

STATE OF ALABAMA }

COLBERT COUNTY }

APRIL 4, 2017

Colbert County Commission met today in regular session at the Colbert County Courthouse. Commissioner Gardiner, acting as Chairman in Chairman Jimmar's absence, called the meeting to order at 6:19 p.m. All other Commissioners were present. Commissioner Gardiner declared that a quorum was present and that the meeting was convened and opened for the purposes of transaction of business. County Administrator Kathy Polk was also present and kept the minutes of the meeting. Commissioner Bendall offered the invocation.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Gardiner stated that the next item of business before the Commission was the approval of the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Black made motion to approve consent agenda. Commissioner Hovater seconded the motion. The motion passed with all Commissioners voting aye.

1. Approved payment of bills as presented.
2. Approved Adopt-A-Mile applications for East Colbert Church of Christ on River Road and Tri-Ad on Jarmon Lane.
3. Approved partnership with Colbert County School System to allow students to work with Commission social media needs. The Commissioners heard a presentation at the work session from April Clark, business education teacher at Colbert county High School, and Ashlyn Brown, one of Ms. Clark's students, regarding the proposed partnership.
4. Approved appointment of Commissioner Barnes to the Animal Control Board to fill the unexpired term and vacancy created by Commissioner Jimmar's resignation from the Board.
5. Approved 2017-2018 Colbert County Homeland Security RSVP budget for \$145,403.00.
6. Approved request for payment of \$208,060 for the final invoice from Siemens for the energy saving project.
7. Approved request from Jeremy Edgemon for payment of annual leave in the amount of \$126.56.

8. Approved request from Joshua Chapman for payment of annual leave in the amount of \$2,456.22.
9. Approved request by County Engineer John Bedford to hire a temporary mechanic to work in the NACOLG shop during the period of approved leave of a full time employee. The temporary employee will be paid \$15.00 per hour and will not be offered benefits.
10. Approved renewal of lease agreement between the State of Alabama, Department of Human Resources and Colbert County Commission for the real property located at 3105 George Wallace Blvd., Muscle Shoals, Alabama. The renewal is for a five year term, at \$1.00 per square foot for 14,100 square feet. The monthly rate is \$1,178.33 (\$14,100 annually) and begins on July 1, 2017 and continues until June 2022.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Administrator: Ms. Polk reported on a request to renew the lease on the current DHR building, a request regarding purchase of an advertisement in the Explore the Shoals publication, options for maintenance contracts on the electrical generator located atop the jail, and the need for a Commissioner to be appointed to serve on the Colbert County Animal Control Board.

Engineer: Mr. Bedford reported on the need to replace a riser pipe at the Barton Water Tank and his department's need to hire a temporary employee due to an upcoming leave of absence by a current department employee.

Attorney: Mr. Black offered no report.

Commissioner Gardiner announced that the next item of business was the approval of the minutes from the March 21, 2017 Commission meeting.

Commissioner Hovater made motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the March 21, 2017 Commission meeting and approve them as written.

Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion. Commissioner Gardiner called for a vote and Commissioners Barnes, Gardiner, Bendall, and Hovater voted aye. Commissioner Black abstained. Commissioner Gardiner announced that the motion carried.

E911 BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTMENT

Commissioner Gardiner announced that the next item of business before the Commission was the appointment of a member to the Colbert County E911 Board. Commissioner Gardiner announced that the floor was open for

nominations from the Commissioners. Commissioner Hovater nominated Ronda Hood. Commissioner Barnes nominated Beth Pirtle. There being no other nominations, Commissioner Gardiner called for a vote and a roll call vote was had by the Commission as follows:

Commissioner Barnes	Beth Pirtle
Commissioner Black	Beth Pirtle
Commissioner Gardiner	Beth Pirtle
Commissioner Bendall	Beth Pirtle
Commissioner Hovater	Ronda Hood

Commissioner Gardiner announced that Beth Pirtle had received a majority of the votes cast and that she was therefore appointed to serve a four year term on the Colbert County E911 Board expiring March 31, 2021. The Administrator is directed to notify Beth Pirtle of her appointment and to further notify the Colbert County E911 Board of said appointment.

TIMES DAILY EXPLORE THE SHOALS AD

Commissioner Gardiner announced that the next item of business before the Commission was the consideration of a one-half page advertisement in the periodical Explore the Shoals. The advertisement is not included in the budget. The cost of one half page is \$860.00. Commissioner Gardiner called for a vote on this request. Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Black, Commissioner Gardiner and Commissioner Hovater voted in favor of purchasing the advertisement. Commissioner Bendall voted no. Commissioner Gardiner announced that the purchase of a one-half page advertisement in Explore the Shoals at a cost of \$860.00 had been approved.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REQUEST FOR PROPERTY

In other business, Colbert County Board of Education Superintendent Dr. Gale Satchel addressed the Board with a request that the property located behind the Central Office on Highway 72 West and owned by Colbert County be donated to the Colbert County Board of Education. Dr. Satchel stated that the property is needed to provide space for Safe Intra-Structure for the Technology Hub, Safe Room, Centralized location for County-wide Professional Development, and parking.

Board of Education members Carrie Mitchell, Thomas Burgess, and Ricky Saint were present in support of Dr. Satchel's request. Commissioners requested County Attorney Edgar Black to draft an appropriate resolution and

necessary documents of conveyance to be considered at the next Commission meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Black recognized the efforts of Suzann Hamlin, President of the Colbert County Tourism and Convention Bureau in the promotion of tourism in Colbert County. Commissioner Gardiner commented on the upcoming Saddle up for St. Jude Trail Ride, to be held on the third weekend in July, 2017.

With no further business, Commissioner Black made motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion. All Commissioners concurred.
