

STATE OF ALABAMA            }

COLBERT COUNTY            }

DECEMBER 29, 2017  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

Colbert County Commission met today in a special called session at the Colbert County Courthouse. Chairman Bendall called the meeting to order at 11:12 a.m. being the time and place previously scheduled for such session. Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Black, Commissioner Smith, Chairman Bendall, and Commissioner Hovater were present. Commissioner Gardiner was not present at the meeting. Chairman Bendall declared a quorum was present and the meeting convened for the purposing of discussing a resolution for local tax proposed by County Engineer John Bedford. County Administrator Kathy Polk was also present and kept the minutes of the meeting. Commissioner Smith offered the invocation.

Chairman Bendall announced that the business before the Commission is the adoption of a resolution recommended by County Engineer John Bedford requesting the State Legislature to authorize the Commission to levy a permanent three cent fuel tax to be used for Colbert County roads and bridges. Commissioner Black made motion to adopt the resolution as recommended. Commissioner Hovater seconded the motion. Commissioner Barnes made a motion to amend the main motion by inserting language to divide revenue generated by the proposed fuel tax equally between County roads and bridges, an overpass to be constructed over existing railroad rights of way, and the construction of infrastructure for broadband internet in the County.

Commissioner Smith seconded the motion to amend. Chairman Bendall stated the question before the Commission and called for debate. There being none, Chairman Bendall called for a vote on the motion to amend. Commissioner Barnes voted yay. Commissioner Black voted nay. Commissioner Smith voted yay. Chairman Bendall voted nay. Commissioner Hovater voted nay. Chairman Bendall announced that the motion to amend had failed, with 2 votes in favor of the amendment and 3 votes against.

There being no further debate upon the main motion to adopt the resolution in support of a fuel tax, Chairman Bendall called for a vote. Commissioner Barnes voted nay. Commissioner Black voted yay. Commissioner Smith voted yay. Chairman Bendall voted yay. Commissioner Hovater voted yay. Chairman Bendall announced that the motion's passage, with 4 votes in favor of adopting the resolution as presented by Mr. Bedford and 1 vote against.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Barnes and seconded by Commissioner Smith. All Commissioners concurred.

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