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October 3, 2017 Public Hearing of the Satsuma City Council

The City Council of the City of Satsuma, Alabama, convened in a Public Hearing at City Hall in said city at 5:30 P.M. on the 3rd day of October, 2017.

The following members were present: Mayor Williams, Randy Little, Mike Butler, Allison Cross, and Bill Black. Absent: Jason Skelton

Mayor Williams opened the public hearing and stated that the purpose of the public hearing was to inform the public about the construction of the proposed Public Safety Building which will be located on Old Highway 43 just north of Juniper Avenue and to offer a time for the public input.

Mayor Williams introduced Lawrence Wilson with Engineering, Design and Technology Inc., (EDT) who was selected to do the architectural and engineering on the building.

Joe Bruister, 168 E. Orange Avenue, commented that he was in favor of the building. He questioned whether either of the roads on the property will be closed. Mayor Williams answered that neither of the existing roads will be closed. Mr. Bruister also commented that he was not sure how the city would be paying for it but that it was definitely needed.

Mayor Williams explained that after discussing the funding of the building, Council voted to increase the gas and diesel tax by 1 cent which will go into a separate account to be used for construction purposes. Mayor Williams explained that the City has been working to complete the requirements of the loan. He stated that part of the requirements the city was to get environmental assessments, including historical, wetlands, and endangered species. Dr. Vittor was hired and the assessments have been completed and we are just waiting on the concurrence letters. Mayor Williams commented that the City has purchased property on Old Highway 43 for \$200,000. Mayor Williams stated that with the

help from Councilmember Butler, Mobile County offered to help the City by contributing \$210,000 for the property and closing costs. The agreement gives the County a 5% undivided interest in the property.

A question was asked about the time line for construction. Mr. Wilson stated that the entire process could take up to 18 months.

Jack Presnall, a resident, commented that the police and fire cannot continue to operate out of the current building. He commended Councilmember Butler for his hard work on this project.

Councilmember Little encouraged everyone to purchase their fuel in the City since 1 cent of every gallon of gas or diesel purchased in the city will go to fund this building.

Fire Chief Miller commented that the fire department is extremely appreciative of the City Council and their efforts to finally get a new building. He stated the condition of the current building is deplorable and continually getting worse. Police Captain Jana Dukes reiterated Chief Miller's comments and added that this building will be an asset to the city and show that the city is progressing forward.

With no further comments or questions, Mayor Williams closed the public hearing at 5:52 P.M.

/s/ Tom Williams	_/s/ Randy Little
Mayor Tom Williams	Councilmember Randy Little
/s/ Mike Butler	
Councilmember Mike Butler	Councilmember Jason Skelton
/s/ Allison Cross	/s/ Bill Black
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ATTEST: _/s/ Vicki Miller	_
City Clerk	_