

STATE OF ALABAMA }

COLBERT COUNTY }

MARCH 20, 2018

Colbert County Commission met today in regular session at the Colbert County Courthouse. Chairman Bendall called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. being the time and place previously scheduled for such session. Commissioner Barnes, Commissioners Black, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Smith, Chairman Bendall and Commissioner Hovater were present. Chairman Bendall declared a quorum was present for the purpose of transaction of business. County Administrator Kathy Polk was present and kept the minutes of the meeting. Commissioner Barnes offered the invocation.

PASSING OF GAVEL FOR EIGHT MONTH PERIOD

Chairman Bendall passed the gavel to Commissioner Hovater for his term as chairman of the Commission for the next eight months.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Hovater announced the item before the Commission was the business of approving the consent agenda. Commissioner Bendall made motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Barnes 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 recommendation of County Engineer regarding Neighborhood Watch signs to work with Sheriff in location and keep signs simple.
3. Approved lease agreement with North Red Rock Church of Christ located at 3390 Red Rock Road, Tuscumbia, Alabama for property to be used for storm shelter. The lease is for a term of thirty (30) years and shall be extended for an additional thirty (30) years upon written agreement between both parties.
4. Approved County Attorney Edgar Black to request Attorney General's opinion on location of new jail and if it has to be located in County seat.
5. Approved purchase of ad for "The Miracle Worker" program at cost of \$140.00 payable to Helen Keller Garden Club.

6. Approved petition and declaration of vacation of portion of public street and right of way known as Stonecipher Road, subject to an unrestricted easement reserved in favor of Colbert County over and across a portion of the property to be vacated, requested by Regina Michael, Personal Representative of the estate of Clifton Fuller.
7. Approved request from Libby Harkins for payment of \$4,982.92 for unused annual leave.
8. Approved transfer of employee life insurance vendor from Sun Life Financial to Dearborn National due to increase in rates.
9. Approved purchase of ad for Explore the Shoals Magazine presented by Ms. Cherri Sutherland. The cost of the ad is \$860.00 for half page.
10. Approved request by County Engineer John Bedford for 5% salary increase to be offered to Mr. Michael Copeland upon completing and maintaining ALDOT's Bridge Certification Program.
11. Approved renewal of fuel bid for unleaded (10% Ethanol) and Diesel to Tatum Oil.
12. Approved renewal of fuel for Unleaded (No Ethanol) to Petroleum Trader Corporation.

Chairman Hovater announced the next item of business is approving the minutes of March 6, 2018 Commission meeting. Commissioner Gardiner made motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Bendall seconded the motion. Commissioner Black abstained. The motion passed with all other Commissioners voting aye.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Administrator: Ms. Polk reported new employee John Travis Johnson as a fulltime Jailer and the promotion of Kevin Pruett to the position of Lead Driver for Household Garbage Collections.

Engineer: Mr. Bedford reported on water testing and numbers are good for sample sent.

Attorney: Mr. Black offered no report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Ed Bowman addressed the Commission concerning public safety and the Four Way Inn located on Highway 43. He is concerned that sex offenders are residing at the Four Way Inn and the citizens did not receive a timely

notification. Mr. Bowman stated his concern for this facility located close to a residential area. Mr. Randy Smith addressed the Commission stating his opposition of the use of the facility to allow sex offenders to reside. Sheriff Frank Williamson addressed the Commission stating that the County has no control over the use of the Four Way Inn as a half-way house. The facility is faith based and does not have to be licensed. Mr. Chester McKinney, owner of Four Way Inn, explained that the facility is being used as a “re-entry program” for former inmates that need help with a place to live and trying to find jobs. The residents of the facility are under supervision and have restrictions and rules that they must follow to continue residing in the facility. County Attorney Edgar Black stated that the County Commission does not take position for or against particular uses of private property and does not have authority to do so.

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

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