

MACON COUNTY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2019  
6:00 P.M.

A G E N D A

- I. CALL TO ORDER
  - Invocation
  - Pledge of Allegiance
  - Acknowledgement
- II. ROLL CALL to ESTABLISH QUORUM
  - HONORABLE MILES D. ROBINSON, DISTRICT ONE
  - HONORABLE EDWARD HUFFMAN, DISTRICT TWO
  - HONORABLE ANDREW D. THOMPSON JR, DISTRICT THREE
  - HONORABLE ROBERT M. BERRY, DISTRICT FOUR
- III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
- IV. SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING (S)
- V. PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS  
(Limited to 3-minutes, no more than two speakers on the same subject)
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS
- VII. AWARDS & PRESENTATION(S)
  - Employees of the Month 2019 (Proclamation)
    - o Marlin King, MC Public Transportation
  - 2020 CENSUS – Savitri Reed
- VIII. CONSENT AGENDA
  - ADOPTION OF MINUTES
    - January 14, 2019, January 25, 2019, January 28, 2019
  - PAYMENT OF BILLS/INVOICES
    - January 2019
    - Overtime
      - MC Revenue Commission
      - General & Gasoline Fund
- IX. NEW BUSINESS
  - RESOLUTION
    - Emergency Ambulance Tax
  - BOARD APPOINTMENT
    - MC Water Authority
  - MILLAGE LEVY COUNTY TAXES 2019
  - ABC LICENSE APPLICATION
  - ALCOHOLIC LICENSING COUNTY LEVIES
  - PERSONNEL ACTION(S)
    - MC Sheriff – Completed Probation
    - MC Jail
- X. OLD BUSINESS
  - MC BOARD OF EDUCATION
    - Sales Tax
  - FUEL TAX
  - BOARD APPOINTMENT(S)
    - M.C. HCA
      - At-Large
  - BIDS
    - Opening, Receiving, Awarding

X. REPORTS FROM CHAIRMAN and STAFF

- CHAIRMAN
- FINANCE DIRECTOR
- COUNTY ENGINEER
- COUNTY ATTORNEY
- COMPLIANCE OFFICER
- EMA DIRECTOR
- RSVP DIRECTOR
- COMMUNITY CORRECTION DIRECTOR
- TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR

XI. DISCUSSION ITEM(S) BY COMMISSIONERS

(Discussion Items May Only Be Acted upon by Affirmative Vote of All Commissioners in Attendance.)

XII. RECESS/ADJOURNMENT

Meeting: Continuation Meeting  
(Safe Room- Dist #1)  
Date: January 28, 2019  
Time: 9:00 am  
Location: Annex

**Meeting Called to Order:**

- The Honorable Louis Maxwell, Chariman

**Offering of Prayer:**

- The Honorable Edward Huffman, Commissioner District #2

**Present Commissioners:**

- The Honorable Miles D. Robinson, Commissioner District #1
- The Honorable Edward Huffman, Commissioner District #2
- The Honorable Robert Berry, Commissioner District #4

**Staff:**

- Erika Collins, Administrative Assistant

**Topics of Discussion:**

1. Commissioner Berry moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Huffman, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**

**Note: Presentation: Storm Shelter Safe Room- Dist. 1, Eddie Culpepper**

2. Commissioner Robinson moved to let bids for Storm Shelter Safe Room- District-1 to be received at the March 11, 2019 Regular Commission Meeting at District-2 Center. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Berry, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**
3. Commissioner Berry moved to adjourn @ 10:20am.

MACON COUNTY COMMISSION  
Continuation Meeting (Storm Shelter)  
January 28, 2019

  
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Honorable Louis Maxwell, Chairman

  
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Honorable Miles Robinson, Dist. #1

  
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Honorable Edward Huffman, Dist. #2

  
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Honorable Andrew Thompson, Dist. #3

  
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Honorable Robert M. Berry, Dist. #4

ATTEST:

  
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Erika Collins, Administrative Assistant

Meeting: **Special Call Meeting**  
(Courthouse Fire Damages)  
Date: January 25, 2019  
Time: 9:00 am  
Location: Annex

**Meeting Called to Order:**

- The Honorable Louis Maxwell, Chariman

**Offering of Prayer:**

- The Honorable Edward Huffman, Commissioner District #2

**Present Commissioners:**

- The Honorable Miles D. Robinson, Commissioner District #1
- The Honorable Edward Huffman, Commissioner District #2
- The Honorable Robert Berry, Commissioner District #4

**Staff:**

- Susan B. Thomas, Finance Director
- Erika Collins, Administrative Assistant

**Topics of Discussion:**

1. Commissioner Berry moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Huffman, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**
2. Commissioner Berry moved to approved the request from Finance Director to amend the Reappraisal 2018-2019 budget to carry-over the amount of \$67,150.55. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Huffman, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**
3. Commissioner Robinson moved to declare a State of Emergency for Macon County Courthouse because of fire in the Macon County Probate Judge Office. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Huffman, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**
4. Commissioner Robinson moved to approved the request of Chairman to hire Provision Contractor to repair Courthouse fire damages to the Office of Probate Judge. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Huffman, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**
5. Commissioner Robinson moved to recess at 10:26am, to be continued, January 28, 2019 @ 9:00am regarding the Storm Shelter/Dist #1. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Berry, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**

MACON COUNTY COMMISSION  
Continuation Meeting (Courthouse Fire- Probate)  
January 25, 2019

  
Honorable Louis Maxwell, Chairman

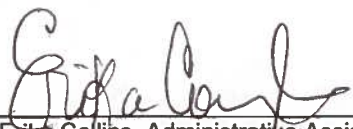
  
Honorable Miles Robinson, Dist. #1

  
Honorable Edward Huffman, Dist. #2

  
Honorable Andrew Thompson, Dist. #3

  
Honorable Robert M. Berry, Dist. #4

ATTEST:

  
Erika Collins, Administrative Assistant

Meeting: Regular Meeting  
Date: January 14, 2019  
Time: 6:00 pm  
Location: Annex (Tuskegee, AL)

**Meeting Called to Order:**

- The Honorable Louis Maxwell, Chariman

**Offering of Prayer:**

- Marlin King, Rural Transportation Coordinator

**Present Commissioners:**

- The Honorable Miles D. Robinson, Commissioner District #1
- The Honorable Edward Huffman, Commissioner District #2
- The Honorable Andrew Thompson, Commissioner District #3
- The Honorable Robert Berry, Commissioner District #4

**Staff:**

- Susan B. Thomas, Finance Director
- Gertrude S. Benjamin, Personnel Director/Treasurer
- Erika Collins, Administrative Assistant
- Attorney Bridgett Gray

**Topics of Discussion:**

1. Commissioner Robinson moved to adopt the amended agenda to include Courthouse Fire, Ambulance Service, Sales Tax Macon County School Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**
2. Commissioner Robinson moved to adopt the minutes for 12/10/2018 with any necessary corrections if there be any. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Berry, and the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**
3. Commissioner Berry moved to adopt a Proclamation honoring the Employee of the Month Mr. Jonathan Davis, Community Corrections for January 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**
4. Commissioner Robinson moved to approve, payment of bills and invoices for December 2018 upon review and signatures of the Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson, and the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**
5. Commissioner Berry moved to approve budgeted overtime for general and gasoline funds for January 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**
6. Commissioner Robinson moved to adopt the **Resolution #12102018** for Interstate I-14. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**
7. Commissioner Huffman moved to adopt a proclamation for Willie Lee Haygood's (at Large Position) Retirement effective 01/15/2019 from Macon County DHR Board, thanking him for the many years of service. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**
8. Commissioner Huffman moved to adopt a proclamation for Shirley Johnson's Retirement effective 02/01/2019 from Macon County DHR, representing as a board member thanking her for the many years of service. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**
9. Commissioner Thompson moved to appoint Jonathan Davis to the Macon County DHR Board replacing Willie Haygood's to fill the unexpired term. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**
10. Commissioner Berry moved to appoint Larry Kenneth Young to replace Shirley Johnson, (Retired) to fill the unexpired term on the DHR Board representing District-4. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Huffman, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**

11. Commissioner Robinson moved to authorize the MCC to be area worksite for Alabama Career Tech. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Huffman, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**

**Note:** Dr. Jacqueline Brooks, Presentation during the work session regarding the Request for a (.1 cent sales tax) was introduced to the Macon County Commission. **(No Action was taken).**

**Note:** Chairman Maxwell mention the Courthouse fire covered a small area to the Office of Probate Judge will be discussed during a Special Meeting, 01/25/2019 @ 10:00am.

12. Commissioner Berry moved to hire Raymond Williams, temporary to a regular full-time employee at Road and Bridge at the same rate of pay effective 01/21/2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Huffman, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**

**NOTE: Report: Engineer's, (Copy of Report on File)**

13. Commissioner Robinson moved to accept the Engineer's written report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**

**NOTE: Report: Compliance's, (Copy of Report on File)**

14. Commissioner Huffman moved to accept the Compliance's written report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**

15. Commissioner Berry moved to approve the EMA's request to purchase a new radio from Southern Link. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**

**NOTE: Report: EMA's, (Copy of Report on File)**

16. Commissioner Thompson moved to accept the EMA's written report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Huffman, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**

**NOTE: Report: RSVP Director's, (Copy of Report on File)**

17. Commissioner Robinson moved to accept the RSVP Director's written report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Huffman, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**

**NOTE: Report: Community Correction's, (Copy of Report on File)**

18. Commissioner Robinson moved to accept the Community Correction's written report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Huffman, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**

**NOTE: Report: Rural Transportation's, (Copy of Report on File)**

19. Commissioner Huffman moved to accept the Rural Transportation's written report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**

**Note: Public Hearings/Community District meetings and dates to address the following:**

**-Problems/Concerns for Healthcare Service**

**-Gas Tax/Sales Tax/Assessment Fees**

-Dist.#4:	CR-27	Jan. 22, 2019 @ 6:00pm
-Dist.#2:	Cotton Valley Center	Jan. 24, 2019 @ 6:00pm
-Dist.#3:	Prairie Farm/Tysonville	Jan. 29, 2019 @ 6:00pm
-Dist.#1:	Chisholm Center	Jan. 30, 2019 @ 6:00pm

20. Commissioner Berry moved to adjourn @ 7:22pm.

MACON COUNTY COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting (Annex)  
January 14, 2019

  
Honorable Louis Maxwell, Chairman

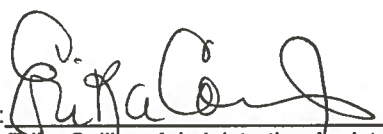
  
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Honorable Edward Huffman, Dist. #2

  
Honorable Andrew Thompson, Dist. #3

  
Honorable Robert M. Berry, Dist. #4

ATTEST:

  
Erika Collins, Administrative Assistant



PROCLAMATION

In Recognition of  
***Jonathan Davis***  
*"Employee of the Month"*  
January 2018

**WHEREAS**, Macon County Commission is the governing body which here and hereafter represents the citizens of its domain of the County of Macon and State of Alabama; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the duty and privilege of the Macon County Commission to serve the residents of Macon County, to recognize special events pertaining to the residents of the county and contributions of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the employees of the Macon County Commission nominated from among their peers a co-worker whom they feel is worthy of the designation *Employee of the Month*; and

**WHEREAS**, ***Jonathan Davis***, County Administrator provides leadership with a sense of passion and enthusiasm by being a trail blazer, who has a vested interest in making sure that the citizens in Macon County are being afforded services that are second to none, her collaborative leadership style cultivates a clear customer services focus that centers on every citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, ***Jonathan Davis***, *Employee of the Month* recipient will be honored during the month of *January 2019* by her peers; and

**WHEREAS**, ***Jonathan Davis***, relentless giving of herself to, County Government, and to the Macon County Community is worthy of recognition, congratulations and expressions of gratitude and appreciation; and

**WHEREAS**, it is with a sense of great pride that the Macon County Commission joins the Macon County employees and the Macon County Community in celebrating this accomplishments and public service contributions of ***Jonathan Davis***, *Employee of the Month*.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Louis Maxwell, Chairman along with the honorable Commissioners and all the citizens of Macon County hereby formally acknowledge

***"Jonathan Davis"***  
***"Employee of the Month"***

in recognition and appreciation for her dedicated services to humanity and to the citizens of Macon County.

**IN FURTHER RECOGNITION THEREFORE**, I, Louis Maxwell, Chairman, and on behalf of the Macon County Commission, do hereby proclaim the month of *January, 2019* as

***"EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH APPRECIATION RECOGNITION"***

in Macon County, Alabama, and encourage all Macon Countians to come forward and join in paying tribute to this individual.

In Witness Whereof, I Have Hereunto Set My Hand and Caused the Great Seal of Macon County to Be Affixed Thereto, on this the *1<sup>ST</sup>* Day of *January, 2019*.

  
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Louis Maxwell, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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Erika Collins, Administrative Assistant



Governing Body of Macon County  
Louis Maxwell, Chairman  
Commissioner Miles D. Robinson  
District 1  
Commissioner Edward Huffman  
District 2  
Commissioner Andrew D. Thompson, Jr.  
District 3  
Commissioner Robert M. Berry  
District 4

**A Resolution  
No. 01142019**

**WHEREAS**, Interstate 14 is under construction in Texas, and officially opened on January 26, 2017 near Killeen, Texas;

**WHEREAS**, the community of Natchez, Mississippi and communities in Louisiana are taking action to make an extension of I-14 a reality in their jurisdictions;

**WHEREAS**, if extended through Macon County, AL, I-14 could run along Interstate 85;

**WHEREAS**, I-14 will connect a significant number of military installations, seaports, major cities, and large highways to each other, and Macon County should share in this significant extension;

**WHEREAS**, this council desires that the local legislative delegation to the Alabama General Assembly support an extension of I-14 to and through Macon County, AL and take any appropriate legislative action concerning highway extension.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION OF MACON COUNTY HEREBY RESOLVES:**

We hereby respectfully request that the local legislative delegation to the Alabama General Assembly support an extension of I-14 to and through Macon County, AL and take any appropriate legislative action concerning highway extension. Let a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Clerk of Council to each member of the local delegation to the Alabama General Assembly.

Louis Maxwell, Chairman  
Macon County Commission

Attest:

Erika Collins, Administrative Assistant



# Interstate 14

## “Alabama’s Interstate”



Visit [my14.org/video](http://my14.org/video) for a quick synopsis of this information.

### Summary:

- I-14 will begin in west Texas (I-10) and end in Augusta, GA (I-20).
- Alabama section can begin along US 84 or US 80, connect to I-65 leading to Montgomery, connect to I-85 leading east, and finally connect to US 280 leading to Phenix City, AL.
- Numerous alternative paths are available with differing costs which means choice in budgeting and route.
- The first portion officially opened on January 26, 2017 in Killeen, TX and Fort Hood.
- I-14 Texas was Congressionally designated and is currently being built in segments.
- On January 29, 2018 members of Congress from Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi created a congressional caucus to promote the expansion of Interstate 14 and to introduce the necessary legislation to authorize that expansion.
- Little is being done in the Eastern Corridor, Alabama and Georgia.
- Places not connected to an interstate tend to be isolated.
- Middle and Southern Alabama lack the vital growth northern Alabama has been experiencing.

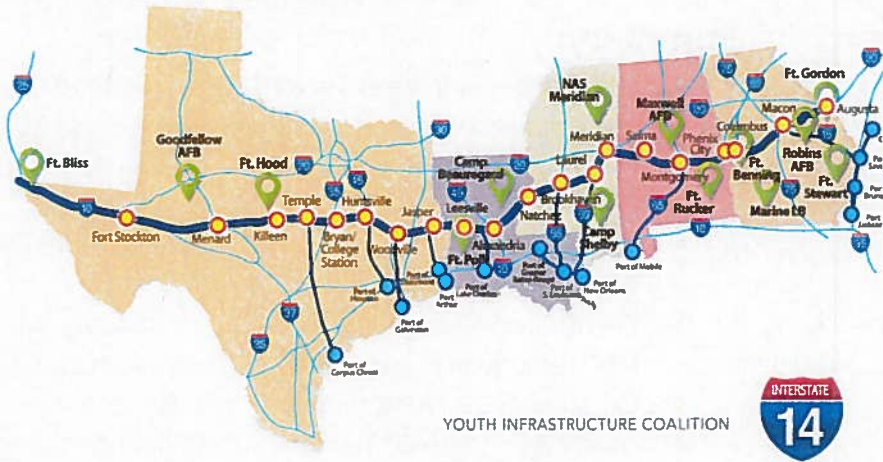
### Benefits of I-14:

#### Interstate Connection:

- I-14 will connect a significant number of military installations, seaports, major cities, and large highways to each other.
- I-14 will be a major infrastructure improvement preparing AL cities along the I-14 route for future growth. Unlike Birmingham—a city constantly trying to improve their highways to accommodate day-to-day commuter traffic—these cities will be ready because I-14 will provide an excellent east-west passage for commuters, most of it built using Federal funds.
- Middle and southern AL cities will become thru-way cities and more accessible destination cities.
- In AL, I-14 intersects other interstates and many other major highways
- Currently, east/west travel in the South is primarily along I-10 and I-20. I-14 would provide an alternative route reducing congestion in cities along these other
- I-14 will connect rural communities to cities and to one another making travel easier and aiding medical facilities in rural areas in their struggle for survival.

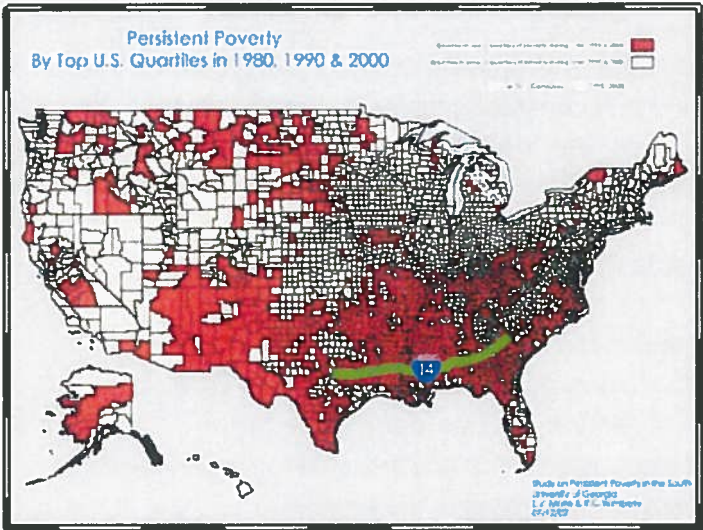
Strategic Military Impact:

- I-14, the "Forts to Ports" interstate, will connect numerous military installations facilitating rapid deployment and enhancing training opportunities.
- In Alabama, it will connect: Maxwell Gunter Air Force Base, Fort Rucker Army Base, and Mobile's port and Coast Guard Training Base will be more easily accessible.
- Because of the advantages to the military, the Department of Defense should support I-14, helping fight for funding



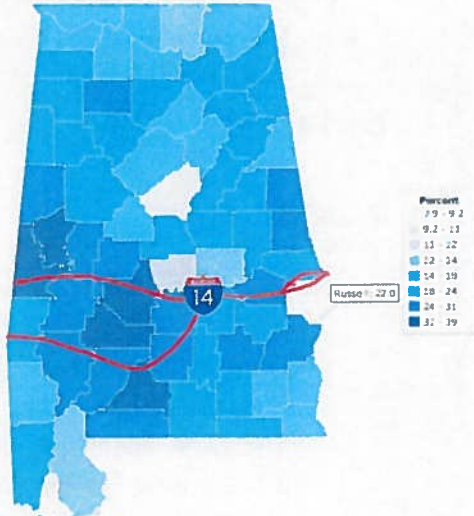
Enhanced Economic Development:

- The areas through which I-14 will run are stricken with persistent poverty. Like the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment provides equal rights to all citizens, the interstate will relieve those suffering from poverty by providing economic opportunity, thus one of its nicknames—the "14<sup>th</sup> Amendment Highway."



- It will provide these opportunities through multiple forms of business development.

Poverty by County Map of Alabama



400 Jobs Created  
"...picked the site near I-20..."

Georgia  
Macon/Bibb Co.  
300 Jobs Created  
"...northwest Meriwether County off Interstate 95..."

"Location, Location  
Many jobs are coming...Macon's location and transportation network. Interstate 75 links...I-16 to Savannah and its world-class seaport."

NWAnews.com  
Trucker moving HQ to I-30, Miller County  
"...build \$10 million HQ on I-10..."  
"...considered many locations along interstate 30..."

Phoenix longs to cash in on auto jobs  
"...would employ at least 2,000 people...West Point, Ga., and Lanett, Ala., both situated off Interstate 95, about 45 minutes north of Columbus..."

...Creeping East Down I-85...  
a new cluster has formed along Interstate 85

The Birmingham News  
Truck assembly plant great news  
"...purchases plant near I-20..."  
"...will eventually employ 1,000..."



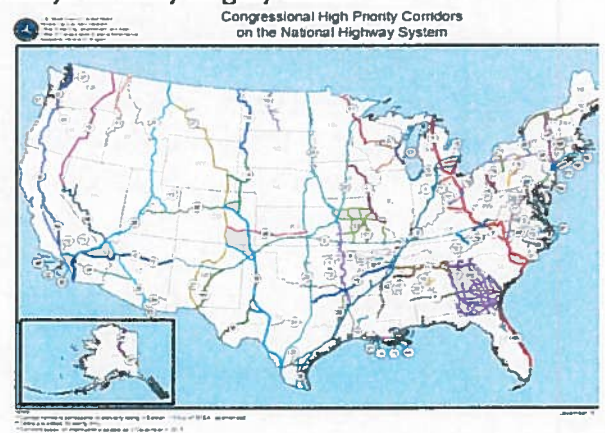
- **Travel Related Businesses** will benefit from the influx of consumers
- **Manufacturing Businesses** will be encouraged to locate near the interstate. They will be better connected to the rest of the country, making it easier ship products.
- **Agriculture Businesses** will be able to carry their perishable goods to market quicker, and migrant workers will be able to travel from farm to farm more efficiently.
- **Construction Firms** will directly benefit from the construction work and maintenance of interstate.

## Why Now?:

- So much growth is happening in Alabama and I-14 would only amplify this trend.
- National agenda includes significant spending on Infrastructure, some of which should be earmarked for I-14 development.
  - Since the Tax Bill passed, next on the list is infrastructure.
- Much of the infrastructure along the route is already in place, i.e. US 80, I-65, and I-85. (Obviously, some of it needs to be modified to meet interstate standards.)
- A huge downside to the interstate system when it was initially developed was the impact it had on pre-existing communities; however, in the largest cities I-14 goes through, this issue is moot because limited access highways already largely exist:
  - Phenix City: JR Allen Pkwy. (Hwy 80)
  - Montgomery: I-65 and I-85
- Because a part of I-14 lies on High Priority Corridors—stretches of highway Congressionally designated as needing improvement—these sections are at the top of the spending priority list. (One of these is Highway 80.)

## Why build It?:

- We are facing many transportation issues—traffic jams, bottle necks, lack of highway—I-14 would be a means to resolve several these issues for many communities.
- Alabama has a proven, positive track record with highway projects!
- There is nothing to lose with this interstate, but much to gain



## What Needs to be Done:

- Pass a resolution supporting the designation of I-14 through the respective county and/or city



### DOT Study:

[https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/section\\_1927/14th\\_amendment\\_highway/report\\_to\\_congress/report01.cfm](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/section_1927/14th_amendment_highway/report_to_congress/report01.cfm)

Information gathered and sponsored by the Youth Infrastructure Coalition. Please contact YIC at [youthinfrastructurecoalition@gmail.com](mailto:youthinfrastructurecoalition@gmail.com) or at 706-992-5208 or with any questions or requests for supplemental material.

If you would like to make a financial contribution to this cause, you can give online or by mail through the the Community Foundation of the Chattahoochee Valley, Inc. The Youth Infrastructure Coalition Fund is a component fund of the Community Foundation of the Chattahoochee Valley, Inc. All donations to the fund are subject to the Policies and Procedures of the Community Foundation. To give online, please visit <http://www.cfcv.com/Giving-Through-Us/Give-Today> and select “Youth Infrastructure Coalition Fund.” By mail, send checks or cash to 1340 13th St. Columbus, Ga. 31901. Please make checks payable to the “Youth Infrastructure Coalition Fund of the CFCV.” Thank you for your support!



@YouthInfrastructureCoalition



@YICofUSA

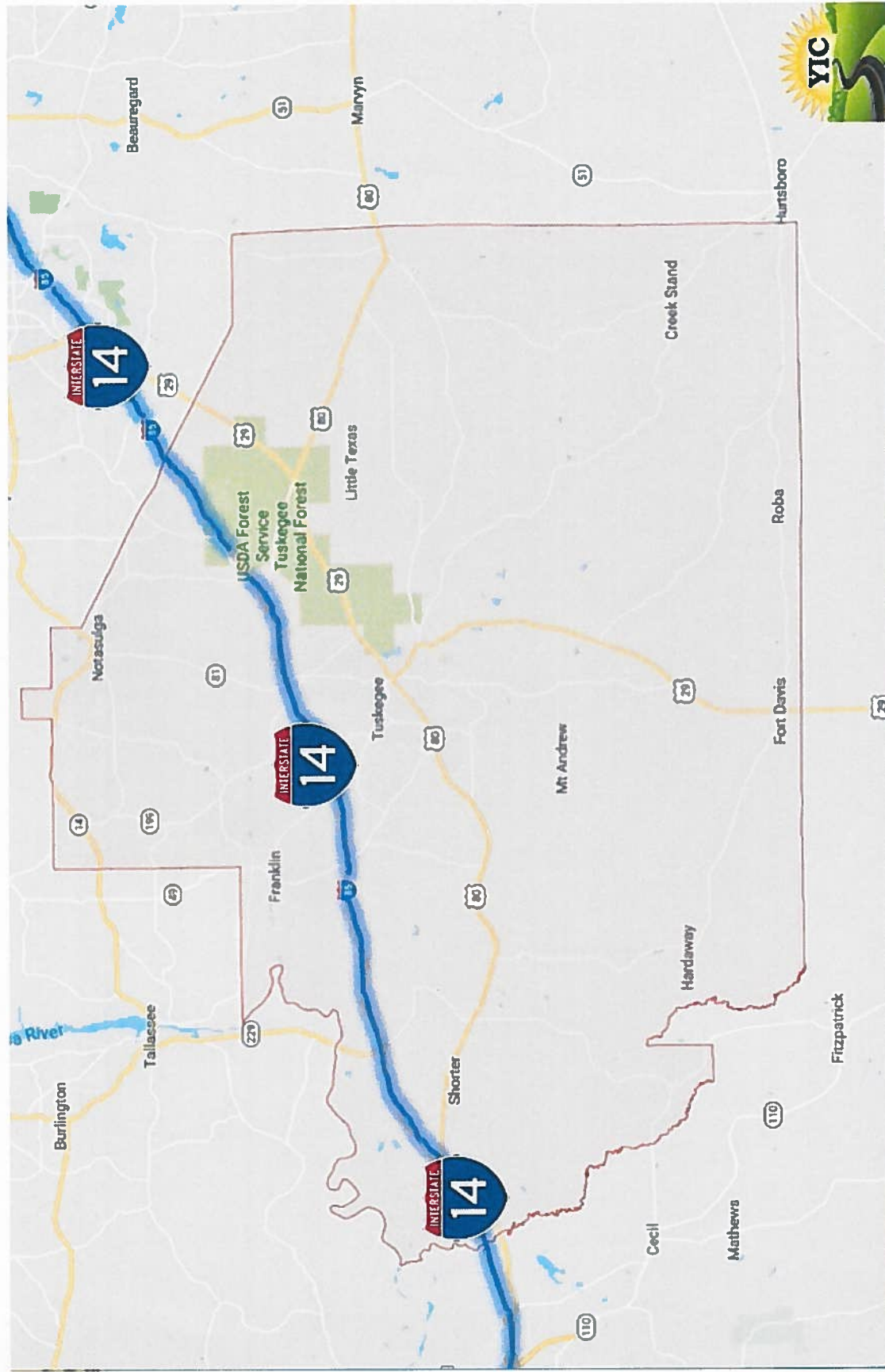


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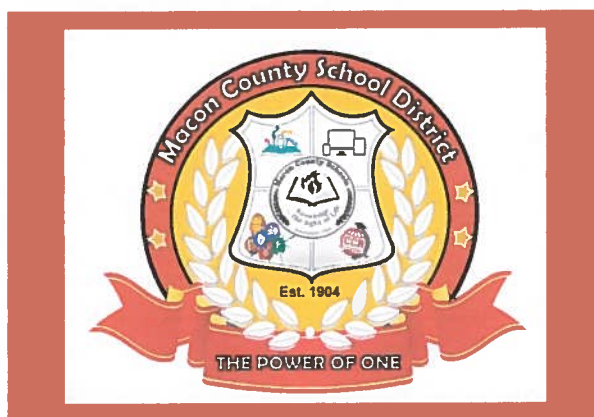


My14.org

# Macon County Route







## A Request to the Macon County Commission

Macon County Commission Chambers  
January 14, 2019  
6:00 PM

### What's our Mission?



**All Students Will Successfully Matriculate Through The  
Macon County School System And Will Graduate From  
High School Prepared To Follow A Choice For Success  
And Impact The World With Their Power Of One.**



## Why are We Here?



Jamie Vollmer says it best, "Schools can't do it alone.

We cannot touch or [improve] school systems without touching the culture of the surrounding town, having the town's support, and dealing with everything inside and outside of a school to include local attitudes, values, traditions, beliefs, and funding.

## Why are We Here?



We need the support, assistance, and help of the community commission to keep our school system financially sovereign by assessing a 1-cent sales tax for a two-year period.

## How did We get Here?



1989-2009: Few sound investments were made when funds were flowing; in fact, the system had financial takeover in 1996 to 1999

1997, 1999, 2005: Increasing debt service (\$50,000,000.00) by borrowing money on Booker T. Washington High School to pay for five new buildings (NHS, TIMS, GWC, TPS, and Transportation) and other projects at DCW and Career Tech.

2008: The Great Recession of the United States Occurred

2008: Victoryland Greyhound Racing Park's operations were significantly reduced; thereby halting payment and collection of some anticipated ad valorem taxes for the school district

2009: The state of Alabama declared proration and school district's had to return over \$2,000,000.00 dollars in funds the state would not clear through anticipated receipts

2009: The federal government declared sequestration and all federal school budgets were cut by 1%.

## How did We get Here?



2010-State funds for school districts were slashed to include allocations of \$0.00 for classroom supplies; technology; and professional development.

2010-Transportation was funded at 65% of the costs of the program; so the school district had to incur the remaining cost to the tune of \$400,000.00 per year through 2014. This burned through our reserves (savings).

2002-2018: With the exception of 2015 and 2018, the district lost more than 50 students per year. Each student lost equates to \$10,000.00 in lost revenue. Thus, a lost of 50 students equals a lost of \$500,000.00.

2012-2016: Borrowing for capital outlay projects total \$6,500,000.00 to include a new HVAC for BTW and TPS; new playgrounds at all elementary schools; stadium upgrades at both high schools and other small projects; added to debt services.

2013-Present: Victoryland Greyhound Racing Park's operations still significantly reduced; thereby halting payment and collection of some anticipated ad valorem taxes for the school district

General Fund Ending Balance Year –To – Year Comparison



General Fund Year Over Year Comparison					
Year	Beginning Balance	Total Revenue	Expenses	Actual Ending Balance	Ending Balance Without Additional Revenue
2014	\$2,140,193.16	19,022,811.28	19,001,989.84	3,263,045.08	\$1,001,891.98
2015	\$3,263,045.08	19,691,916.09	\$18,835,987.10	4,118,974.07	\$ 1,592,560.86
2016	\$4,11,974.07	17,097,932.08	18,962,742.92	2,198,717.30	\$ 2,260,670.18
2017	\$2,280,916.64	\$17,812,671.28	\$ 18,426,148.78	16,135,556.47	\$ 1,667,439.14
2018	\$1,667,439.14				\$250,000.00

\*2014 Revenue Includes \$1,102,030.48 from Victoryland Back Ad Valorem and \$1,159,122.62 from Black Belt PSCA  
\*2015 Revenue Includes \$2,470,967.28 from Victoryland Back Ad Valorem  
  
\*2017 School Nutrition Program Required Transfer for State Mandated Raises \$ 694,787.41 remained in from General Fund  
Flexed Local Capital Outlay \$400,000.00  
Total 694,787.41 + 400,000.00 = \$1,094,787.41  
One Month operating balance \$1,535,512.40

Again, why are We Here?



We need the support, assistance, and help of the community commission to keep our school system financially sovereign by assessing a 1-cent sales tax for a two-year period.

## What will a Penny do?



A penny investment will create approximately \$1,400,000.00 dollars for operations and to fill in the gap between what we expected to collect in ad valorem taxes and what we did not.

## What have We done Already?



- We have written and acquired grants that total over \$10,000,000.00
- We have eliminated over 20 positions
- We have closed two buildings—Washington Public and the 501 South School Street Office
- We have voted to close/repurpose an additional school
- We have opened a virtual school to recruit and retain students
- We employ an energy savings routine
- We flexed textbook funds, bus fleet funds, school nutrition funds and capital outlay funds for the general fund

## Are We the Only Ones Asking?

Look at what almost every other county in the state is doing for schools!




- [https://www.fox10tv.com/news/baldwin-co-school-board-asks-state-to-repeal-alabama-accountability/article\\_0ea47b6e-d661-11e8-b0bf-637e9990b488.html](https://www.fox10tv.com/news/baldwin-co-school-board-asks-state-to-repeal-alabama-accountability/article_0ea47b6e-d661-11e8-b0bf-637e9990b488.html)
- [https://www.al.com/news/huntsville/index.ssf/2018/09/madison\\_schools\\_solution\\_for\\_o.html](https://www.al.com/news/huntsville/index.ssf/2018/09/madison_schools_solution_for_o.html)
- [https://www.pearsonow.com/news/local/opelika-school-board-approves-property-tax-resolution/article\\_b76cd2c4-e7c2-11e8-b973-9b1a4f82a039.html](https://www.pearsonow.com/news/local/opelika-school-board-approves-property-tax-resolution/article_b76cd2c4-e7c2-11e8-b973-9b1a4f82a039.html)
- <http://www.wsfa.com/2018/11/14/mcboe-passes-resolution-potential-property-tax-increase/>
- <http://www.wsfa.com/story/31190898/new-tallapoosa-county-school-sales-tax-projected-to-generate-over-1m/>
- <https://www.news-press.com/story/news/education/2018/09/06/lee-county-school-board-makes-case-sales-tax-town-hall-meeting/1206748002/>
- <https://www.thewetumpkaherald.com/2017/09/07/elmore-county-schools-holds-second-budget-hearing/>

## What Other Things are Planned?



- Inventorying, leasing, and/or selling properties and other acquisitions.
- Closing/repurposing a school
- Creating a school product or services that gives the district a revenue stream
- Advocating for full operation of Victoryland Greyhound Park
- Supporting the efforts of the Macon County Economic Development Authority
- Requesting a line item of investment in each municipality's budget
- Seeking alumni support and creating a schools foundation
- Seeking support and approval for renewal of expiring milage in 2019-2020.

# How are Schools are Funded?



## Alabama Department of Education

### FY2018 LEA Unit Breakdown


FY 2018 SDE Request

Macon County Board Of Education

044

School Name	Type	ADM	Teacher Units	Principal Units	Assistant Principal Units	Counselor Units	Library Media Units	Additional Units (see note)	Career Tech Director	Career Tech Counselor	Total Units
Macon County Board Of Education		65.00	4.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.00	1.00	7.56
Booker T Washington High	S	526.55	29.34	1.00	1.00	1.50	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	33.84
DC Wolfe School	E	109.05	6.48	1.00	0.00	0.50	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.48
George Washington Carver Elementary Scho	E	470.10	32.99	1.00	0.00	0.50	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	35.49
Notasulga High School	U	287.35	16.45	1.00	0.50	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19.95
Tuskegee Public Elementary	M	342.50	15.68	1.00	0.50	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19.18
Tuskegee Institute Middle School	M	229.10	11.63	1.00	0.00	0.50	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.63
Totals:		2,029.65	117.13	6.00	2.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	2.00	1.00	138.13

# How are Schools are Funded?



Alabama State Department of Education  
Requirement to Submit P-8

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION TO  
PROPOSED FY 2018 BUDGET  
As required by Section 16-13-140, Code of Alabama 1975

18A Macon County

NAME OF SCHOOL OR COST CENTER  
TUSKEGEE PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS  
GRADE LEVELS  
K-5

I. FOUNDATION OPERATING RESOURCE  
EARNED BY SCHOOL (STATE AND LOCAL FUNDS)  
(To be completed by SDE)

ADM (Prior year used for allocation purposes)

Salary Units  
Teachers  
Principals  
Assistant Principals  
Counselors  
Librarians  
Vocational Ed Director  
Vocational Ed Counselors  
Additional Units  
Total Units

342.50  
16.68  
1.00  
2.00  
1.00  
1.00  
0  
0  
18.48

Salaries  
Fringe Benefits

942,618  
383,555

Other Current Expenses  
Classroom Instructional Support  
Student Materials (\$421,814/unit)  
Technology (\$11,513/unit)  
Library Enhancement (\$30,430/unit)  
Professional Development (\$77,881/unit)  
Common Purchases (\$0/unit)  
Textbooks (\$54,517/unit)  
Total Foundation Programs

8,341,834  
86,211  
84,130  
3043  
81,611  
0  
318,873  
1,701,114

II. PROJECTED ENROLLMENT  
(To be completed by LEA)

III. PROJECTED EMPLOYEES  
(To be completed by LEA)

Type	UNITS BY				TOTAL EMPLOYEES
	State School	Range of Public Other State	Private	Local	
Teachers	18.88		8.87		19.85
Administrators	1.88				1.88
Counselors	1.88				1.88
Apprentices	1.88				1.88
Paraprofessionals					0
Non-Teach Support		3.40	4.75		7.85
Total	18.88	3.40	7.85		29.14

IV. LOCAL SCHOOL FUNDS BUDGETED

PUBLIC  
\$ 56,684

NON-PUBLIC  
\$ 20,752

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# **-QUESTIONS/ ANSWER-**

**MACON COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE**  
Report for the County Commission  
January 14, 2018 Meeting



**Federal & State Aid Projects**

○ FHWA/ALDOT Projects

- County Road 7 & 6: Working on Plan Submittal; Projected Project cost \$1,160,000 with a county portion of \$231,400

○ FEMA Projects

- Red Creek Road: Obligated as Pre-Disaster
- Radar Station Road: Obligated as Pre-Disaster, submitted Scope of Work to meet codes and standards waiting AEMA review and FEMA preliminary review
- County Road 67 East Bridge: Sent Hydraulic Study to AEMA for review
- County Road 67 West Bridge: Sent Hydraulic Study to AEMA for review

**County Projects**

- Compiling Data for Macon County Five Year Project Plan 2019-2023
- Will receive bids on February 11, 2019 for County Road 24 from County Road 22 to US Highway 80

**Operational Items**

- Authorize to hire Dana Morgan at \$13.95/hour for Equipment Operator/CDL Driver
- Authorize Reymond Williams to Full Time Status with a 6 month probation
- Budget Revisions
  - FY 2019

Account Number	Description	Revisions
111-53700-231	REPAIR, MAINT.: BLDGS., LAND	\$5,000.00
111-53700-232	REPAIR, MAINT.: CONST EQ	\$25,000.00
111-53700-304	CONTRACT SERVICES	\$10,000.00
111-53700-225	CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT RENTAL	\$50,000.00
113-53700-541	DIRECT EQUIPT AND FURNITURE	\$150,000.00
117-53700-238	CONTRACT REPAIR & MAINT/ RDS	\$10,000.00
118-53700-213	ROAD BLDG MATERIALS	\$7,398.56

# **MACON COUNTY COMPLIANCE OFFICE**

## **MONTHLY REPORT for January 14, 2019**

**Business License:** Ongoing visits to local businesses door to door in the city and county on a daily basis about noncompliance for mandatory business license for Macon County 2019.

### **SOLID WASTE:**

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday pickup**

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday pickup for the month January 19, 2019**

- District #3 Shop – Hwy. 80 West
- District #4 Shop on Lori Lane – Notasulga, Alabama

**2019 Exemption for Solid Waste Disposal** has successful ended on **December 31, 2018.**

**Animal Control:** The calls and complaints are still coming in on a daily basis.

**Mobile Home permit:** Ongoing visits to residents who are living in mobile homes and have failed to obtain and/or correctly display a manufactured home decal.

**Are there any questions?**

**Brian Ware**

**Compliance Officer**

# Macon County Emergency Management Agency

## Director's Report

Frank H. Lee, Director

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334-421-3602 Cell

January 14, 2019

As we embark on a new year, our office wants to begin with an all-out effort to amplify the extreme importance of our continuous efforts for constant efforts to promote and practice preparedness in Macon County.

As we continue to work with the commission to assure that our emergency medical transport service is functioning well, I must inform you that our contract provider, Haynes Ambulance of Macon County has been very busy, answering calls in a timely manner.

Our office has been monitoring calls and the service has been very efficient and the response time has improved tremendously.

The ability to receive assistance from border counties has been quite efficient, as those back up services have proven quite necessary in fulfilling the rapid response.

In our opinion and based on data ascertained from our enhanced 911 database, it suggest that two full time response vehicles are necessary in serving our county's over six hundred and twenty five square miles of service area.

In further assessments, the Interstate 85 incidents are still constant and the frequent incidents between the Lee and Montgomery county boundaries are continuing to be answered primarily by our Sheriff's office in lieu of the shortages of Alabama State Troopers.

Our volunteer Fire Departments are continuing to do an awesome job in answering calls on the interstate as well.

As funds become available, we still want to provide the needed painting and in some cases waterproofing to our area Safe Rooms and requiring supplies and equipment necessary to carrying out the basic responsibilities of our office.

In addition, the Alabama Emergency Management Agency is requiring us to upgrade our radios in regard to a new radio frequency in compliance with our mutual required agreement.

The following basic information is what our office will be disseminating in regard to the importance of keeping all Macon County residents informed as we begin a New Year of Emergency Preparedness.

The importance of preparing ourselves for disasters is universal. Emergencies can happen anywhere - at home or at work - and everyone must take action to prepare for emergencies in case something unexpected happens.

However, the truth is there's no one-size-fits-all solution to being prepared. In fact, as Director of the Office of Disability Integration and Coordination for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), I'm often asked to talk about preparedness for people with disabilities and people who also have access and functional needs, such as older adults.

Through my work at FEMA over the past years, I've listened to many people with disabilities who have been impacted by disasters. After Hurricane Sandy, for example, I heard from people with disabilities who were without power for days and even weeks. Some of them relied on social media for help - connecting with neighbors, friends or family members online for solutions. Others had a harder time.

What I've learned from this experience is that everyone must be prepared to be their own "emergency manager." When disaster strikes, you may have to be able to survive on your own for 72 hours or more without access to power, food, or transportation. You also should think about your own situation and what additional needs you might have.

Supporting community preparedness is a big part of our mission, and FEMA has done a lot of research and obtained guidance from people with disabilities, usually the true experts, to ensure that everyone has the accurate information they need to be prepared. Here are some tips for people with disabilities:

The following information is a part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency universal preparedness guide.

Our office has adopted it in conjunction with The Alabama Emergency Management Agency .

- **Have an [emergency supply kit ready](#).** Make sure you have enough water, food and medications for yourself and your service animal (if you have one) to last at least three days. Think about other items you may need as well - extra eyeglasses, batteries for hearing aids, medical supplies, etc.
- **[Have an emergency communications plan in place](#).** How will you contact your family members if something happens and you're separated? Share your emergency plan with neighbors, friends and relatives so they know how to contact you if the power goes out.
- **Develop a map of resources around where you live and work** so members of your support network who are unfamiliar with your neighborhood can find and get what you



need. You may want to include nearby places to buy food and water. Also, include fire, police, other city agencies and local apartment/commercial buildings with their own sources of power should the citywide/town-wide power be out. Consider adding taxi stands/bus stops/subway stations, and parking regulations/parking lots, etc.

- **Ask others about what they will do to support you in an emergency.** If you are a person who relies on dialysis, what will your provider do if there is an emergency? If you rely on home care or deliveries, such as Meals on Wheels, ask about emergency notifications and their plan to maintain services. If you use paratransit, find out their plans for providing service in an emergency. If you use oxygen or other life-sustaining medical equipment, show friends how to use these devices so they can move you or help you evacuate, if needed. Practice your plan with the people in your personal support network.
- **Keep assistive devices and equipment charged and ready to go.** Consider having an extra battery on a trickle charger if you use a power wheelchair or scooter. If available, have a lightweight manual wheelchair for backup and extra chargers and charging cables for all assistive devices.
- **Make sure you have access to important documents.** Collect and safeguard critical documents. Store electronic copies of your important documents on a password-protected thumb drive and in the "[cloud](#)," and if you feel comfortable doing so, give a copy to a trusted relative or friend outside your area. This way, you'll have a record of critical identification documents; medical information including where and how to get life-saving supplies and medications; financial and legal documents; and insurance information as well as important phone numbers, instructions and email addresses.

Being prepared is a 365-day-a-year activity. Take charge and take control to be as prepared as possible. Then add your voice to others - with and without disabilities - to be part of the planning process in your community. [Citizen Corps](#) Councils are local planning groups that include membership from across the community. Find [your nearest council](#). Participate in America's PrepareAthon! a national, grassroots, year-round campaign for action. National PrepareAthon! Days are held every April 30th and September 30th. Find [How to Prepare Guides](#), Playbooks and other resources for multiple hazards.

Survival during a disaster should not depend solely on individual initiative, but rather collective commitment and planning by and for everyone. People with disabilities, often accustomed to thinking outside the box to accomplish daily tasks, may be master problem solvers with much expertise to offer as their communities plan for future disasters.

For more information, contact your Macon County Emergency Management Agency

334-724-2626





**Report of Mary L. Harris  
Director, Macon County RSVP  
Macon County Commission Meeting  
January 14, 2019**



Happy New Year!

The RSVP staff ended the holiday season with an opportunity to collaborate with the Tuskegee Senior Citizens Program on December 18, 2018 for the "Age of Elegance" Program. This event was well-attended. The seniors really enjoyed the program, refreshments, and the entertainment of Preston Frazier, the "One Man Band".

RSVP staff also enjoyed attending the joyful Christmas programs at the Golden Life Center of Greater St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church and Warriorstand Senior Center.

Our 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Recognition Program/Dinner was held on December 19, 2019 at the Tuskegee Municipal Complex. The dinner was catered by Blue Seas #2 Restaurant. The RSVP staff would like to take this opportunity to thank Chairman Maxwell for his continued support, the Commissioners, Mr. Frank Lee (2018 Program M/C) and all special guests who were in attendance to show appreciation to the RSVP volunteers. We are thankful every day for the time and service that the volunteers give to Macon County; however, it means so much to them to come together and to be honored by our public officials. RSVP staff also presented the RSVP volunteers with an official lapel pin to be proudly worn so that they can be identified throughout the county.

RSVP will be accepting applications for the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) beginning January 22 through April 2019 as a community outreach effort. You must be 60 years of age or older and meet the income requirements to apply for the vouchers. You may call (334) 724-2606 or come by the RSVP office in the Courthouse Annex, 210 North Elm Street, Tuskegee, AL.

As we enter this new year, we look forward to NEW volunteers. If you have the time, we will find a place for you. JOIN US! Senior volunteers must be age 55 years old and older. We are still recruiting volunteers for the Chisholm Community Center, Central Alabama Veterans Health Care Systems (Tuskegee Campus), Tuskegee Area Chamber of Commerce and the Tuskegee History Center, to name a few. For more information, you may contact the RSVP Office at (334) 724-2606 or come by the office at the Courthouse Annex, 210 North Elm Street, Tuskegee, AL. You may be semi-retired or retired to volunteer on this program.

RSVP staff thanks you for your continued support!

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Mary L. Harris*

**MARY L. HARRIS**



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Miles D. Robinson,

District 1 Commissioner

Edward Huffman,

District 2 Commissioner

Andrew D. Thompson, Jr.,

District 3 Commissioner

Robert M. Berry,

District 4 Commissioner

To: Louis Maxwell; Chairman, Macon County Commission and Commissioners  
From: Jonathan Davis; Director, Macon County Community Corrections  
Re: Monthly Report, December 2018

January 14, 2018

During the month of December the Macon County Community Corrections Program gained two new clients. There are a total of 31 clients on the program and we are monitoring all referred clients.

We have a client whom successfully completed substance abuse treatment. We continued to remove barriers of services; assisted in providing transportation, employment, substance abuse and mental health services.

We are receiving supervision fees from all our clients as well as the Diversion Reimbursement from DOC. The program has approximately collected ten thousand dollars for the month of December with those two combined.

Jonathan Davis,  
Director  
Community Corrections

## **Public Transportation Coordinators' Report**

**January 14, 2019**

- **Grand total of trips for the month of December was 343**
  - Compared to November month total which was 276
  - 236 trips in the Tuskegee area
  - 61 to the Montgomery area
  - 29 to the Shorter area
- **FY2019 RTAP Vehicle Maintenance Conference**
  - Conference January 16 at 1:00 pm and conclude January 17 at 4:00pm
  - Held Pitman Theater in Gadsden Alabama
  - Provide warranty and best mechanical practices for transit vehicle
- **Effective Documentation Strategies and Defensive Driving Certification for Transit Operators**
  - Conference January 17 at 8:00 am and conclude January 17 at 4:30pm
  - Held Wiregrass Rehabilitation Center in Dothan Alabama
  - Four of our drivers will be attending this conference
- **Bus drivers collections**
  - November collections was \$488.91
  - December collections was \$1,658.96
  - A \$340.00 invoice was sent to Cancer Wellness Foundation Of Central Alabama

Be advised that these totals do not include the funds from Medicaid, Tallassee Hospital, United Health Care, Quality Health and Prime Care, JARC, And Macon County Counsel on Retardation.

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## **The Macon County Commission will be holding a series of community meeting (Public Hearings) to discuss the following items:**

1. New Revenue to improve and develop our roads and bridges; 4 cent fuel tax (other suggestions).
2. 1 cent sales tax for a two year period to be dedicated to the Macon County School System (other suggestions).
3. Ambulance Service - \$25.00 per parcel of land per year to be dedicated to Health Care to insure that the community will have ambulance service (other suggestions).
4. Tobacco Tax - ask Legislature to redirect the portion of Tobacco Tax that was dedicated to the Macon County YMCA to be diverted the Commission Recreation budget (Approximately \$300.00 per month).

### **The meetings will be held as follows:**

- **Tuesday, January 22, 2019      Dist. #4 Community Center, 1200 County Road 27, Tuskegee, AL 36083  
@ 6:00 pm**
- **Thursday, January 24, 2019      Dist. #2 Cotton Valley, 11425 US Hwy 29 S., Tuskegee, AL 36083  
@ 6:00 pm**
- **Tuesday, January 29, 2019      Dist.# 3 Prairie Farm, 45 Tysonville Road, Shorter, AL 36075  
@ 6:00 pm**
- **Wednesday, January 30, 2019      Dist. #1 Chisholm Comm Center, 3031 Co. Road 69, Tuskegee, AL 36083  
@ 5:30 pm (Combined meeting with Macon-Russell Community Action Program).**