

**Cleburne County Commission Meeting Minutes
Continued Commission Meeting December 17, 2018
Cleburne County Mountain Center**

Roll Call:

Present:

Chairman Ryan Robertson
Commissioner Laura Cobb
Commissioner Emmett Owen
Commissioner Terry Hendrix
Commissioner Jake Durham

Absent:

None

A. Tax Abatement for Bennett Plants, LLC

Action as related to **Resolution #4943**

Motion made by Commissioner Emmett Owen, Seconded by Commissioner Jake Durham to approve this resolution.

In Support: Commissioners Laura Cobb, Emmett Owen, Terry Hendrix and Jake Durham

In Opposition: None

Motion Passed

Resolution #4943

Whereas, Bennett Plants, LLC, an Alabama limited liability company (the "Company"), has announced plans to acquire construct and equip a major expansion to its existing facility for the growth of succulent plants, the manufacture of concrete pots and the assembly and distribution of potted household decorative plants and related products (the "Project"), located at 272 County Road 854, in unincorporated Cleburne County, Alabama (the "County") within the jurisdiction of The Industrial Development Board of the City of Heflin, an Alabama public corporation (the "Granting Authority"); and

Whereas, pursuant to the Tax Incentive Reform Act of 1992 (Section 40-9B-1 *et seq.*, Code of Alabama 1975) (the "Act") the Company has requested that the Granting Authority grant an abatement of all eligible state and County non-educational property taxes, except property taxes levied for fire protection in the County, and all state and County construction-related transaction taxes, except those local construction related transaction taxes levied for educational purposes or for capital improvements for education; and

Whereas, pursuant to Act 2016-405, the Granting Authority needs authorization from the County to grant the abatements described herein, as there are no corresponding municipal taxes applicable to the Project or the Company, within the meaning of the Act;

Now Therefore, be it resolved by the Cleburne County Commission (the "Commission") that the Commission authorizes the Granting Authority to grant an abatement to the Company of any eligible County tax levied by the County, in accordance with the Act. This authorization is intended to comply with the provisions of Section 40-9B-5(b) (1) c. of the Act and shall be interpreted liberally to accomplish the purposes described herein.

B. Contract for Courthouse Roof

Action as related to **Resolution #4944**

Motion made by Commissioner Emmett Owen, Seconded by Commissioner Jake Durham to approve this resolution.

In Support: Commissioners Laura Cobb, Emmett Owen, Terry Hendrix and Jake Durham

In Opposition: None

Motion Passed

Resolution #4944

Whereas, upon recommendation of Project Manager Harold Forsyth, the Cleburne County Commission has awarded the bid for the replacement of the roof at the courthouse to Standard Roofing pending approval of the bid price by the County's insurance carrier; and

Whereas, the insurance carrier has agreed to pay the low bid less the contingencies added by the Commission.

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission agrees to proceed with a contract with Standard Roofing as detailed in the bid specifications and authorizes the Chairman to sign.

For the record-Commissioner Owen was absent from the December 10, 2018, Commission meeting in which this resolution was presented for approval, therefore it was moved to this continued meeting for approval.

There was no further business to come today before the Commission for the meeting.

Action as related to Resolutions #4945:

Motion made by Commissioner Jake Durham, Seconded by Commissioner Terry Hendrix

In Support: Commissioners Laura Cobb, Emmett Owen, Terry Hendrix, and Jake Durham

In Opposition: None

Motion Passed

Resolution #4945

The Commission meeting is adjourned.