

TUSCALOOSA COUNTY COMMISSION  
MEETING

May 19, 2004

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:

Mike Richardson  
Gary Youngblood  
Bobby Miller  
Reginald Murray

Commissioner Bobby Miller moved, seconded by Commissioner Reginald Murray, the County Commission voted unanimously to authorize the County Engineer to correct a drainage problem on George and Patty Gibson's property at 129 Hillcrest School Road. A pipe installed by the county during construction of Hillcrest School Road has deteriorated.

Commissioner Bobby Miller moved, seconded by Commissioner Gary Youngblood, the County Commission voted unanimously to establish and post a 35 MPH speed limit on Clements Road from the intersection with Buttermilk Road to the intersection with Creekwood Drive; and post a 45 MPH speed limit from the intersection with Creekwood Drive southward to the end of the pavement.

Commissioner Bobby Miller moved, seconded by Commissioner Gary Youngblood, the County Commission voted unanimously to establish and post a 25 MPH speed limit on the gravel (unpaved) portion of Old Buttermilk Road.

Commissioner Bobby Miller moved, seconded by Commissioner Gary Youngblood, the County Commission voted unanimously to post Crocker Drive for two-way traffic from New Highway 69S to the Englewood Hulls Water Department and to post Crocker Drive from Old Greensboro Road to Englewood Hulls Water Department for one-way traffic.

Commissioner Gary Youngblood moved, seconded by Commissioner Bobby Miller, the County Commission voted unanimously to fill a well on Watson Long's property on Stevenson Drive. The county fills old wells as a safety measure.

Commissioner Gary Youngblood moved, seconded by Commissioner Reginald Murray, the County Commission voted unanimously to authorize the submission of an application for a \$250,000 Alabama Department of Transportation Industrial Access Grant. These funds will assist in completing the second phase of the Progress Drive Extension in Cedar Cove Industrial Park.

Commissioner Gary Youngblood's motion, seconded by Commissioner Reginald Murray, to award the bid on the Holt Community Sanitary Sewer Extension Project - Phase II to Gilco Contracting, Inc. as the low bidder at \$903,451.33 and to amend the project budget to cover the increased cost to Tuscaloosa County failed on a two to three vote. The low bid exceeded the original estimate by \$45,451.33. Tuscaloosa County's cash match would be increased to \$529,000 under the new budget. The dissenting votes were cast because approximately forty percent of the properties to be served by this sewer system is owned by non-residents, and because of the increase in cost to Tuscaloosa County. Commissioner Mike Richardson, Commissioner Bobby Miller, and Probate Judge W. Hardy McCollum cast the NAY votes. The following firms also submitted bids:

Roland Pugh Construction Inc.	\$ 975,545.00
John Plott Company, Inc.	976,597.85
Dixon and Murphy, Inc.	978,548.00
DRM Utilities, LLC	1,066,390.05
GFC Construction, Inc.	1,161,725.00
RL Ellis & Company, LLC	1,233,120.00
Ryan Shirley Inc.	1,369,966.50
Russo Corporation	1,448,157.70

Probate Judge W. Hardy McCollum read into the record and presented to Mrs. Martha Ellen Johnson a proclamation praising and commending her for her service to the citizens of Tuscaloosa County during her employment in the Tuscaloosa County License Department.

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Commissioner Mike Richardson moved, seconded by Commissioner Gary Youngblood, the County Commission voted unanimously to approve the warrants issued to pay Tuscaloosa County's expenditures for the month of April, 2004.

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Commissioner Reginald Murray moved, seconded by Commissioner Bobby Miller, the County Commission voted unanimously to authorize the Sheriff's Office to receive the funding of a grant from the Department of Justice for approximately \$500 for a bullet-proof vest.

Commissioner Reginald Murray moved, seconded by Commissioner Bobby Miller, the County Commission voted unanimously to authorize the Sheriff's Office to submit an application for a grant through a Department of Justice grant program called "PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS". If successful, this grant will provide funds for a computer program that will connect law enforcement with pawn shops to facilitate the recovery of stolen goods.


Commissioner Bobby Miller moved, seconded by Commissioner Gary Youngblood, the County Commission voted unanimously to endorse the two local Rotary Clubs' proposed project to install a top-of-the-line street clock on courthouse grounds. This project is to commemorate Rotary's 100th Anniversary, which will be celebrated next February.

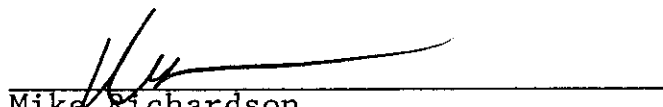
Commissioner Mike Richardson moved, seconded by Commissioner Reginald Murray, the County Commission voted unanimously to support FOCUS ON SENIOR CITIZENS' application for Section 5310 Elderly Assistance Funds. These funds will enhance FOCUS' transportation program.

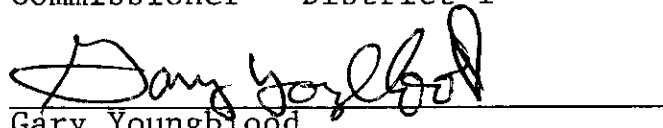
Commissioner Reginald Murray's motion to amend the general fund budget to increase the County-wide Water Project's budget by one million dollars failed for lack of a second.

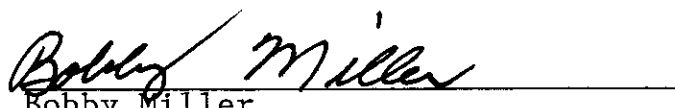
Commissioner Bobby Miller moved, seconded by Commissioner Mike Richardson, the County Commission voted unanimously to authorize the Planning Department to pay McGiffert and Associates, Inc. for the design and engineering work on the Holt Community Sanitary Sewer Extension Project - Phase II.

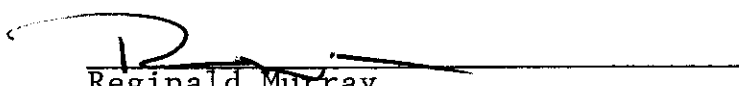
There being no further business to come before the Tuscaloosa County Commission, the meeting adjourned to Wednesday, June 9, 2004.

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

  
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Mike Richardson  
Commissioner - District I

  
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Gary Youngblood  
Commissioner - District II

  
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Bobby Miller  
Commissioner - District III

  
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Reginald Murray  
Commissioner - District IV

# Tuscaloosa County

STATE OF ALABAMA  
TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA

## To Whom These Presents Shall Come — Greetings

**WHEREAS**, Martha Ellen Johnson was employed as a Clerk in the License Department in July 1964, and when the first television station was established in Tuscaloosa County, Martha Ellen was "lured" away to apply her talents to that new and exciting endeavor; and

**WHEREAS**, Martha Ellen Johnson remained employed at WCFT TV until she returned to Tuscaloosa County's License Department in May 1977 and has served Tuscaloosa County for more than twenty five years; and

**WHEREAS**, through her work ethic, dedication, loyalty and leadership, over the next several years, she was promoted to increasingly higher levels of responsibility, reaching the position of Chief Clerk on September 1, 1994, and during her years of employment, she always had a helpful and understanding attitude; she became known by the taxpayers as "that friendly lady who can get it done for you"; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Johnson's keen interest in government, especially locally, coupled with her practical acumen established her as the local "political sage" and seasoned practitioners as well as "wannabees" sought her savvy counsel; and

**WHEREAS**, these few acknowledgements only scratch the surface of the many outstanding contributions, as both valued employee and involved citizen, made by Martha Ellen Johnson, who by her dedicated service to job and community has brought exceptional credit to the County License Department and the Tuscaloosa County Commission.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the members of the Tuscaloosa County Commission, that Martha Ellen Johnson be praised and commended for valuable services rendered to the citizens of Tuscaloosa County.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, we have hereunto set our hands and seals on this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 2004.



ATTEST:

J. L. Wines

W. Hardy McCollum

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Judge of Probate and Chairman

Mike Richardson  
Mike Richardson - Commissioner

Gary Youngblood  
Gary Youngblood - Commissioner

Bobby Miller  
Bobby Miller - Commissioner

Reginald Murray  
Reginald Murray - Commissioner

MONTH OF: APRIL, 2004

FUND	CHECK NUMBERS	AMOUNT
A01	SCRAP TIRE	
A02	PAYROLL	71992-73012
A04	ROAD & BRIDGE	13298-13433
A05	GENERAL FUND	27199-27420
D05	GEN FUND SPECIAL	
B03	EXCESS LAND	
B08	GAS TAX BONDING	
B14	3R GAS TAX	
D01	FIDUCIARY	
D02	PISTOL PERMIT	
D03	E 911	1457-1460
D04	UNCLAIMED WITNESS	
E01	REAPPRAISAL	3248-3266
E02	MFG HOMES	
E03	HEALTH INSURANCE	
E04	MOTOR VEH TRAINING	37
F01	GENERAL LIABILITY	
F02	TAX ASSR SPECIAL	322
F03	TAX COLL SPECIAL	213
F04	WORKMEN'S COMP	566-574,5050,123
F06	COMMUNITY DEVELOP	1316-1324
F07	DA WORTHLESS CHK	1202-1226
		\$1,710,707.68
		\$1,525,940.15
		\$2,912,910.16
		\$97,292.13
		\$239,709.83
		\$884.31
		\$118.09
		\$23.84
		\$243,230.17
		\$17,082.17
		\$5,047.38

CHECKED BY: *Wm Lamb*  
 WILLIAM M. LAMB, ACCOUNTING MANAGER

APPROVED BY TUSCALOOSA COUNTY COMMISSION:

CHAIRMAN, W. HARDY MCCOLLUM *W Hardy McCollum*

COMMISSIONER, MIKE RICHARDSON *Mike Richardson*

COMMISSIONER, GARY YOUNGBLOOD *Gary Youngblood*

COMMISSIONER, BOBBY MILLER *Bobby Miller*

COMMISSIONER, REGINALD MURRAY *Reginald Murray*

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