

STATE OF ALABAMA }

COLBERT COUNTY }

OCTOBER 2, 2018

Colbert County Commission met today in regular session at the Colbert County Courthouse. Chairman Hovater called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m. being the time and place previously scheduled for such session. Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Black, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Bendall and Chairman Hovater were present. Chairman Hovater 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 Smith offered the invocation.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

Commissioners recognized Ms. Susanne Hamlin, Director of Colbert County Tourism and Convention, for the award “2018 Organization of the Year” by the Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourism Association. Senator Stutts presented the County Commission with a resolution from the State Senate recognizing September 17, 2018 as Constitution Day.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Hovater announced the business before the Commission was approval of the consent agenda. Commissioner Gardiner made motion to approve consent agenda. Commissioner Bendall 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 Commission,
2. Approved Alabama Department of Youth Services Grant Agreement for fiscal year 2018–2019 to be used to fund Colbert County Hope Center. The Hope Center provides youthful offenders with educational and counseling services.
3. Approved County Attorney Edgar Black to consult with a Human Resource Firm concerning Early Retirement Incentive program which will pay family health insurance for employees eligible for retirement.

4. Approved recommendation from EMA Director Mike Melton to establish a scholarship program for EMT training to be awarded to two Colbert County Volunteer Firefighters. The approved \$4,000 (\$2,000 per volunteer) will be paid with grant money in the EMA budget. The selection for the Volunteers will be decided by the Association of Volunteer Fire Departments.
5. Approved payment requested by Kenny Durham for unused annual leave for 480 hours which is maximum that can be paid. The amount to be paid is \$17,563.20.
6. Approved an amendment on the abatement for Great Southern Wood Preserving, Inc. to change the name of the entity receiving the abatement to Great Southern Wood—Tuscumbia, Inc. All other terms of the initial abatement agreement remain the same. The abatement was approved at the previous Commission meeting on September 18, 2018.
7. Approved recommendation by Commissioner Gardiner to send a letter to Lauderdale County Commission requesting support for the Tennessee Valley Rescue and Recovery project.
8. Approved having the Office Complex building appraised by a professional licensed Appraiser and requested Brian Hall, Chief Appraiser in Revenue Commission Office, to seek and select the Appraiser.

Chairman Hovater announced the business before the Commission is the approval of minutes for Commission meeting on September 18, 2018.

Commissioner Bendall made motion to dispense reading and to approve the minutes. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion. Commissioner Barnes voted aye. Commissioner Black voted aye. Commissioner Gardiner abstained. Commissioner Smith voted aye. Commissioner Bendall voted aye. Chairman Hovater voted aye. Chairman Hovater announced that the motion carried.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Administrator: Ms. Polk reported new employee Brett Evans will begin as Deputy in Sheriff's Department.

Engineer: Mr. Bedford reported retirement of Kenny Durham and requested that Commission pay cost of insurance for Mr. Durham being added to his wife's insurance. Insurance will not allow Mr. Durham to stay on County insurance due to the policy requiring employees to be on County insurance 10 years to be able to continue after retirement.

Attorney: Mr. Black reported the need for an amendment for the Great South Wood abatement.

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

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