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STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF COVINGTON

ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA
DECEMBER 15, 2004

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, convened in a Special Meeting on Wednesday, December 15, 2004, at 12:00 Noon, in the auditorium in City Hall Building at 505 East Three Notch Street, for the purpose of authorizing the execution of Natural Resources Conservation Service Emergency Watershed Protection Program grant documents. The roll was checked by City Clerk Pam Steele and those present and those absent were as follows:

PRESENT:

Jerry B. Andrews, Mayor
Bridges D. Anderson, Councilman
Michael L. Jones, Jr., Councilman
Andy Alexander, Councilman
Don Cotton, Councilman

ABSENT:

Terry Powell, Councilman
Tom Albritton, City Attorney

Mayor Andrews presided at the meeting and called the meeting to order. The Mayor stated that a quorum was present and asked the Councilmembers to join in signing the following Waiver, after which the meeting would be open for business.

WAIVER OF NOTICE

We, the undersigned members of the City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, do hereby waive notice of a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Andalusia, at 12:00 Noon, December 15, 2004 for the above purpose. Witness our hands this 15th day of December, 2004.

Jerry B. Andrews, Mayor

Bridges D. Anderson, Councilman

Michael L. Jones, Jr., Councilman

Andy Alexander, Councilman

Don Cotton, Councilman

Terry Powell, Councilman

COUNCIL AUTHORIZES MAYOR TO EXECUTE EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROTECTION GRANT DOCUMENTS:

Mayor Andrews stated that the City applied for an Emergency Watershed Protection Grant (EWP) through the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service approximately a year ago. He said these grant funds were to be used to complete three drainage projects located throughout the City; however, we only recently received notification that these projects were approved. In the meantime, two of the original projects were repaired by the Public Works Department and one of the projects was partially completed. He said Mr. Jim Hogg has been working with Conservation Service staff to identify other areas in need of improvement that also qualify for the EWP Program. He asked Mr. Hogg to brief the City Council on these proposed projects.

Public Works Director Jim Hogg reviewed the scope of work of two projects as follows:

- 1) Drainage Improvements on Berman, Marie, Linda, & Faye Streets

Mr. Hogg stated that this project will be completed using City forces and the 25% matching funds required by the grant will be satisfied with in-kind work. He said this project has already been partially completed, but this \$50,000 grant will provide funds for the completion of the project.

- 2) Drainage Improvements off Choctaw Street

Mr. Hogg reviewed the scope of work of the project and recommended this \$65,000 project be completed with contract work. He said the engineering design work required could serve as the City's 25% match. He said City forces could complete this work, but it will tie up the Public Works Department's construction crew for a lengthy period of time.

There was a brief discussion regarding whether the Choctaw Street Project should be completed with contract labor or City forces, and whether the City Council should appropriate funds for the design work. Following the discussion, it was decided that Mr. Hogg should get an estimate for the engineering work and this would be presented to the City Council for an appropriation at a later date.

A motion was then made by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously voted to authorize Mayor Andrews to execute the documents required by the Emergency Watershed Protection Grant Program.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Council, and upon the motion being duly made, seconded, and unanimously voted, the meeting was adjourned.

THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

BY: _____
Jerry B. Andrews, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pam Steele, City Clerk