

WORK SESSION MEETING TOWN OF HIGHLAND LAKE, ALABAMA

The Highland Lake Town Council held its work session on Tuesday, January 7, 2020.

Mayor Donna Hanby called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Mr. Cameron Clark and Brock Lane from the State of Alabama Department of Revenue were present to discuss the possibility of a new 3% Sales Tax. The subject was discussed during the October Roads Committee meeting as a possible means of increased revenue for the Town.

Mr. Clark explained that the Revenue Department would perform collection and auditing functions and could work with our attorney to adopt a new ordinance to define the collection of the new sales tax. Some of the areas mentioned were rental tax on equipment, furniture and short-term lodging. The money would be direct deposited to the Town's account. The charge for collection and auditing would be 2% of the total tax collected.

A discussion ensued regarding the implementation and collection of the tax and the benefits that the roads and police department will realize. There was also discussion regarding the timeliness of further education and finalization before new State legislation takes place.