

## COUNTY COMMISSION

# ORV contract awarded

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The contract to draw up a master plan for the county's Off-road Vehicle Park has been awarded to a local company.

St. John & Associates Project Manager Todd Hardman said his company had done park and trail work.

"I hope what we have presented to you shows our willingness and desire to make this ORV park the biggest success we can," said Hardman during the County Commission meeting.

Chairman Wiley Kitchens said, "Based on your proposal, we know you are serious about wanting to help us."

More than 1,400 acres have been purchased for the project totaling \$900,000. The land is located southeast of Alabama Highway 69 below Dodge City.

To date, commissioners have received \$2 million in grant commitments for the

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park. They plan to file for more grant money in the future.

Trails are planned for 4-wheel drive vehicles, off-road vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, horses, bicyclists and other trail users.

The project will include a park office, maintenance building and support facilities.

In other business:

➤ Vacated a 60 foot right-of-way in Hidden Lake subdivision.

➤ Extended a bid with Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions. The bid is based on Alabama's Department of Transportation monthly asphalt index. Pricing will reflect those changes.

➤ Awarded a bid to Eckenrod Ford for \$35,941.52 a pickup truck for the Emergency Management Agency with a delivery date of after Oct. 1. Fifty percent or more will be gotten back through a grant, according to Director Phyllis Little.

➤ Awarded a bid for used railroad cars to Smith Diversified Sales. The steel tank cars with ends removed will be used as drainage

culverts. Bid prices ranged from \$155 to \$200 per foot.

➤ Awarded a herbicide contract to Helena Chemical Company.

➤ Granted a variance for a 40 foot right-of-way between two lots for a private drive on a peninsula in Lakeshore West on County Road 175.

➤ Authorized chairman to sign financing agreement with Merchants Capital for the Department of Human Resources building. The company submitted the lowest issue cost, and "they have done this bond issue for several other counties," according to chief administrator Gary Teichmiller.

➤ Accepted the gravel portion of County Road 1329 into the maintenance system.

➤ Awarded a proposal to EMS Innovations for a state mortuary operations team trailer for \$36,651. The 16 foot trailer with 12 compartments will be paid for with a Department of Public Health grant for \$37,500.