

February 9, 2026

My name is Tammy Davis. I was raised in Bibb County, Alabama. I come to you tonight to speak on behalf of the animals in the care of the county at the Animal Control Facility. I would like to address the lack of transparency and public accountability at the facility.

I have serious concerns and questions about the dogs that were euthanized right before Christmas. This is especially heartbreaking to me when four of the dogs euthanized were waiting on transport to a rescue facility. It was senseless, careless, and heartless.

During the recent freeze warning on January 24<sup>th</sup> it came to my attention that the only six dogs at the facility were going to be left outside in uncovered pens with only a dog house for shelter. This would mean that the building would be completely empty and would not be sheltering any animals in the facility. I called commissioner Matt Downs with my concerns about the dogs and he informed me a couple of hours later the dogs would be brought inside that night. I later learned that the dogs were not taken inside until the next day January 25<sup>th</sup>. I would like to thank Matt Downs for his attention to this matter and addressing my concerns on that day.

Every news station was instructing the public to bring their pets inside, even our own county EMA. I made a comment on the county EMA Facebook page and I was blocked from the page within about thirty minutes. Turn off comments if you cannot take criticism but you do not block someone from a “public” government page.

I recently learned that the county facility frequently euthanizes feral cats, places them in a freezer, and they are sold to research facilities for ten dollars. The county facility is listed as a RAEF (registered animal euthanasia facility). If the county or those in charge do not deem this facility a “rescue/shelter” then they certainly should not be accepting donations from people that think otherwise.

There is very little transparency surrounding this facility. I have heard mention of volunteers wanting to come in and help/volunteer and are denied. Current volunteers are bullied and threatened that they are “walking a line” when

disagreeing with those in a position of authority. They are talked down to and are afraid of their volunteering privileges being revoked if they disagree or bring those concerns to the commission.

I would like to remind everyone that volunteers do not work for the county. Whatever they are doing at this facility is on their own time and usually with rescue work you spend your own money. If you are employed by the county you actually work for The People, something I think people in government, even at a local level, forget this simple fact. The county should be a little more grateful for the volunteers they do have. I would suggest working with the current volunteers to recruit more volunteers. These volunteers could be used to feed, walk, and socialize the animals. That is, if they can actually figure out what type of facility they are and stick to it. Instead of throwing out the “we’re a RAEF facility” when they are being called out on the inhumane treatment of the animals.

The county budget for the Animal Facility is \$187,305.64. Of this amount there is only \$400.00 listed for the animals. I spend \$720.00 a year on food for my dogs. Outside donations taken should only be used for the animals in this facility. If the donations are going into the general fund and being spent for something else this is highly unethical and the county should stop accepting these donations. There should be strict accounting and reporting of every donation made “for the animals”. More transparency is needed as to what dollar amount of donations is taken and what this money is being spent on. Nothing less than a detailed and itemized list is acceptable for donations.

Finally, I would also like to inquire about why there was a need for another bush hog crew when the road department was responsible for this and they did not follow through. As well as, what funds were used to purchase the original equipment? Were ARPA funds used?

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**Tammy Gigi Davis**

I'm sure you've moved the 6 dogs outside at the pound inside, right? Seeing as how the building is empty there's plenty of room for the 6 dogs. Leaving them outside when you have room for them in an enclosed building seems inhumane. If you're not concerned about these animals maybe you shouldn't be doing this job.

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### TCEMA'S 4 P'S FOR PREPAREDNESS:



#### PEOPLE

- MINIMIZE TIME OUTDOORS.
- PREPARE FOR POWER OUTAGES.
- CHECK ON THE ELDERLY & YOUR NEIGHBORS.



#### PHARMACY

- ENSURE YOU HAVE ENOUGH MEDICATION TO LAST YOU UNTIL THE WEATHER IMPROVES.
- CONTACT YOUR DOCTOR FOR REFILLS IF NECESSARY.



#### PIPES

- INSULATE PIPES IF POSSIBLE.
- DISCONNECT HOSES AND TURN OFF WATER TO SPRINKLERS.
- DRIP YOUR FAUCETS.



#### PETS

- MINIMIZE TIME OUTDOORS.
- ENSURE FOOD & WATER STAYS WARM.

### MINIMUM TEMPERATURE FORECAST

	1/27 TUES	1/28 WED	1/29 THURS	1/30 FRI	1/31 SAT	2/1 SUN	2/2 MON	2/3 TUES
TUSCALOOSA COUNTY	16	24	24	24	15	15	15	23



CREATED 7 AM CST WED 1/27/2026 | VALUES ARE MINIMUMS OVER THE PERIOD BEGINNING AT THE TIME SHOWN





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## The Four P's: People, Pets, Pipes, & Plants... See more

### Protect *People, Pets, Pipes, & Plants* from cold weather



#### People

- Minimize time outdoors.
- Prepare for power outages.
- Check on elderly & other vulnerable people to make sure they're ok.



#### Pets

- Keep your pets warm, dry & indoors as much as possible
- Ensure their food & water doesn't freeze.
- Limit outside time & keep them bundled up.



#### Pipes

- Insulate pipes if possible.
- Open up sink cabinets to expose pipes to heated air.
- Disconnect hoses & turn off water to sprinklers.



#### Plants

- Know their temperature thresholds.
- If possible, cover them before the cold weather sets in to help retain some heat.



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Animal Facilities

2026 Budget

		104,000.00	104,000.00 +÷
001-55400-113	EMPLOYEES SALARIES & WAGES	104,000.00	8,000.00 -
001-55400-116	OVERTIME PAY	8,000.00	6,240.00 +
001-55400-121	RETIREMENT	6,240.00	34,032.00 +
001-55400-122	HEALTH & DENTAL INSURANCE	34,032.00	120.00 +÷
001-55400-123	LIFE INSURANCE	120.00	7,478.64 +
001-55400-124	SOCIAL SECURITY	7,478.64	700.00 +
001-55400-153	PEST CONTROL SERVICES	700.00	485.00 +
001-55400-197	PERMITS & APPLICATIONS	485.00	5,500.00 +
001-55400-199	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	0.00	100.00 +
001-55400-211	OFFICE SUPPLIES & MINOR EQUIP.	0.00	1,300.00 +
001-55400-212	FUELS & LUBRICANTS	5,500.00	900.00 +
001-55400-214	<b>ANIMAL SHELTER</b>	<b>100.00</b>	750.00 +
001-55400-215	TIRES & TUBES	1,300.00	150.00 +
001-55400-216	CLEANING SUPPLIES	900.00	350.00 +
001-55400-217	VEHICLE REPR & MAINT SUP.(HOSE	750.00	9,900.00 +
001-55400-231	RPR & MAINT LND/BLD	150.00	400.00 - +
001-55400-234	REPAIR & MAINT TO VEHICLES	350.00	1,100.00 +÷
001-55400-235	R & M DATA PROC.	0.00	50.00 - + C
001-55400-241	ELECTRICITY	9,900.00	100.00 - +
001-55400-243	WATER SEWER & GARBAGE	400.00	350.00 +
001-55400-251	TELEPHONE	1,100.00	800.00 +
001-55400-252	POSTAGE & POSTAL SERVICES	50.00	200.00 +
001-55400-262	MILEAGE/PERSONAL VEHICLE	100.00	300.00 +
001-55400-265	MEETING & CONFERENCE FEES	350.00	4,000.00 +
001-55400-271	INSURANCE BUILDINGS	0.00	187,305.64 *
001-55400-272	INS MTR & CONSTRUCTION EQUIP	800.00	
001-55400-273	SURETY BONDS	200.00	
001-55400-475	<b>ANIMAL SUPPLIES</b>	<b>300.00</b>	
001-55400-499	MISC & OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES	4,000.00	