

STATE OF ALABAMA }

COLBERT COUNTY }

MARCH 6, 2018

Colbert County Commission met today in regular session at the Colbert County Courthouse. Chairman Bendall called the meeting to order at 7:22 p.m. being the time and place previously scheduled for such session. Commissioner Black, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Smith, Chairman Bendall and Commissioner Hovater were present. Commissioner Barnes was not present at the meeting. Chairman Bendall declared a quorum was present and convened for the purpose of transaction of business. County Administrator Kathy Polk was present and kept the minutes of the meeting. Commissioner Hovater offered the invocation.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Bendall announced the item before the Commission was the business of approving the consent agenda. Commissioner Gardiner made motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed with all Commissioners voting aye. The following items of business were approved by the Commissioners.

1. Approved payment of bills as presented to the Commissioners.
2. Approved salary increase of \$500.00 annually for Frank Echols, as requested by Sheriff Williamson. Deputy Echols received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice.
3. Approved outside lighting to be installed at some of the storm shelters that are very dark.
4. Approved request from PALS for \$500.00 to promote litter cleanups, preventing litter, community outreach and Earth Day on April 21, 2018.
5. Approved request from Shoals Earth Month, Inc., for \$500.00 sponsorship to be used for 11th Annual Shoals Earth Day Festival on April 7, 2018.

Chairman Bendall announced the next item of business is approving the minutes of February 20, 2018 Commission meeting. Commissioner Gardiner made motion to approve minutes. Commissioner Hovater seconded the motion. The motion passed with all Commissioners voting aye.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Administrator: Ms. Polk reported new employees at the Jail are Jeremy Reaves and Michael Colin James. Revenue Commission has employees that have finished steps toward certification and will move to next step. Matt Harvey has completed mapping and April Estis has completed appraisal.

Engineer: Mr. Bedford reported on the roads during the flooding and the ineffectiveness of Children at Play warning signs. He suggested letting the individual residents take care of getting their street lights and that the Sheriff handle the neighborhood watch.

Attorney: Mr. Black offered no report.

JAIL PROPOSAL OPTIONS

Chairman Bendall announced that the item before the Commission is a presentation by Architects Eddie Hester and Calvin Durham of Lambert Ezell Durham Architecture, LLC. The presentation included proposals for both a new Jail and renovation of existing buildings that could become a Jail facility. The sites included in proposal are Office complex, property on highway 72, property in Industrial Park, existing Jail facility, property on Hook Street, property on Joe Wheeler Drive, and property located behind the County Road Department.

SCHOOL SAFETY-DR. GALE SATCHEL

Chairman Bendall stated that the next item before the Commission is a request by Dr. Gale Satchel to address school safety. Dr. Satchel requested an increase from 15 mills to 20 mills for Colbert County Schools and an increase on sales taxes. Dr. Satchel expressed her concern for the safety of the students and staff at the County Schools and the lack of security. She requested cameras and panic buttons to be installed in all schools and the need for 2 more Resource Officer for New Bethel and Hatton Elementary Schools. EMA Director Mike Melton and Sheriff Frank Williamson will evaluate the security in the schools.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Hovater and seconded by commissioner Gardiner. All Commissioners concurred. Chairman Bendall announced that meeting was adjourned.

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