

# Work Session of the Town of Highland Lake, Alabama

The Highland Lake Town Council held a work session on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at the Anchor. Mayor Vice called the work session to order at 6:10 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Connie Vice and Council members Chase Moore, Sid Nelson and Ramzi Malek  
Guest: County Commissioner Dean Calvert

**ABSENT:** Council members Donna Hanby and Greg Posey

## Items discussed:

Items on the April 4, 2017 regular meeting agenda were reviewed with the following notes:

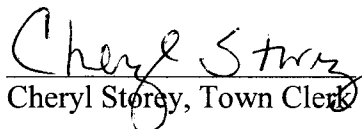
- Landscape Project for Anchor - estimate from Distinctive Landscape was reviewed. A second estimate will be obtained for the Buildings & Grounds Committee to review.
- Annual Chief of Police Convention in August (continuing education hours) will need to be approved by the council. This expense is already included in the police related expense category.
- Birmingham Regional Planning Commission (BRPC):
  - Annual dues are \$249.00.
  - The BRPC will assist with updating the city plan and help write grants. The BRPC helped write the grant that purchased the lake.
  - They will also assist with a residential survey to identify what residents want to see for the town future.
- Jacksonville State University Proclamation – April 29, 2017 – A rally for current, new and alumni will be held at the Anchor.
- Offer a non-resident employee discount for lake use as an employee benefit. Discussion took place to provide a 50% discount off the non-resident permit cost for one boat. The permit would be revoked if the employee resigns.


## Other items discussed:

- County Commissioner Dean Calvert discussed the road form submitted by Jacob Hembree regarding the drainage issue on Vista Drive. The council would need to approve for the county to install a drain pipe; however Calvert expressed concern that installing a drain pipe would cause water to flow onto someone else.
- County Commissioner Dean Calvert explained the 911 center is asking for donations to help purchase a drone for the safety of the county. The cost of the drone is approximately \$30,000.00. Donations of \$21,500.00 have been committed by others. Calvert asked the council to consider donating to help with the purchase. The drone has enhanced photographic capabilities to aid in search and rescue, disaster event, and other appropriate operations in the county.
- County Commissioner Dean Calvert stated he would be presenting the town's first one cent sales tax proceeds check during the council meeting (Moving Blount County Forward Initiative).

Work session adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Cheryl Storey, Town Clerk

  
Connie B. Vice, Mayor