

STATE OF ALABAMA }

COLBERT COUNTY }

AUGUST 1, 2017

Colbert County Commission met today in regular session at the Colbert County Courthouse. Chairman Bendall called the meeting to order at 5:53 p.m. being the time and place previously scheduled for such regular session. Commissioners present were Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Black, Commissioner Gardiner, Chairman Bendall, and Commissioner Hovater. Chairman Bendall declared a quorum was present and the meeting was convened and opened for the purpose of transaction of business. County Administrator Kathy Polk was also present and kept the minutes of the meeting. Commissioner Gardiner offered the invocation.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Bendall announced the item of business before the Commission was the approval of the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Gardiner made motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Hovater seconded the motion. The motion passed with all Commissioners voting aye. The following items of business were approved by the Commission.

1. Approved and waived the reading of the minutes from July 18, 2017 Commission meeting.
2. Approved payment of bills as presented to the Commission.
3. Approved Memorandum of Understanding by and between Alabama Administrative Office of Courts and the Colbert County Commission for Grant funding to be used for administration of juvenile court under the supervision of Judge Coker.
4. Approved request by County Engineer John Bedford to declare 4X4 tractor #108573614 as surplus.
5. Approved public hearing on August 15, 2015 at the regular session of the Colbert County Commission meeting for the purpose of requesting grant funding from ADECA for CDBG project Mt. Mills Waterline Extension and

Booster Pump Station. Keith Jones, NACOLG Director presented the proposal at the request of Commissioner Hovater.

JAIL PROPOSAL

Chairman Bendall announced that business before the Commission is the Jail Proposal. Commissioner Gardiner stated that he was against the current Office Complex being renovated for the Jail. Some of the reasons are that it is an old building, people who has previously worked in that building had medical treatment due to mold in the building, the property is prime real estate, Sheriff Williamson does not support it, and District 3 citizens have opposed the location. Commissioner Hovater stated that he echoes Commissioner Gardiner's comments, and it is a liability to the County and there is a better place to locate the Jail. Residents from the community surrounding the Office Complex spoke against the location of the Jail. Commissioner Black commented that it was a proposal and he was concerned about the neighborhood and the proposed location, but the County does not have revenue for a new jail. The County faces challenges in operating a Jail. Commissioner Barnes stated that the County has problems that cannot be ignored and the Commissioners are working to satisfy these issues. Chairman Bendall stated that an Engineering firm had been contacted for a cost estimate. The budget to maintain the Sheriff and Jail is 40 percent of the General Fund.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Administrator: Ms. Polk reported a new employee for the Booking department at the jail, Ryan Green. The contract for Jail inmate medical services will end on September 30, 2017, therefore it will be time to bid out or renew.

Engineer: Mr. Bedford reported that the water department has met the goals in 2016 set by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

Attorney: Mr. Black offered no report.

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Barnes reported a community meeting to discuss internet in the County. The meeting will be August 17, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at East Colbert Church of Christ.

With no further business, Commissioner Black made motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gardiner seconded the motion and all Commissioners concurred.
