



Baldwin County Commission

Legislation Text

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ITEM TITLE

Jenkins Farm and Farmhouse Historic Marker

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

DISCUSSION ONLY - Consider the request from Ms. Marcia Littles to appropriate \$1,000.00 for the Jenkins Farm Farmhouse Historic Marker.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Previous Commission action/date: N/A

Background: Ms. Marcia Littles, property owner, has worked with Claudia Campbell and the Baldwin County Historic Development Commission on the development of the Historic Marker for the Jenkins Farm and Farmhouse. There are two items pending: the return of the Baldwin County Historic Development Commission signed copy of the contract and placement of the Historic Marker. Funding assistance for this particular marker was denied because it was not within the scope of the Baldwin County Historic Development Commission guidelines.

Ms. Littles has made full payment of \$3,000.00 to the Baldwin County Historic Development Commission and is asking the Baldwin County Commission to appropriate \$1,000.00 to the Baldwin County Historic Development Commission as reimbursement to Ms. Littles. The Jenkins Farm and Farmhouse is significant as extant example of an American Craftsman Style Bungalow in Baldwin County. The property is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The house was occupied by Ms. Amelia Jenkins and her children during various periods over twenty years. Two silos and a barn were constructed on site as part of the farm in 1960 and the structures remain as historically contributing elements on the farm/site today. During the period, the house was occupied by Ms. Jenkins and her children, the farm became a model for success and flourished into the largest grossing African-American farm in Alabama and one of the highest grossing family farms in the United States. The financial success of the Jenkins family, predicated on the success of their farm, is significant for the period of significance, covering the 1950's and 1960's. The farm and the

Jenkins family garnered national recognition during the period, celebrating the success of an African-American family overcoming pre-Civil Rights conditions in Alabama. The house is currently unoccupied and much of the original Jenkins Farm property has been subdivided amongst descendants.

The property is in the Town of Loxley, located at, 29040 Jenkins Farm Road.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Total cost of recommendation: \$1,000.00

Budget line item(s) to be used: TBD

If this is not a budgeted expenditure, does the recommendation create a need for funding? Yes

LEGAL IMPACT

Is legal review necessary for this staff recommendation and related documents?

N/A

Reviewed/approved by: N/A

Additional comments: N/A

ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS

Is advertising required for this recommendation? N/A

If the proof of publication affidavit is not attached, list the reason: N/A

FOLLOW UP IMPLEMENTATION

For time-sensitive follow up, select deadline date for follow up: N/A

Individual(s) responsible for follow up: If approved, Accounting will mail the check and Administration will mail correspondence

Action required (list contact persons/addresses if documents are to be mailed or emailed): N/A

Additional instructions/notes: N/A