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ABC Form C-14 August 2001

FORM OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR COMPLETION

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that Presto Enterprises, Inc. (Contractor) Contractor, has completed the Contract for (Construction) (Renovation) (Alteration) (Equipment) (Improvement) of (Name of Project) QSP# 2023-13 Fire damage repairs units 210 + 210

at 7722 Bensroya Lane HOV AL 35802

(Insert location here in County or City) HOV Owner(s), and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify HOV Housing Authority 200 Washington St HOV AL 35801

(Contractor) James Hays Presto Enterprises, Inc. 2626 Lanxcht Dr HOV AL 35803

NOTE: This notice must be run once a week for the successive weeks for projects exceeding \$50,000.00, for projects of less than \$50,000.00, run one time only. Proof of publication is required.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

INVITATION FOR BID

Sealed Bids for the construction of Project No. 624-G, Natural Gas Facilities Relocation, will be received by the Marshall County Gas District, Owner, at the District's Office located at 1245 Gunter Avenue, Gunterville, Alabama, until 2 P.M. (local time) February 29, 2024, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The scope of work shall include the installation of the following approximate items of work and quantities of these items:

SECTION 1: 10" x 0.250" W.T. Steel Pipe (Open Trench), 2,213 L.F.; 10" x 0.365" W.T. Steel Pipe (Open Trench), 1,057 L.F.; 10" x 0.365" W.T. Steel Pipe River Crossing by HDD, 1,335 L.F.; 10" Hot-Tap Connection (Line Stopper Fitting), 2 Each; Grout Fill Existing 10" Steel Gas Line, 3,900 L.F.; Radiographic Inspection, L.S.; and other miscellaneous necessary items.

Contractors, who bid this project, must be pre-qualified in accordance with the Marshall County Gas District (MCGD) Contractor's Affidavit of Qualifications. A copy of the form may be obtained by contacting Ms. Cathy Bostrom at (256) 582-0324. Applications for pre-qualification must be submitted to the MCGD prior to February 20, 2024.

Plans and Specifications may be obtained in electronic form from Gas Meter Engineers, Inc., 689 Highway 36, Chelsea, AL 35043 (telephone 205-678-6210).

All Bidders are required to attend the Pre-Bid Conference at the District's Office on February 15th at 10 a.m., visit the project site and familiarize themselves with the conditions to be encountered.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond in the amount of 200 percent of the Contract and a Labor Bond in the amount of 100 percent of the Contract. These bonds shall be executed by a licensed Surety Company in the state in which this work is being performed.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond executed by a Surety Company, licensed in the state the work is to be performed, in the amount of five (5) percent of the total Bid. A Certified Check payable to the Owner in the amount of five (5) percent of the total Bid is also acceptable.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all informalities and technicalities therein. No Bidder will be allowed to withdraw his Bid, without Owner's consent, for a period of sixty (60) days after the date of actual bid opening.

Each Bidder shall be a licensed Contractor in accordance with the regulations of the State of Alabama and must include the license number, expiration date and classification on the outside of the sealed bid envelope.

INVITATION FOR BID # 26-2024-14

PRE-BID CONFERENCE: 3/12/2024 10:00 AM local time BID OPENING DATE: 4/16/2024 2:00:00 PM local time

The City of Huntsville will receive sealed bids, priced on a firm fixed price basis (stipulated sum), to provide all necessary equipment, materials, labor and supervision necessary, as outlined in the Plans, Specifications, and Bid Manual for the **John Hunt Park Public Restrooms**.

PROJECT ADDRESS 3730 Russell Brown Drive SW Huntsville, AL 35801

ARCHITECT Jeffrey S. Alpha (256) 427-5531

PROJECT MANAGER William C. Bell (256) 427-5286

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE PROCUREMENT SERVICES LaRissa Schroeder, Procurement Services, (256) 427-5058 308 Fountain Circle, 4th Floor, Huntsville, AL 35801 (physical address) P. O. Box 308, Huntsville, AL 35804 (mailing address)

PRE-BID CONFERENCE: A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on site at 3730 Russell Brown Drive SW, Huntsville, AL 35801 across from the John Hunt Park Sand Volleyball Complex at the green storage building at 10:00 AM on the above referenced date at which time the Architect and City representatives will discuss the project and answer questions. This Pre-Bid Conference is not mandatory, but attendance is strongly suggested.

PLANS: The contract documents, plans, and specifications will be available for inspection at area plan rooms no later than February 7, 2024 and can be downloaded through BidNet Direct at www.bidnetdirect.com/alabama/cityofhuntsville. The City of Huntsville will refund the cost of printing for up to one set for each prime contractor bidder upon receipt of the documents in usable condition within ten days following the bid opening along with a receipt showing the cost of printing.

INTERPRETATIONS: Any bidder finding discrepancies in or omissions from documents or in doubt as to their meaning should immediately notify the Architect. If necessary, written additional instructions or clarifications will be sent to all plan holders in the form of addenda issued by the City of Huntsville. The City of Huntsville will not be responsible for oral instructions.

QUALIFICATIONS: The qualifications, ability, and responsibility of all bidders and of their proposed sub-contractors will be considered in making the award. Bids of \$50,000 or more will be accepted only from qualified General Contractors licensed by the State Licensing Board of General Contractors of Alabama as required by Code of Alabama (1975) Titles 34 and 46 as amended. Only bids of such Contractors who are licensed prior to the date of the bid opening will be considered. Any bid submitted without the current General Contractor's License Number clearly noted on the outside of the sealed envelope will not be opened and will be rejected. In accordance with Alabama Code 39-3-5, preferences shall be given to Alabama resident contractors and nonresident bidder domiciled in a state having laws granting preference to local contractors shall be awarded the contract only on the same basis as the nonresident bidder's state awards contracts to Alabama contractors bidding under similar circumstances.

RECEIVING BIDS: All bids shall be submitted to the City of Huntsville, Procurement Services, no later than the time to be determined on the above referenced bid date at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Building located at 308 Fountain Circle. All bids received prior to time of bid opening shall be kept secure and unopened. Late bids will not be accepted. All bids shall be submitted in duplicate on the bid forms prepared and furnished by the City of Huntsville in a sealed envelope addressed to the City's Procurement Services contact.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received by Alabama A & M University in Normal, Alabama at the office of the Alabama A & M University, Facilities Conference Room, 453 Buchanan Way, Normal, Alabama 35811 until 3:00 p.m. CST March 05, 2024, for the project.

Parker Building New Classroom renovation: This is an interior renovation of an existing classroom building on the Alabama A & M campus.

at which time they will be opened and read.

A cashier's check or bid bond payable to Alabama A & M University in an amount not less than five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, but in no event more than \$10,000, must accompany the bidder's proposal. Performance and Payment Bonds and evidence of insurance required in the bid documents will be required at the signing of the Contract.

Drawings and specifications may be examined at the office of Dodge Data Analytics (www.construction.com) and Bidders may order prints directly from Repro Products (770) 434-3050. Electronic Bid documents may be obtained from Dodge Data.

Only general contractors who have been approval to bid pursuant to prequalification procedures and criteria established by the Owner will be eligible to bid for the Project. Written prequalification procedures and criteria are available for review at the office of Alabama A & M University, 4900 Meridian Street, Normal, Alabama 35762.

Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Architect or copies thereof. All bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975, and must show evidence of license before bidding or the bid will not be received or considered by the Architect; the bidder shall show such evidence by clearly displaying his or her current license number on the outside of the sealed envelope in which the proposal is delivered. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technical errors if, in the Owner's judgement, the best interest of the Owner will thereby be promoted.

Alabama A & M University
(Awarding authority)

Alabama A & M University
(Local Awarding authority)

CHASM Architecture LLC
(Architect)

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Elmore Gym Classroom Lecture Room Renovation: This is an interior renovation of an existing classroom building on the Alabama A & M campus.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

February 14, 2024
 City of Huntsville, Alabama

P.O. Box 308
 Huntsville, AL 35804

256-427-5400

On or about February 22, 2024 the City of Huntsville will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as Boys and Girls Club - Abingdon Location for the purpose of rehabilitating the roof of the existing Boys and Girls Club. The estimated CDBG funding and total cost is \$200,000. The site is located at 103 Abingdon Avenue NW, Huntsville, Alabama 35801.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the City of Huntsville, Office of Community Development where the ERR is available for review and be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M to 5 P.M in the Yarbrough Building located at 120 East Holmes Avenue, Huntsville, AL 35801. 256-427-5400.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Huntsville. All comments received by February 21, 2024 will be considered by the City of Huntsville prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing. All comments can be submitted by mail or email at ethan.vaughn@huntsvilleal.gov.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Huntsville certifies to HUD that Scott Erwin in his capacity as Manager of Community Development consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Huntsville to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Huntsville's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Huntsville; (b) the City of Huntsville has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD at U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development at CPD, GeneralCorr-BHM@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Scott Erwin
 Manager, Community Development
 City of Huntsville, Alabama
 February 14, 2024

HUNTSVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) NO. 2024-01 PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES

The Huntsville Housing Authority (HHA) is accepting proposals from qualified, licensed, and insured entities to provide professional legal services.

Separate, sealed proposals to provide this service will be received at **200 Washington Street, Huntsville, Alabama 35801** until **11:00 A.M. CST, March 7, 2024**.

Electronic proposal documents are available through Housing Agency Marketplace E-Procurement, by accessing the following website:
https://ha.economicengine.com/requests.html?company_id=978.

HHA reserves the right to reject any/or all proposals, make the determination as to what is equal to the specifications and/or scope of work, or to waive any informality in the proposals received, and to accept any proposal, which, in its opinion, may be in the best interest of HHA.

Huntsville Housing Authority
 Antonio McGinnis, Executive Director

HUNTSVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) NO. 2024-02 SECURITY GUARD SERVICES

The Huntsville Housing Authority (HHA) is accepting proposals from qualified, licensed, and insured entities to provide security guard services.

Separate, sealed proposals to provide this service will be received at **200 Washington Street, Huntsville, Alabama 35801** until **11:00 A.M. CST, March 14, 2024**.

Electronic proposal documents are available through Housing Agency Marketplace E-Procurement, by accessing the following website:
https://ha.economicengine.com/requests.html?company_id=978.

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 Antonio McGinnis, Executive Director

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC CITY OF HUNTSVILLE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CDBG PUBLIC SERVICES

The City of Huntsville, Alabama is informing the public that 501(c)3 non-profit organizations may submit proposals for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Services funding for Program Year 2024 from Monday, February 19, 2024, to Friday, March 15, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Responses to this Request for Proposal (RFP) must be submitted online through the following link: <https://portal.neighborlysoftware.com/HUNTSVILLEAL/Participant> will be available for access beginning on Monday, February 19, 2024.

Public Services activities are funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Eligible Public Services activities under the CDBG program include, but are not limited to: childcare, healthcare, workforce training, recreation programs, education programs, mental healthcare, etc. CDBG Public Services grant funds may be used to cover the organization's operating, administrative and personnel, or professional services costs. Public service activities must meet one of three objectives: benefit to low- to moderate-income persons, prevention and elimination of slums and blight, and urgent need.

Please refer all questions prior to the submission deadline, March 15, 2024 to:

City of Huntsville
 Community Development Department
 120 Holmes Ave
 Huntsville, AL 35801
 or email at: comdev@huntsvilleal.gov

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC AND NOTICE TO THE OWNERS OF PROPERTY AFFECTED BY THE DECISIONS OF THE BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT

Public notice is hereby given of a Public Hearing to be held by the Board of Zoning Adjustment of the City of Huntsville, on the 20th of February at 6:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers located on the 1st floor of the Municipal Building at 308 Fountain Circle in the City of Huntsville, Alabama, at which hearing it is to be determined whether or not the Board of Zoning Adjustment of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, shall give its written approval of the following variances and/or special exceptions:

- 1. The location of a structure at 3316 East Tucker Drive NW, Susan Ragland, appellant.
2. A use variance to allow the Boys & Girls Club of North Alabama in a Residence 1A Zoning District at 3911 Pulaski Pike NW, Patrick Wynn of Boys & Girls Club of North Alabama, INC., appellant.
3. A use variance to expand an existing communications repeater station at 2031 Blue Spring Road NW, Karl Lederman of Murphy Company Mechanical Contractors and Engineers, LLC for Level 3 Communications LLC, appellant.
4. The location of a structure at 112 Beirne Avenue NW, Matthew B. Pepper, appellant.
5. The location of a structure at 2026 Front Street NE, William R. Blackwell of Halliburton Surveying and Mapping, Inc. for Lakshmi Nallamala of Lincoln Village Preservation Corporation, appellant.
6. The location of a structure at 2030 Front Street NE, William R. Blackwell of Halliburton Surveying and Mapping, Inc. for Lakshmi Nallamala of Lincoln Village Preservation Corporation, appellant.
7. PVA landscaping at 401 Clinton Avenue E, Nicole Rhodes of 401 Clinton, LLC, appellant.
8. PVA landscaping, location of PVA, and the location of a structure at PPIN 12108, 41179, 12109 (Meridian Street) 1209 Meridian Street aka vacant property north of Abingdon and south of Maple Avenue on the East side of Meridian Street, Collin Orcutt of Schoel Engineering for Kevin L. Crabb and Zachary Edkar Knight of CHASE CK, LLC, appellant.
9. The location of a structure at 2034 Winchester Road NW, Sabas Bonilla and Reyna Vallejo, appellant.
10. A use variance to allow a Class I lounge with entertainment in a Light Industrial Zoning District, a distance separation variance to allow a Class I Lounge with entertainment from an existing Class I Lounge and a distance separation variance to allow a Class I Lounge from a protected use at 2620 Clinton Avenue NW, Unit 1-D, John W. Chamness, IV of Stephens Entertainment, LLC, appellant.
11. A special exception to allow an alcoholic beverage manufacturer in Highway Business C4 Zoning District at 5729 Cove Commons Drive SE, Unit A, Eric Cornelius, appellant.
12. The location of a structure at 3706 Fearn Street SE, Jason M. Phillips P.E. of J.M. Phillips Engineering, LLC, for Ray French, appellant.
13. A special exception to allow a ready-mix concrete plant in a Heavy Industry Zoning District at PPIN 21412, A.K.A. 720, 722, and 898 Church Street NW, Jason Phillips of J.M. Engineering, LLC, for Moon Concrete Services, Inc., appellant.
14. The location of a structure at 711 Eustis Avenue SE, Edward T. Jones of Edward T. Jones, Architect P.C. for George King, appellant.
15. The location of a structure at 623 Eustis Avenue SE, Richard Long of Long & Long Design, LLC, for Vaughn McCrary, appellant.
16. A use variance to allow a massage parlor in a Residence 2 Zoning District at 2436 Pansy Street SW, Tess Karpowich of Tess Therapeutic Massage, LLC, appellant.
17. A use variance to allow the reconstruction of an existing duplex in a Residence 1-B Zoning District at 3501 & 3503 Fairview Street SW, Kane Rigsby of Eagle Egg Properties, LLC, appellant.
18. The location of a structure at 2926 Madrey Lane SE, David Mauriel, appellant.
19. A rear yard lot coverage variance at 1205 Randolph Avenue SE, Joseph Bonometti, appellant.
20. The location of a structure at 3020 Ginn Point Road SE, John C. Mizell of Mizell's Renovations, LLC for Krista Berg, appellant.
21. PVA lighting and PVA landscaping variance at 4710 University Drive NW, Richard A. Somers of Somers Consulting Services, LLC for Charles Kramer of Huntsville West Limited Partnership, appellant.
22. A use variance to build a single-family dwelling on a lot without the required minimum road frontage in a Residence 1A Zoning District at 2002 Glenmoore Drive NE (vacant lot), AKA 37 acre vacant lot at the dead end of Glenmoore Drive, AKA 37 acre vacant lot northwest of 2467 Oakwood Avenue and 2501 Oakwood Avenue, Mischa Sharpe, appellant.

Advertisement for Bid Bid No. IFB24-025

Huntsville Utilities in Huntsville, Alabama is seeking bids for the Underground Utility Locating Services located throughout parts of Huntsville Service Area. Sealed bids will be received by the City of Huntsville, a municipal corporation within the State of Alabama, d/b/a Huntsville Utilities, at the office of Miranda Duke, Contracts Administrator, by mail, P.O. Box 2048, Huntsville, AL, 35804, or personal delivery, 112 Spragins Street, Huntsville, AL, 35801. Contractor's name and Alabama License number must be printed on the outside of each sealed bid. Bidder instructions, including pre-bid meeting and contractor questionnaire details, are provided in the bid documents. Email Miranda Duke at Miranda.Duke@hvsutil.org to obtain the bid package.

The scope of work includes providing underground utility locating services throughout various address in Huntsville Utilities Service Area as mapped out and called out by Alabama 811. Except for minimal contract supervision and occasional auditing, the contractor shall furnish all labor, equipment, and other materials needed for the work. The contract will be executed through one Notice to Proceed on a fixed unit priced contract. The period of performance for this service is one full calendar year; with option to extend two additional one-year periods based on mutual agreement.

The bids will be opened at 112 Spragins Street Huntsville, AL 35801, at 10:00 A.M. CDT on February 23, 2024. There is a no pre-bid meeting for this IFB; however, questions will be answered via electronic mail ONLY until 12:00 P.M. CDT (NOON) February 15, 2024. Phone calls regarding this IFB and questions received after the appointed date and time will NOT be answered.

Only bids of such Contractors who are licensed prior to the date of the bid opening will be considered. A cashier's check or a bid bond payable to the City of Huntsville, Alabama, d/b/a Huntsville Utilities for an amount not less than 5% of the contractor's bid, but in no event more than \$10,000.00, will be required to accompany each contractor's bid. Performance Bond, Payment Bonds and insurance will be required prior to execution of the contract.

No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids for a period of ninety (90) days.

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

Miranda Duke - Contracts Administrator d/b/a Huntsville Utilities

PREQUALIFICATION AND ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Scaled Bid Proposals will be received by The University of Alabama at Birmingham Facilities Planning Design and Construction at the Facilities Administration Building Conference Center, 801 6th Avenue South, Birmingham, Alabama 35294, Thursday, April 4, 2024 until 2:00 pm Central Time (Alternates due at 3:00 pm Central Time) for UAB Project No. 210048 - Biomedical Research & Psychology Building located at 1500 University Blvd at which time they will be opened and read.

Prime Contractors that are properly licensed for this type of work are required to prequalify in order to bid. For more information about the project and how to prequalify, please go to the UAB Facilities Bid Calendar at www.uab.edu/facilities/pdc/bids, refer to the bid date above, and click on the specific project number.

Applicants for Prequalification are strongly encouraged to submit applications at the earliest date possible following the first date of advertisement. UAB will review applications as submitted and notify applicants within two (2) working days of the submission deadline. Applications received after the date of the Pre-bid Conference may not be considered.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to obtain a minimum of 20% diverse business participation.

A Prebid Conference for all Prequalified Prime Contractors will be held at the Facilities Administration Building Conference Center at 801 6th Ave South, Birmingham AL, 35233 at 10:00 am Central Time on March 13, 2024.

Bid Documents will be available from the UAB Facilities Bid Calendar prior to the Prebid Conference.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-60

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, as follows:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, finds that an application has been presented to the City of Huntsville requesting the vacation of a utility and drainage easement; that the applicant has represented to the City of Huntsville that Elite Properties and Development, LLC, is the owner of the property across which said easement lies; that said easement, or the portion being vacated, is not presently used and is no longer needed for a public or municipal purpose.

Section 2. Pursuant to the findings in Section 1 hereinabove, the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, is hereby authorized, requested and directed to execute a quitclaim deed vacating the easement hereinafter described, said deed being substantially in words and figures as follows, to-wit:

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF LIMESTONE

QUITCLAIM DEED

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, an Alabama municipal corporation, hereinafter referred to as Grantor, in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) in hand paid by ELITE PROPERTIES AND DEVELOPMENT, LLC, hereinafter referred to as Grantee, and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt and sufficiency whereof is hereby acknowledged, does hereby remise, release, quitclaim, and convey unto the Grantee, all of the Grantor's right, title, interest and claim in and to the following described real estate situated in the City of Huntsville, County of Limestone, State of Alabama, to-wit:

Drainage Easement Vacation Legal Description:

COMMENCING AT A CAPPED 5/8 INCH REBAR STAMPED "MORELL CA-742-15" LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 65 OF THE FINAL PLAT OF INVERNESS SPRINGS, PHASE 2 AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK K, PAGES 370-372 IN THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE, MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA, SAID POINT BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED EASEMENT:

THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 51 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 266.27 FEET TO A CAPPED 1/2 INCH REBAR STAMPED "MORELL CA-742-15";

THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 839.34 FEET TO A CAPPED 3/4 INCH REBAR STAMPED "MORELL CA-742-15";

THENCE RUN SOUTH 75 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 58 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 63.98 FEET TO A CAPPED 3/4 INCH REBAR STAMPED "MORELL CA-742-15";

THENCE RUN NORTH 88 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 19 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 252.49 FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 53.47 FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE RUN NORTH 80 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 35 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 89.59 FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 477.20 FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 08 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 387.58 FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 190.00 FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 08 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 125.00 FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 140.00 FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 08 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 137.50 FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 140.00 FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 08 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 246.68 FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 120.00 FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 08 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 121.60 FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 90.00 FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 08 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 121.60 FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 330.00 FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 08 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 304.00 FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 175.00 FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 08 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 121.60 FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 175.00 FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 08 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 243.20 FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 175.00 FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 08 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 75.08 FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 80.00 FEET TO A CAPPED 1/2 INCH REBAR STAMPED "MORELL CA-742-15";

THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 08 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 200.00 FEET AND BACK TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; SAID EASEMENT CONTAINS 8.79 ACRES +/-;

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD unto the said grantee, its successors and assigns forever

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor has caused this quitclaim to be signed in its behalf by its Mayor and attested by its City Clerk, this the 8th day of February, 2024.

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA, a municipal corporation

By: Tommy Battle, Mayor

ATTEST: Shaundrika Edwards, City Clerk

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF MADISON

I, the undersigned, a notary public in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that Tommy Battle and Shaundrika Edwards, whose names as Mayor and City Clerk, respectively, of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, a municipal corporation are signed to the foregoing document, and who are known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the instrument, they, as such officers and with full authority, executed the same for and as the act of said corporation on the day the same bears date.

GIVEN under my hand and official seal this the 8th day of February, 2024.



THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY: Morell Engineering, Inc. 711 East Hobbs Street Athens, Alabama 35611

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 01-05-2025

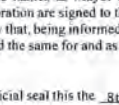
Ordinance No. 24-60 (Cont.)

ADOPTED this the 8th day of February, 2024

President of the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 8th day of February, 2024.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama



ORDINANCE NO. 24-61

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, as follows:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, finds that an application has been presented to the City of Huntsville requesting the vacation of utility and drainage easements; that the applicant has represented to the City of Huntsville that Titanite Zierdt Owner, LLC, is the owner of the property across which said easements lie; that said easements, or the portions being vacated, are not presently used and are no longer needed for a public or municipal purpose.

Section 2. Pursuant to the findings in Section 1 hereinabove, the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, is hereby authorized, requested and directed to execute a quitclaim deed vacating the easements hereinafter described, said deed being substantially in words and figures as follows, to-wit:

STATE OF ALABAMA) COUNTY OF MADISON)

QUITCLAIM DEED

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, an Alabama municipal corporation, hereinafter referred to as Grantor, in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) in hand paid by TITANITE ZIERDT OWNER, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, hereinafter referred to as Grantee, and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt and sufficiency whereof is hereby acknowledged, does hereby remise, release, quitclaim, and convey unto the Grantee, all of the Grantor's right, title, interest and claim in and to the following described real estate situated in the City of Huntsville, County of Madison, State of Alabama, to-wit:

SEE EXHIBITS A AND B ATTACHED HERETO.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD unto the said grantee, its successors and assigns forever

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor has caused this quitclaim to be signed in its behalf by its Mayor and attested by its City Clerk, this the 8th day of February, 2024.

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA, a municipal corporation

By: Tommy Battle, Mayor

ATTEST: Shaundrika Edwards, City Clerk

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF MADISON

QUITCLAIM DEED

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, an Alabama municipal corporation, hereinafter referred to as Grantor, in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) in hand paid by MICHAEL MCCURRY AND TRACY MCCURRY, husband and wife, hereinafter referred to as the Grantee, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and other good and valuable consideration, does hereby remise, release, quitclaim and convey unto the said Grantee all of its right, title, interest, and claim in and to the following described real estate situated in the County of Madison, State of Alabama, to-wit:

SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same unto the said Grantee, and to its heirs, successors and assigns, forever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Huntsville, has caused this instrument to be duly executed by its Mayor and City Clerk, pursuant to Ordinance No. 24-62, as of this the 8th day of February, 2024.

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, an Alabama municipal corporation

By: Tommy Battle, Mayor

ATTEST: Shaundrika Edwards, City Clerk

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF MADISON

QUITCLAIM DEED

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SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same unto the said Grantee, and to its heirs, successors and assigns, forever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Huntsville, has caused this instrument to be duly executed by its Mayor and City Clerk, pursuant to Ordinance No. 24-62, as of this the 8th day of February, 2024.

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, an Alabama municipal corporation

By: Tommy Battle, Mayor

ATTEST: Shaundrika Edwards, City Clerk

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF MADISON

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SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same unto the said Grantee, and to its heirs, successors and assigns, forever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Huntsville, has caused this instrument to be duly executed by its Mayor and City Clerk, pursuant to Ordinance No. 24-62, as of this the 8th day of February, 2024.

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, an Alabama municipal corporation

By: Tommy Battle, Mayor

ATTEST: Shaundrika Edwards, City Clerk

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF MADISON

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CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, an Alabama municipal corporation

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ATTEST: Shaundrika Edwards, City Clerk

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF MADISON

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SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same unto the said Grantee, and to its heirs, successors and assigns, forever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Huntsville, has caused this instrument to be duly executed by its Mayor and City Clerk, pursuant to Ordinance No. 24-62, as of this the 8th day of February, 2024.

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, an Alabama municipal corporation

By: Tommy Battle, Mayor

ATTEST: Shaundrika Edwards, City Clerk

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF MADISON

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SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same unto the said Grantee, and to its heirs, successors and assigns, forever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Huntsville, has caused this instrument to be duly executed by its Mayor and City Clerk, pursuant to Ordinance No. 24-62, as of this the 8th day of February, 2024.

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, an Alabama municipal corporation

By: Tommy Battle, Mayor

ATTEST: Shaundrika Edwards, City Clerk

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF MADISON

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SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same unto the said Grantee, and to its heirs, successors and assigns, forever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Huntsville, has caused this instrument to be duly executed by its Mayor and City Clerk, pursuant to Ordinance No. 24-62, as of this the 8th day of February, 2024.

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, an Alabama municipal corporation

By: Tommy Battle, Mayor

ATTEST: Shaundrika Edwards, City Clerk

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF MADISON

QUITCLAIM DEED

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SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO.

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EXHIBIT "A" (Easement to be Vacated)

STATE OF ALABAMA MADISON COUNTY

A 5 FOOT EASEMENT LOCATED ON LOT 1 OF THE FINAL PLAT OF "A RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 2, 3, AND 4, BLOCK 3 OF THORNTON ACRES AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 231, LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH WEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 1, THENCE NORTH 24 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 23 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 167.47 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 62 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 5.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 24 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 23 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 164.99 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 89 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 47 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 5.49 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING;

THENCE, FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING, NORTH 24 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 23 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 167.47 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 62 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 5.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 24 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 23 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 164.99 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 89 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 47 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 5.49 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING;

CONTAINING 0.02 ACRES (831 SQUARE FEET) MORE OR LESS.

Ordinance No. 24-62 (Cont.)

ADOPTED this the 8th day of February, 2024.

[Signature] President of the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 8th day of February, 2024.

[Signature] Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

ORDINANCE NO. 24-55

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that Ordinance No. 89-79, as amended, entitled the City of Huntsville Classification and Salary Plan, be and the same is hereby further amended as follows:

Section 1. The position of Music Office Programs Coordinator is hereby created and classified at a salary grade 15.

Section 2. The position of Building Inspector II is hereby created and classified at a salary grade 16.

Section 3. The position of Electrical Inspector II is hereby created and classified at a salary grade 16.

Section 4. The position of Gas & Mechanical Inspector II is hereby created and classified at a salary grade 16.

Section 5. The position of Plumbing Inspector II is hereby created and classified at a salary grade 16.

Section 6. In all other respects, Ordinance No. 89-79, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

ADOPTED this the 8th day of February, 2024.

[Signature] President of the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 8th day of February, 2024.

[Signature] Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

ORDINANCE NO. 24-56

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that Budget Ordinance No. 23-762, adopted and approved on September 28, 2023, is hereby amended for change in the authorized strength of the department, as follows:

In the Planning department, add one (1) regular, full-time Music Office Programs Coordinator position, grade 15.

ADOPTED this the 8th day of February, 2024.

[Signature] President of the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 8th day of February, 2024.

[Signature] Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

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Honorable Steven L. Reed (Mayor of Montgomery, AL), whose impactful message stirred thought and a call for action. Following Mayor Reed's speech, Zoie Roberson (Chair of the Youth Caucus, MCDEC) issued a challenge to mobilize more

youth for upcoming elections.

Jimmie Payne (Glenn Pippen) presented a special presentation before Eddie C. Sherrod concluded the program with closing remarks. Reverend Claudwell Campbell led the audience in the Benediction, marking the conclusion of a meaningful and profound event.

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on Jan. 29-30 by the polling firm Cygnal.

A bill that would provide people who have been in prison at least 23 years and who meet other eligibility requirements a chance for a new sentence, HB 29 by Rep. Chris England, D-Tuscaloosa, is scheduled for consideration in the Alabama House Judiciary Committee on Wednesday. Alabama Appleaseed supports the bill, which passed the House last year but not the Senate.

Under HB29, a person who received an enhanced sentence under Alabama's Habitual Felony Offender Act before May 26, 2000, could file a petition for a new sentence to the court where they were convicted. Those convicted of homicide, a sex offense, or a crime that caused a serious physical injury would not be eligible.

The district attorney and the victim would be notified of the request for a new sentence and would have an opportunity to be heard in court.

The judge, in deciding whether to change the sentence, would consider the underlying offense, whether a firearm was used, the person's age, conduct in prison, and the likelihood of success after leaving

prison based on a re-entry plan.

Alabama Appleaseed said the Cygnal poll showed that 88% of Alabama voters favor second chance legislation, with 86% of Alabama Republicans and 92% of Democrats in support of the idea.

"Data shows that older prisoners are the most expensive to incarcerate and the least likely to reoffend once released," Alabama Appleaseed Executive Director Carla Crowder said in a news release. "The Cygnal polling data validates that Alabamians want common sense and data driven solutions to the prison crisis and that keeping older prisoners behind bars does not improve public safety, draining our state of needed resources."

In the news release, Alabama Appleaseed included a statement from former U.S. Rep. Spencer Bachus, a Republican from Birmingham who represented Alabama's 6th Congressional District from 1993 to 2015.

"When Alabamians understand exactly what the bill does and who it helps, they overwhelmingly support it," Bachus said in response to the poll findings. "They believe in punishment and consequences but not outrageously unfair or unreasonable punishment."

ALABAMA

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those jobs, and we have no greater need than in healthcare.

In 2022, Alabama ranked 46th in health outcomes among all states in the nation.

According to data compiled by the U.S. Health Resource and Services Administration, all 67 counties in Alabama were designated as "medically underserved areas," with 63 counties facing shortages in primary care health professionals.

While 37 percent of the state's population lives in rural areas, only 24 percent of the state's dentists, 20 percent of nurse practitioners, 24 percent of primary care physicians, and 15 percent of physician assistants practice in these areas.

To tackle these healthcare concerns and to provide another educational choice for our students, Governor Kay Ivey has proposed the state open and operate a healthcare-focused high school that exposes our students to a diversity of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, and Medicine) and healthcare career pathways, while simultaneously addressing the growing healthcare worker shortage we are experiencing now - a shortage that will continue to only grow in the coming years.

This is not a Democrat or Republican solution because this

is not a Democrat or Republican problem. Although we may sit on different sides of the aisle, we both recognize the need for a new, unique approach to rural healthcare workforce development and wholeheartedly support Governor Ivey's vision and proposal.

The Alabama School of Healthcare Sciences (ASHS), to be located in Demopolis, will offer an innovative, healthcare-focused curriculum for 9th through 12th graders, with opportunities for students to explore various healthcare professions and hands-on clinical training in a rural setting.

These opportunities will allow graduating students to enter the healthcare workforce immediately - filling positions that are currently underfilled and in high demand. Or, they may continue on to earn a degree in higher education where they will be ahead of the curve when compared to their fellow classmates.

Reports by the Center for Business and Economic Research at the University of Alabama Culverhouse College of Business reveal that, in 2021, the healthcare and social assistance sector was the leading employer in Alabama, representing 14.2 percent of Alabama jobs.

Further studies by the Alabama Department of Labor show that 15 of the state's fastest-growing occupations between 2020 and 2030 are in, or related to, the healthcare industry.

SCISSUM

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With a modest work scholarship, Scissum enrolled at Alabama A&M University in Huntsville, where she earned bachelor's and master's degrees in mathematics. Subsequently, she began her career as a science educator at Councill Training School.

After several years in teaching, Scissum seized the opportunity to apply for a position at the Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC) in Huntsville. Having previously been deemed highly qualified for roles there but without an offer, she commenced her tenure as an entry-level mathematician at MSFC in 1964, beginning a pioneering career with America's premier space agency.

"It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for me, and I am

grateful to God for it," she reflected.

Scissum's contributions at NASA included publishing a seminal report in 1967, "Survey of Solar Cycle Prediction Models," which proposed methodologies for enhancing sunspot cycle forecasting. Additionally, she collaborated on developing a computer program to identify landing sites for the Apollo lunar module.

Transitioning to roles as a space scientist within Marshall's Space Sciences Laboratory and later overseeing initiatives in atmospheric and space physics, Scissum's career exemplified resilience and innovation.

Dr. Barbara Anthony, Scissum's cousin and a retired educator, regards her journey as an inspiration. She emphasizes perseverance in adversity and the invaluable support of allies.

Although Scissum was

SCHOOL TAX

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rejected it.

Athens City Schools and Limestone County Schools are the main districts that benefit from the fund. But parts of three neighboring cities, Madison, Decatur, and Huntsville, stretch into Limestone County. Their school districts also get part of the Limestone education tax fund.

And for people like Gooch, that's a problem.

"They're trying to renew - I'm assuming that's the word - renew something that has already been going on, for our tax money to be supporting Madison City," said Gooch, "and other places that build school systems in our county, parts that were annexed."

"Our money's supposed to be staying here in our county. I wish I had a way of stopping the annexation. I have no idea how to do it."

Madison schools got \$1.7 million, while Limestone County Schools received more than \$7 million in the 2022-2023 financial year, their superintendents told AL.com.

The superintendents of Decatur and Huntsville did not respond to requests for interviews for this article.

There were four measures on the ballot in December. Limestone County voters rejected two separate county-wide public school taxes, both by about 60-40% margin. One is a 4.5 mill tax and the other is a 1 mill tax. A mill works out to \$10 a year on a \$100,000 home.

Voters also rejected the 3 mill public school tax renewal for parts of the county that do not include the city school systems. That failed by a 70-30% margin.

The 3 mill property tax for Athens passed. But the district will still experience revenue loss, said superintendent Beth Patton. In a statement emailed to AL.com, Patton said that this is because voters did not approve the two county-wide property taxes, part of which supported Athens City

Schools.

"Some voters in Athens expressed that they believed that voting against the tax renewal would lower their property taxes. This is not the case," she wrote.

"The Alabama Constitution requires that each school district receive a bare minimum of 10 mills of property tax for general school purposes, and if a school system is below that level, then special district taxes are automatically levied to get each school district to that minimum level."

The districts receive portions of the Limestone education tax fund based on the number of Limestone county-based students attending their schools, said Ed Nichols, the Madison superintendent, in an interview with AL.com.

Madison City Schools saw the most significant growth in Limestone County, increasing the number of students there by 60% in the last five years. The city-wide school population grew by 20% in the same period. There are 3,300 students living in Limestone County and attending Madison City Schools, constituting just over a quarter of the system's 12,600 students.

Nichols is concerned about the Dec. 5 vote's impact on the school district because the district uses the tax money to support various programs, including ongoing school renovations and expansion as the district population grows.

"That growth is going to really be a challenge to us without this stream of funding," he said.

"We want to continue to be able to allow our students the electives that they want, not turn them away," Nichols told AL.com. "So those are areas like career tech and fine arts, you've got to have the facility in place for them."

Gooch, whose children attend Limestone County Schools, said he believes people in the annexed parts of the county should pay for whatever goes into their school districts.

"They annexed that property, that's all on them," he said. "They should have thought about that before

We must acknowledge the healthcare sector is already one of the largest and fastest-growing Alabama industries, yet the demand for a workforce continues to outpace the supply of qualified, skilled workers.

ASHS will serve as a pipeline to ensure these job demands are met by providing graduates with real-world experience, preparing them to fill a broad spectrum of healthcare jobs in rural parts of the state.

Governor Ivey has proposed, and continues to support, Demopolis as the home of the ASHS. The proposed site will occupy 10 acres of land next to Whitfield Regional Hospital. An affiliate of and managed by the UAB Health System, Whitfield Regional offers a robust set of medical services that will provide ASHS students with a unique STEM curriculum accompanied by hands-on, real-world experience.

As members of the Alabama Legislature who represent West Alabama, we have full confidence Demopolis will fulfill the principal needs for this school to be successful. Its proximity to and partnership with Whitfield will expose students to clinical experiences within various healthcare professions. We have also seen the passion of local West Alabama residents embracing the opportunity to serve the state through this school. They have secured support from state and national organizations to assist in funding

ASHS, evidence of their dedication to improving their community and their state.

As the people of Demopolis understand, the purpose of this school is to benefit the whole of Alabama, educating the healthcare leaders of tomorrow. This is a statewide school, and ASHS students will have the opportunity to intern for healthcare partner institutions across Alabama. This will be especially important for those rural hospitals and clinics that are in desperate need of experienced and qualified healthcare workers.

ASHS signifies an investment into our children's futures and will serve as a model for the rest of the nation on how to address rural healthcare workforce shortages and poor health outcomes. We are unaware of an initiative like this existing anywhere else in the nation.

Alabamians should be proud of this innovative solution to address one of our most difficult, complicated, and lingering problems. We are proud to support the Alabama School of Healthcare Sciences, and we encourage our colleagues in the Alabama Legislature to do the same.

Sen. Bobby Singleton, D-Greensboro, represents District 24 in the Alabama Senate. Rep. Cynthia Almond, R-Tuscaloosa, represents District 63 in the Alabama House.

a brilliant mathematician, she experienced many of the same discriminatory policies African Americans and women faced in the 1960s. Like the issues highlighted in the movie "Hidden Figures," Scissum had to overcome the biases against African Americans and women in professional, managerial, and technical roles. "Why do you need a promotion? Your husband is a teacher," one supervisor asked her.

To help level the playing field for minorities and women, Scissum volunteered and served as an Equal Opportunity officer at NASA. In 1975, Scissum wrote an article for the National Technical Association, "Equal Employment Opportunity and the Supervisor - A Counselor's View," which argued that many discrimination complaints could be avoided "through adequate and meaningful communication."

Later, Scissum worked at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center outside Washington, D.C., and NASA Headquarters in Washington. While at NASA Headquarters, she was a computer systems analyst responsible for analyzing and directing NASA management information and Counselor's support systems.

Looking back on her life and professional journey, Scissum acknowledges the sacrifices and immeasurable rewards reaped.

"I sacrificed a lot, but I gained a lot, too," she mused. "I take pride in my parents valuing education and standing by me. I'm grateful for the support from A&M University and the numerous individuals who guided me along the way. Though I may not fully understand why I received such unwavering support, I am profoundly thankful."

they annexed. Those people that got annexed should have to pay the piper, not us. The people that are getting the benefit are the ones that should be paying."

Another Limestone County resident and parent, John Witt, also opposes the annexations going on in the county and does not want to help the school districts in the annexed areas.

"The county is getting annexed out of existence," he said. "You've got people that live out here in the country like us. We like living in the country and we don't want to pay more taxes for the greater good of the annexed area."

"So we're out here expecting to pay for these schools that already have more money than we have," he said. "I mean, I am voting against that because it's going to go to other places; at least, that is the perception."

"So my point is this: why should someone in this district, these districts, pay a school system just because it's physically in the county? It's not a county system."

Before the Dec. 5 vote, which saw just a 3% voter turnout, Witt called people on the phone urging them to reject the measure.

"I made 30 or 40 calls. Then they would contact people, get on their social media, and send stuff out."

"I said, 'I'm not voting for it, and I advise you to not vote for it.'"

Jess Brown, retired Athens State University political science professor, said the low voter turnout creates questions.

"The baseline problem is probably voter apathy and voter ignorance," Brown said. "Voter apathy in the sense that 97% of the registered voters either didn't know enough or didn't care enough to even go out. And of the 3% that did vote, we may have a situation where there was voter ignorance, that they just didn't know what they were voting on."

Brown said there is a growing trend of parent disenchantment with public schools.

Tuscaloosa County voters in February 2023 rejected property tax increases to fund education. Choctaw County voters, in 2022, did

not renew theirs, potentially leaving a funding gap.

"What's happened in the last 10 to 20 years is that the parents in the voting public of Alabama are having less and less confidence in the services provided by the public school systems," he said.

"I hear anecdotally from a lot of people, including parents, that the sort of almost blind support, cheerleading support of public schools, that would have been very evident a generation ago, I am convinced the public schools just do not enjoy the level of public confidence that they did a generation ago. And this could be what you saw in this vote."

Randy Shearouse, Limestone County Schools superintendent, said the district uses the \$7 million from the property tax to hire extra teachers, which helps keep class sizes down and allows the county system to embark on new construction because other funding sources are restricted.

However, there is another chance to go back to Limestone County voters.

But Shearouse said that the school board has not decided whether to bring the vote up again before the October 2025 deadline for the renewal.

Shearouse explained that Alabama now mandates each county tax a minimum of 10 mills for education as part of the state's funding formula.

"If you don't pass it, the county commission still has to levy 10 mills for the school system," he said.

Shearouse is disappointed at the vote's result.

"I think eventually there could be a loss of money," he said. "But I think it all goes back to - we want our citizens to support our school system and the good things we're doing here. We think that is important."

Gooch said he is committed to ensuring the vote fails again if the authorities put it back on the ballot.

"Because I will spend every dime I make to make sure it doesn't pass because I just don't believe in throwing good money at a dead horse," Gooch told AL.com.

"It's not going to pass," he said.