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The Dale County Commission convened in regular session Monday, August 13, 2012. The following members were present: Judge Eunice Hagler, Chairperson; District One Commissioner Douglas M. Williamson; District Two Commissioner Steve McKinnon; District Three Commissioner Charles W. Gary; and District Four Commissioner Kurt McDaniel.

Judge Hagler called the meeting to order at 6:00 p. m. Commissioner McKinnon opened with the Pledge to Allegiance. Commissioner Williamson followed with prayer.

APPROVED – MINUTES – JULY 23, 2012 REGULAR SESSION

Mr. McKinnon made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2012 regular session. Mr. Williamson seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION & AGREEMENT BETWEEN DALE COUNTY AND ALDOT – RE: CO RD 59
#2012-08-13-01

Mr. Gary made a motion to approve the Resolution and Agreement between Dale County and The Alabama Department of Transportation for the preliminary engineering on the resurfacing of County Road 59 from SR 53 (US 231) to Hinton Waters Avenue. Mr. McDaniel seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION & AGREEMENT BETWEEN DALE COUNTY AND ALDOT – RE: SIGN UPGRADES -
#2012-08-13-02

Mr. McDaniel made a motion to approve the Resolution and Agreement between Dale County and the Alabama Department of Transportation for the sign upgrades on various county roads. Mr. Gary seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN DALE COUNTY AND ALDOT – RE: DIGITAL INFORMATION (GIS)
#2012-08-13-03

Upon request of Revenue Commissioner Eleanor Outlaw, Mr. Gary made a motion to approve the Digital Information Cooperative Agreement between Dale County and the Alabama Department of Transportation. Mr. Williamson seconded the motion. All vote aye. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUEST

Mr. McDaniel made a motion to approve the following travel requests:

Mary Russell – Commission Office		
2012 Benefits Conference	August 30, 2012	Millbrook, AL

Mr. Williamson seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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MEMORANDUM OF WARRANTS

Mr. McDaniel made a motion to approve the memorandum of warrants. (Payroll check numbers 1519983-152124, Payroll direct deposit numbers 7628-7810, and Accounts Payable check numbers 59586-59762). Mr. Gary seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

WORK REQUEST – TOWN OF GRIMES

Mr. Gary made a motion to approve the work request from the Town of Grimes for work on CR 25 and CR 112 to include ditching and pipe cleaning. This work will be done at 100% reimbursement by the requesting entity. Mr. McKinnon seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

WORK REQUEST – RODEO COMMITTEE

Mr. Williamson made a motion to approve the work request from the Rodeo Committee for dirt from the County pit to be made available to them and for the County to mow the grassy areas around the Agplex Arena before August 17, 2012. Mr. McKinnon seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

“RETIREES ON MEDICARE” INSURANCE PREMIUMS

Mr. McKinnon made a motion that the Dale County Commission pay 90% of the health insurance premium for any eligible retired employee who reaches the age of 65 and changes over to the status of “retiree on Medicare”, and continue to pay 90% of this premium for a period of 5 years. He further moved that this policy be cancellable upon 90 days notice to such retired employees and passage of a resolution about the same by the Dale County Commission. After some discussion about the wording of the motion as agreed upon in the work session, Mr. McKinnon amended his motion to read that the Dale County Commission pay 90% of the health insurance premium for any eligible retired employee who reaches the age of 65 and changes over to the status of “retiree on Medicare” and continue to pay 90% of this premium for a period of 5 years. Mr. Williamson seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

APPROVED – LETTER SUPPORTING BLACK FOREST INDUSTRIAL PARK - #2012-08-13-04

Mr. McKinnon made a motion to approve a letter supporting the development and marketing of Black Forest Industrial Park as a designated industrial AdvantageSite and authorize the Chair to sign. Mr. Williamson seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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CARRYOVER FROM WORK SESSION
DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS – COUNTY OFFICE SPACE

Mr. Williamson stated that he would like to see the Dale County School Board move to the Government Building and move the tax and title offices over to the Creel Richardson Building. He said the Creel Richardson Building has a lot to offer – a huge amount of space for storage, handicapped accessibility, and 20-25 parking spaces in back. He also stated that the building had a vault, plenty of room that would alleviate lines outside the building and moving these offices would give the opportunity to renovate the offices they occupy now.

The Chair asked if Mr. Williamson was talking about moving all of the Revenue Commissioner's offices or just the ones mentioned.

Mr. Williamson stated that he was unsure if all could move but he would like to keep them all together if possible.

Mr. McKinnon stated that he would like to see the Commission utilize the Government Building for all County services by moving the Revenue Commissioner's Offices to the Government Building. He said that we have basically a \$100,000 building sitting here, which is approximately its' worth on a yearly basis. He stated that if they are not moved to this location (Gov't Bldg) the Commission will be faced with renovating another building – where this building would take very little to renovate, has ample space for customers that are required to go to the Revenue Commissioner's offices. He said that everything could be taken care of in County business in one building except Court services. Mr. McKinnon stated that the only thing the Commission would have to add would be an additional parking lot. He said that there is handicapped accessibility and great amenities that come with a good building. He also added that, if reading correctly the book from the Sheriff on the Federal mandates for safety at the Courthouse, if Revenue Commissioner's Offices were move out of the Courthouse, 90% of those requirements could be met and bring Courthouse to Federal standards. This could be a major liability one day, he added.

Mr. Gary stated that for the saving of the taxpayers' money he was for moving the Revenue Commissioner's Offices to the Government Building. He said that the Revenue Commissioner has commented on needing extra space – not sure for storage or for operating space – but the best use of this facility (Gov't Bldg) is for Revenue Commissioner's offices, and beneficial to the taxpayer – that's where we are spending taxpayer money. He stated that we should utilize this (Gov't Bldg) space for the Revenue Department: moving to the School Board (Creel Richardson) Building there is more space to renovate and he does not see the cost effectiveness. Mr. Gary stated again that the best way to utilize this property (Gov't Bldg) is with the Revenue Offices and will put that department long-term with plenty of room and will not be trapped at the Courthouse like now

Mr. Williamson stated that if the Revenue offices moved to the Government Building that with the amount of money the Revenue handles every day there would have to be a uniformed officer with them and that would be an additional cost, and there is not vault to lock thing up.

Mr. Gary said that there need to be a uniformed officer here now; the side doors are having to be locked now.

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Mr. McKinnon stated that there would have to be a uniformed officer wherever the Revenue Offices were moved to. He also said a vault is in pieces and can be brought in any door and assembled on site.

Mr. McDaniel stated that at first he was not really sold on the idea of moving the Revenue offices to the Government Building. He said that everyone agrees that the 1st option of moving to the old WalMart Building was a good choice, but sometimes it doesn't work out, and sometimes the 2nd best chance becomes the 1st option and that would be the case here by utilizing this space (Gov't Bldg).

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

Revenue Commissioner Eleanor Outlaw told the Commissioners that any move right now would hurt the citizens due to new legislation and the interaction between her offices and the Probate Offices.

Several employees of the Revenue Commissioner's offices spoke to Commission to express their feelings on moving their offices from the Courthouse.

REPORTS

Commissioner Williamson made the following request: A person called and reported that there might be a safety hazard on County Road 241. I would like to ask the County Engineer and the County Attorney to investigate these concerns and report back to the Commission at the next meeting.

County Manager Frank Carroll told the Commissioners that he had given them a copy of the General Fund budget and that he would work the Department heads over the next two weeks and try to work out some the issues.

Judge Hagler announced that the Pro Rodeo Classic would be at the AgPlex Arena on Friday and Saturday, August 17 and 18, 2012. Gates open at 6 pm and the Rodeo starts at 8 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENT – NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Judge Hagler announced that the next regular meeting of the Dale County Commission would be Monday, August 27, 2012 at 6:00 pm. There will be a work session beginning at 4:30 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT: CONFIRMATORY STATEMENT

Mr. McDaniel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. McKinnon seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

It is hereby ordered the foregoing documents, resolutions, etc., be duly confirmed and entered into the minutes of the Dale County Commission as its official actions.