Melvin L. Vines  
County Administrator

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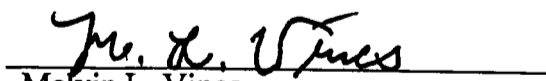
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**BID REMISSION SHEET**

**Precast Box Culvert for Carden Lane**

**Bids to be opened May 17, 2017 at 9:00 AM**

Company: FORTEKA

By: LARRY BRUCE

Address: 9415 Hwy 157

CULLMAN, AL 35057

Phone: 205-332-7113

Price for 12 pieces of 12' x 3' precast box culverts and 2 parapets:

\$ 33,424.00

Delivery Date: Approx. 5 WEEK FROM PLACEMENT OF ORDER

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MONTH OF: APRIL , 2017

FUND	CHECK NUMBERS	AMOUNT
001 GENERAL FUND	32746-33112	\$3,650,029.62
SPECIAL SALES TAX		
112 ROAD & BRIDGE	10430-10558	\$2,195,768.26
116 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT		
117 RRR GAS TAX		
120 REAPPRAISAL	3124-3152	\$166,865.62
160 COMMUNITY DEVELOP	1756-1758	\$103,666.27
710 PAYROLL-CHECKS	95455-95498	\$1,657,504.97
	62376-62456	\$80,551.42
	25114-26017	\$1,190,082.89
720 PAYROLL-DIR DEP		
720 EXCESS LAND SALES		
730 FIDUCIARY		
750 PISTOL PERMIT	9831-9874	\$67,972.47
780 E911	5782-5809	\$670,560.68
781 GAS TAX BONDING		
783 GENERAL LIABILITY		
783 WORKMEN'S COMP	164	\$17,516.23
783 HEALTH INSURANCE	8-9	\$240.00
784 TAX COLL SPECIAL		
785 TAX ASSR SPECIAL		
786 MFG HOMES		
787 MOTOR VEH TRAINING		
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		\$9,800,758.43

CHECKED BY: W M Lamb

WILLIAM M. LAMB, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

APPROVED BY TUSCALOOSA COUNTY COMMISSION:

CHAIRMAN, W. HARDY MCCOLLUM

W Hardy McCollum

COMMISSIONER, STAN ACKER

Stan Acker

COMMISSIONER, JERRY TINGLE

Jerry Tingle

COMMISSIONER, MARK C. NELSON

Mark C Nelson

COMMISSIONER, REGINALD MURRAY

Reginald Murray

EX 5 - 3



PROPOSAL FOR REVIEW, APPROVAL AND FUNDING OF  
PUBLIC USE PROJECTS BY DISTRICT

Commission District: 1


Proposed Project Description: \_\_\_\_\_

TASCALOSA COUNTY VOL. FIRE FIGHTERS  
ASSOCA.

REPEATER AT WILEY VFD

Funding Amount Required: \$2,500.

Commissioner Approval:  Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Counsel Review:  Date: 5/24/17

Finance Director Review & Disbursement:  Date: 5-22-17

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PROPOSAL FOR REVIEW, APPROVAL AND FUNDING OF  
PUBLIC USE PROJECTS BY DISTRICT

Commission District: 2

Proposed Project Description: COALING FIRE DEPT.  
PARKING LOT

3 WAY MATCH  
District 2 - \$ 12,000 EACH

Funding Amount Required: \$ 12,000

Commissioner Approval: Jaym. Tuzi Date: 6/15/17

Legal Counsel Review: Robert Spence Date: 7/25/17

Finance Director Review & Disbursement: W M Combs Date: 6-15-17

EX 5-5

# INVOICE



3516 Greensboro Avenue  
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401  
205.345.0816  
www.ttlusa.com

July 8, 2017  
Invoice No: 1022772  
Terms: Due upon Receipt

**Bill to:**  
Farrington Snipes  
Tuscaloosa County Commission  
714 Greensboro Avenue  
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

**Remit Payment to:**  
TTL, Inc.  
P.O. Drawer 1128  
Tuscaloosa, AL 35403  
Attn: Accounts Receivable

Email To: fsnipes@tsucco.com

TTL Project No. 001010117069.00 Tomado Storm Shelter/FEMA Safe Room Myrtlewood Elementary School

Professional Services	3,950.00
<b>Total Amount Due this Invoice:</b>	<b>\$3,950.00</b>

001-62151-000 = 2962.50  
001-62155-000 = 987.50  
*[Signature]*  

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3950.00

NOTE: Agreement between the firm and Tuscaloosa County approved by the Tuscaloosa County Commission on 05-24-2017.

**APPROVED FOR PAYMENT**  
*[Signature]*  
DATE 07/13/2017  
FARRINGTON BURNETT SNIPES, JR.

**received**  
7/10/2017  
*[Signature]*

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3516 Greensboro Avenue  
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April 20, 2017

Tuscaloosa County Commission  
Attn: Mr. Farrington Snipes  
714 Greensboro Avenue  
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

**RE: Proposal for Geotechnical Consulting Services  
Tornado Storm Shelter/FEMA Safe Room Myrtlewood Elementary School  
Fosters, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama  
TTL Proposal No. P01010117057.00**

Dear Mr. Snipes:

TTL, Inc. (TTL) is pleased to provide this geotechnical consulting services proposal for the proposed storm shelter to be located on the Myrtlewood Elementary School campus at 14701 Gainsville Road in Fosters, Alabama. This proposal contains our understanding of the project information, our proposed scope of services, a lump-sum fee for our services, and our authorization requirements.

## PROJECT INFORMATION

TTL understands that a community storm shelter is proposed to be constructed on the Myrtlewood Elementary School campus. Construction will consist of a single-story structure with a footprint of about 2,400 square feet. The structure will include grout-filled concrete masonry unit load-bearing walls and a typical concrete slab on grade floor. The roof will consist of an 8-inch thick reinforced concrete slab over metal roof decking. The project site is located in a partially wooded and partially open area west of the Myrtlewood Elementary School gymnasium and southeast of the sheriff department communication tower. The site appears accessible to our truck-mounted drilling equipment.

## PROPOSED SCOPE OF SERVICES

- Call 811 and contact Tuscaloosa County School personnel to locate and mark underground utilities.
- Perform a visual site reconnaissance and locate and drill 4 borings to a depth of 16 feet below the ground surface (bgs).
- Obtain soil samples from the borings, visually log the samples in the field, and submit representative soil samples to the laboratory for physical tests to estimate the general engineering characteristics of the subsurface soils.
- Provide a written engineering report describing our findings and our recommendations for site grading, and earthwork once field sampling and laboratory testing have been completed.

Our scope of services does not include investigation of environmental issues.

## SCHEDULE

We will initiate field work within 2 weeks of notice of authorization and anticipate that the field exploration will take 1 day to complete. A report can be issued within 2 weeks of completion of the field work. If an accelerated schedule is needed, please contact the writer to confirm a mutually acceptable schedule.

## COMPENSATION

TTL will perform the geotechnical services listed above for a lump-sum fee of **\$3,950.00**. Please note that TTL's proposal offer remains valid for a period of sixty (60) days from the date of issuance. TTL reserves the right to withdraw and/or modify this proposal at any time subsequent to this 60-day offer period.

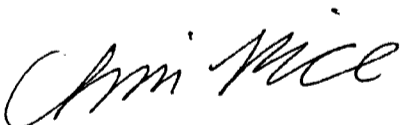
## AUTHORIZATION

A copy of TTL's Client Project Services Agreement (CPSA) is submitted for your review and consideration. Please note that the terms and conditions contained in the CPSA are an integral part of this proposed agreement and will govern our services on this project. If this proposal meets with your approval, please execute the CPSA and return the entire proposal to our office. Our receipt of an executed CPSA will serve as our formal authorization to proceed with the scope of work. All information (written or electronic) from TTL concerning TTL's work is for the sole use and reliance of TTL's Client. TTL intends no third party beneficiaries (express or implied) and copies of such information received by any third parties are not for reliance unless TTL first receives a signed Secondary Client Agreement from the third party.

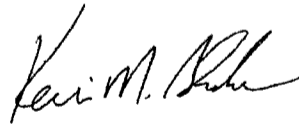
We appreciate the opportunity to submit a proposal for providing geotechnical consulting services for this project. Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

TTL, Inc.



Christopher J. Rice, E.I.  
Staff Professional



Kevin M. Blake, P.E.  
Senior Engineer

**Attachments:**

ASFE Information  
Client Project Services Agreement

# Important Information about This Geotechnical Engineering Proposal

*Subsurface problems are a principal cause of construction delays, cost overruns, claims, and disputes.*

*While you cannot eliminate all such risks, you can manage them. The following information is provided to help.*

## **Participate in Development of the Subsurface Exploration Plan**

Geotechnical engineering begins with the creation of an effective subsurface exploration plan. This proposal starts the process by presenting an initial plan. While that plan may consider the unique physical attributes of the site and the improvements you have in mind, it probably does not consider your unique goals, objectives, and risk management preferences. Subsurface exploration plans that are finalized without considering such factors presuppose that clients' needs are unimportant, or that all clients have the same needs. *Avoid the problems that can stem from such assumptions* by finalizing the plan and other scope elements directly with the geotechnical engineer you feel is best qualified for the project, along with the other project professionals whose plans are affected by the geotechnical engineer's findings and recommendations. If you have been told that this step is unnecessary; that client preferences do not influence the scope of geotechnical engineering service or that someone else can articulate your needs as well as you, you have been told wrong. No one else can discuss your geotechnical options better than an experienced geotechnical engineer, and no one else can provide the input you can. Thus, while you certainly are at liberty to accept a proposed scope "as is," recognize that it could be a unilateral scope developed without direct client/engineer discussion; that authorizing a unilateral scope will force the geotechnical engineer to accept all assumptions it contains; that assumptions create risk. *Manage your risk. Get involved.*

## **Expect the Unexpected**

The nature of geotechnical engineering is such that planning needs to *anticipate the unexpected*. During the design phase of a project, more or deeper borings may be required, additional tests may become necessary, or someone associated with your organization may request a service that was not included in the final scope. During the construction phase, additional services may be needed to respond quickly to unanticipated conditions. In the past, geotechnical engineers commonly did

whatever was required to oblige their clients' representatives and safeguard their clients' interests, taking it on faith that their clients wanted them to do so. But some, evidently, did not, and refused to pay for legitimate extras on the ground that the engineer proceeded without proper authorization, or failed to submit notice in a timely manner, or failed to provide proper documentation. *What are your preferences? Who is permitted to authorize additional geotechnical services on your project? What type of documentation do you require? To whom should it be sent? When? How?* By addressing these and similar issues sooner rather than later, you and your geotechnical engineer will be prepared for the unexpected, to help prevent molehills from growing into mountains.

## **Have Realistic Expectations; Apply Appropriate Preventives**

The recommendations included in a geotechnical engineering report are *not final*, because they are based on opinions that can be verified only during construction. For that reason, most geotechnical engineering proposals offer the construction observation services that permit the geotechnical engineer of record to confirm that subsurface conditions are what they were expected to be, or to modify recommendations when actual conditions were not anticipated. *An offer to provide construction observation is an offer to better manage your risk.* Clients who do not take advantage of such an offer; clients who retain a second firm to observe construction, can create a high-risk "Catch-22" situation for themselves. *The geotechnical engineer of record cannot assume responsibility or liability for a report's recommendations when another firm performs the services needed to evaluate the recommendations' adequacy.* The second firm is also likely to disavow liability for the recommendations, because of the substantial and possibly uninsurable risk of assuming responsibility for services it did not perform. Recognize, too, that no firm other than the geotechnical engineer of record can possibly have as intimate an understanding of your project's geotechnical issues. As such, reliance on a second firm to perform construction observation can elevate risk still more, because its personnel may not

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have the wherewithal to recognize subtle, but sometimes critically important unanticipated conditions, or to respond to them in a manner consistent with your goals, objectives, and risk management preferences.

### **Realize That Geoenvironmental Issues Have Not Been Covered**

The equipment, techniques, and personnel used to perform a geoenvironmental study differ significantly from those used to perform a geotechnical study. *Geoenvironmental services are not being offered in this proposal. The report that results will not relate any geoenvironmental findings, conclusions, or recommendations.* Unanticipated environmental problems have led to numerous project failures. If you have not yet obtained your own geoenvironmental information, ask your geotechnical consultant for risk management guidance. *Do not rely on an environmental report prepared for someone else.*

### **Obtain Professional Assistance To Deal with Mold**

Diverse strategies can be applied during building design, construction, operation, and maintenance to prevent significant amounts of mold from growing on indoor surfaces. To be effective, all such strategies should be devised for the express purpose of mold prevention, integrated into a comprehensive plan, and executed with diligent oversight by a professional mold prevention consultant. Because just a small amount of water or moisture can lead to the development of severe mold infestations, a number of mold prevention strategies focus on keeping building surfaces dry. While groundwater, water infiltration, and similar issues may be addressed as part of the geotechnical engineering study described in this proposal, the geotechnical engineer who would lead this project *is not* a mold prevention consultant; *none of the services being offered have been designed or proposed for the purpose of mold prevention.*

### **Have the Geotechnical Engineer Work with Other Design Professionals and Constructors**

Other design team members' misinterpretation of a geotechnical engineering report has resulted in costly problems. Manage that risk by hav-

ing your geotechnical engineer confer with appropriate members of the design team before finalizing the scope of geotechnical service (as suggested above), and, again, after submitting the report. *Also retain your geotechnical engineer to review pertinent elements of the design team members' plans and specifications.*

Reduce the risk of unanticipated conditions claims that can occur when constructors misinterpret or misunderstand the purposes of a geotechnical engineering report. Use appropriate language in your contract documents. Retain your geotechnical engineer to participate in prebid and preconstruction conferences, and to perform construction observation.

### **Read Responsibility Provisions Closely**

Clients, design professionals, and constructors who do not recognize that geotechnical engineering is far less exact than other engineering disciplines can develop unrealistic expectations. Unrealistic expectations can lead to disappointments, claims, and disputes. To help reduce the risk of such outcomes, geotechnical engineers commonly include a variety of explanatory provisions in their proposals. Sometimes labeled "limitations," many of these provisions indicate where geotechnical engineers' responsibilities begin and end, to help others recognize their own responsibilities and risks, thus to encourage more effective scopes of service. *Read this proposal's provisions closely.* Ask questions. Your geotechnical engineer should respond fully and frankly.

### **Rely on Your ASFE-Member Geotechnical Engineer for Additional Assistance**

Membership in ASFE/The Best People on Earth exposes geotechnical engineers to a wide array of risk management techniques that can be of genuine benefit to everyone involved with a construction project. Confer with an ASFE member geotechnical engineer for more information. Confirm a firm's membership in ASFE by contacting ASFE directly or at its website.



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