

April 17, 2012

The Marshall County Commission met in special session on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at 10:00 am. in the Marshall County Commission Chambers.

PRESENT WERE:

James Hutcheson, Chairman
William H. Stricklend, III, Dist. 1 Commissioner
James Maze, Dist. 2 Commissioner
Richard Kilgore, Dist. 3 Commissioner
Tamey Hale, Dist. 4 Commissioner
Shelly Fleisher, County Administrator
Jennifer Lewis, Commission Clerk
Bob Pirando, County Engineer
Karen Young, Administrative Assistant
Clint Maze, County Attorney

Chairman Hutcheson called the meeting to order and asked Matt Arnold with Marshall County Economic Development to come forward for public comment.

Mr. Arnold spoke regarding TVA in-lieu of tax money and distribution of this revenue stream with regard to how it affects the Marshall County Economic Development. This financial support allows the Economic Development Council to recruit new industries for Marshall County. He stated the Pinnacle Company will be bringing in 50 new jobs this year for Marshall County. Mr. Arnold stated the stable funding of the TVA in lieu of tax money allows the Marshall County Economic Development Authority stable funding. They still recruit private industry funding and this allows them to be more competitive for Marshall County.

Chairman Hutcheson stated that he wishes for the Marshall County Commission to continue to work with Marshall County Economic Development.

Commissioner Stricklend asked Mr. Arnold to discuss the 1% incentive. The TVA in-lieu of tax funding in the proposed bill by the Marshall County Legislative Delegation puts the Marshall County Economic Development Authority in a position to compete more aggressively for future business and industry growth for Marshall County.

Chairman Hutcheson did a roll call of the Commissioners and all were present. He then led the invocation and asked Commissioner Kilgore to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Hutcheson then asked Judy Miller, Executive Director for Marshall County Legislative Office to read a letter from the delegation. A copy of this letter was hand delivered to the Commission.

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James Hutcheson, Chairman
Marshall County Commission
424 Blount Avenue
Guntersville, AL 35976

Dear Chairman Hutcheson and Commissioners:

Since the legislative delegation is in session today in Montgomery and unable to attend this meeting, we want to reaffirm to you our commitment to fostering growth and development in Marshall County. We believe that it is only through the recruitment of jobs and the full employment of our citizens that our community will prosper. Economic

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development is critical for the future of our county and each city and community within the county. To say that and not back it up would simply be rhetorical and would not prepare our county to be strongly competitive in recruiting industrial prospects.

The delegation recognizes that the bulk of revenue in Marshall County is not made up of TVA money, but rather, represents tax payments of people who live here and hold jobs, and businesses who employ our citizens. That should be a compelling reason to actively plan and prepare for future development and for everyone to share in a small investment toward that goal.

The formulary change in TVA in-lieu of tax funding in the proposed bill puts the Marshall County Economic Development Council in a position to realize some measure of growth as the county's share of TVA money increases in the future and will enable them to develop and support manufacturing and industrial projects. As stated previously, the legislative delegation will use our best efforts to reimburse the difference it makes to your current level of funding from other funds not earmarked in that bill.

We encourage you to join with us as we seek to take this county to new heights of prosperity which can only be achieved through good job opportunities which pay good wages, and then recirculates throughout our economy. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us directly.

Sincerely,

s/Clay Scofield
Long

Clay Scofield
State Senator, Dist 9
Representative, Dist 27

s/Kerry Rich

Kerry Rich
Representative, Dist 26

s/Wes

Wes Long

Commissioner Stricklend stated he, as well as Commissioner Kilgore, Commissioner Hale and Chairman Hutcheson have been in contact with Senator Scofield, Representative Rich and Representative Long with regard to this bill and they have Marshall County's full support. They have also been in contact with the cities in Marshall County relaying this information. Commissioner Maze fully supports this bill but is unhappy with finding out about this information via the newspaper.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stricklend, duly seconded by Commissioner Kilgore, all members voting affirmatively, and so carried to support TVA in-lieu of tax to establish a 5% increase for a total of 6% along with a reduction of the fixed amount of \$200,000, resulting in a net increase to the Marshall County Economic Development Authority. The Marshall County Commission will work closely with Marshall County Legislative Delegation to see that this comes to fruition.

DISCUSS HB543 – DISPOSITION OF FUNDS COLLECTED FROM CERTAIN PETROLEUM INSPECTION FEES; INCREASE IN THE PERCENTAGE OF PROCEEDS DEPOSITED IN THE AGRICULTURAL FUND

Chairman Hutcheson opened discussion for HB543 – disposition of funds collected from certain petroleum, inspection fees. This will increase the percentage from 5% to 10%. County Administrator Shelly Fleisher stated the amount will be \$6,000-\$7,000 annually. These funds can be used with the A-trip program for federal match money funding.

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Commissioner Stricklend states the A-trip program is well advertised and Marshall County Commission has submitted for several large projects and infrastructure is the key to economic development. This house bill will divert 5% across the state of the \$.02 inspection fee. Union Grove road is largest project Marshall County has submitted so far. As a county commission we would need to discuss this further. His position on this is to oppose this bill due to the A-trip program being available to the county.

Commissioner Maze also states he opposes this bill due to how it affects funding for such programs as the A-trip program.

Commissioner Kilgore is opposed to this bill due to lack of funding the county and the importance of infrastructure.

Commissioner Hale also opposes this bill due to the financial impact.

A motion was made by Commissioner Maze, duly seconded by Commissioner Kilgore, all members voting affirmatively, and so carried to make a resolution to the Marshall County Legislative Delegation and Sonny Brasfield opposing this bill and any money being taken from the county.

Commissioner Stricklend asked for a discussion on this matter. He then requested this resolution ask the Marshall County Legislative Delegation to support by voting no in opposition to this bill and the motion be amended.

Commissioner Maze then amended his motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Kilgore, all members voting affirmatively, and so carried to request a resolution to the Marshall County Legislative Delegation and Sonny Brasfield to support the Marshall County Commission's opposition to this bill.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business; a motion was made by Commissioner Hale, duly seconded by Commissioner Kilgore, all members voting affirmatively, and so carried to adjourn.

MEETING ADJOURNED

James Hutcheson, Chairman

William H. Stricklend, District 1 Commissioner

James Maze, District 2 Commissioner

Richard Kilgore, District 3 Commissioner

Tamey Hale, District 4 Commissioner