

STATE OF ALABAMA }

COLBERT COUNTY }

FEBRUARY 5, 2019

Colbert County Commission met today in regular session at the Colbert County Courthouse. At the time scheduled for the session to begin, Chairman Barnes suggested that the Commission move the meeting to Courtroom Number 3, Colbert County Courthouse so as to better accommodate the large crowd in attendance. All commissioners concurred with the suggestion and Chairman Barnes announced to all in attendance that the session would take place in Courtroom Number 3. After allowing time for all in attendance to arrive in Courtroom Number 3, Chairman Barnes called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. being the time previously scheduled for such session. Chairman Barnes, Commissioner Black, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Bailey, Commissioner Bendall, and Commissioner Hovater were present at the meeting. Chairman Barnes 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 Bendall offered the invocation.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Barnes announced the business before the Commissioners was the approval of consent agenda. Commissioner Gardiner made motion to approve the consent agenda, which consisted of the following items:

1. Waived reading of the minutes from January 15, 2019 Commission meeting and approved the same as written.
2. Approved payment of bills as presented.
3. Approved a request by Sheriff Williamson that the Commission authorize the immediate hire 2 additional part time Jail employees.
4. Approved awarding the bid for Bath House at Rose Trail Park to Rusty Nail Builders as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, for a cost of 56,760. Other firms submitting bids were Terry Smith/Moses who bid \$75,600 and CS Renovations who bid \$87,000.
5. Appointed Dewey King to an additional term on the E911 Board of Directors, to begin on March 21, 2019 and end on March 20, 2023.

6. Declared the following property that is presently assigned to the Road Department as surplus property: 2009 Ford F150 Pickup 4X4 #1FTRF14W29KB72784 and 1997 Ford F150 1FTD17W3VLB88566 The County Engineer is authorized to dispose of said surplus property in such a manner as to result in no expenditure by the County and that will not expose the County to any liability in the further use of or operation of same.
7. Approved resolution to apply for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund assistance from ADEM for replacement of water meters and SCADA and to authorize the Kelley Group and act on behalf of Colbert County Commission as the engineer of record in the preparation and submission of a DWSRF Pre-Application and Application to ADEM pertaining to County Water System improvements.
8. Approved \$250 for sponsorship of Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Committee N.W.ALA Scholarship Banquet on February 23, 2019 at UNA.
9. Approved purchase of 4 AEDs (defibrillators) for the Courthouse. This will be paid for with EMA grant funds.
10. Approved request from Thomas Woodis for payment of annual leave in the amount of \$4,171.28.
11. Approved request from Sonny Isbell for payment of annual leave in the amount of \$5,559.64.
12. Approved request from Garry Peden for payment of annual leave in the amount of \$3,600.82.
13. Approved recommendation from Commissioner Bailey for agenda distribution list to be distributed to Commissioners, former Commissioners and staff by email and all others that have been receiving agenda by email will be able to look at agenda on the Colbert County website.

Commissioner Bailey seconded the motion. Chairman Barnes asked for a voice vote on the motion. After the vote was held Chairman Barnes announced the motion carried..

ROAD DEPARTMENT LAND SALE

Chairman Barnes announced that the business before the Commission is the sale of property at the County Road Department. County Engineer Bedford announced that the County has received an offer to purchase 6.39 acres, more or less, of County property for \$340,000 which is 94 percent of the appraised

value. Commissioner Hovater made motion to accept the offer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bailey, whereupon Chairman Barnes asked for vote by call of the roll, and said vote was had as follows:

District 1 — Chairman Barnes	Aye
District 2 — Commissioner Black	Nay
District 3 — Commissioner Gardiner	Aye
District 4 — Commissioner Bailey	Aye
District 5 — Commissioner Bendall	Aye
District 6 — Commissioner Hovater	Aye

Chairman Barnes announced that the motion carried.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EVENT

Chairman Barnes announced the next item before the Commission was the sponsorship of table for \$650 at the Shoals Chamber of Commerce meeting in March. Commissioner Gardiner made motion to sponsor a table. Commissioner Bailey seconded the motion whereupon Chairman Barnes asked for vote by call of the roll, and said vote was had as follows:

District 1 — Chairman Barnes	Aye
District 2 — Commissioner Black	Nay
District 3 — Commissioner Gardiner	Aye
District 4 — Commissioner Bailey	Aye
District 5 — Commissioner Bendall	Aye
District 6 — Commissioner Hovater	Aye

Chairman Barnes announced that the motion carried.

BEAR CREEK ON THE TRAIL LIQUOR LICENSE

Chairman Barnes announced that the business before the Commission was consideration of an application for Restaurant Retail Liquor license by Bear Creek on the Trail LLC located at 901 Riverton Rose Trail, Cherokee, AL 35616. Commissioner Hovater made motion to approve the application. Commissioner Bailey seconded the motion motion whereupon Chairman Barnes asked for vote by call of the roll, and said vote was had as follows:

District 1 — Chairman Barnes	Aye
District 2 — Commissioner Black	Aye
District 3 — Commissioner Gardiner	Aye
District 4 — Commissioner Bailey	Aye
District 5 — Commissioner Bendall	Nay
District 6 — Commissioner Hovater	Aye

Chairman Barnes announced that the motion carried and requested the County Administrator to send notice of such approval to the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Administrator: Ms. Polk reported Sheriff hired 2 new deputies, William Byers and Randall Parker. Ms. Polk also reported that 11 employees have applied for retirement with family insurance to be paid by the County.

Engineer: Mr. Bedford reported that the employees at the Road Department would be doing some of the work on the new office building.

Attorney: Mr. Black offered no report.

NACOLG UPDATE

Chairman Barnes next welcomed NACOLG Executive Director Keith Jones and staff for the purpose of updating the Commission is an update on NACOLG's work in the areas of grant application and administration, services available to local aging and disabled, transportation services, and MPO projects.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Barnes announced that the next item to address was any discussion items from the Commissioners. Chairman Barnes read a resolution aloud that would seek the enactment of a legislative act concerning SEDA and SIDC to, among other things, provide that the portion attributable to Colbert County of a 0.5% sales tax currently levied on goods sold in Colbert and Lauderdale Counties be paid directly to Colbert County rather than into the Shoals Economic Development Fund as now occurs. Commissioners discussed the draft proposal at length. Commissioner Black expressed his opposition to the draft resolution as well as his opinion that provision of broadband internet service is better addressed by private enterprise and that construction of an overpass spanning Norfolk Southern track right of way be spearheaded by the local municipalities. Commissioner Hovater voiced his agreement with Commissioner Black's position regarding broadband internet service and expressed his concern that passage of a resolution such as that read aloud by Chairman Barnes resolution could set Colbert County back 20 years. Commissioner Bendall expressed an openness to consideration of a resolution requesting a legislative act broadening permissible uses of the Shoals Economic Development Fund. Commissioner Bailey expressed support for remaining a part of SEDA while exploring change in restriction of fund usage. Muscle Shoals Mayor Bradford, Tuscumbia Mayor Underwood, and Sheffield Mayor Stanford attended the meeting and spoke in

opposition of the Resolution. SEDA Executive Director Forrest Wright and several SEDA representatives were also in attendance.

Commissioner Bailey asked that the Administrator job description be rewritten and that the deadline for receiving applications be extended. Chairman Barnes wants to interview the applicants that have applied. Commissioner Bailey asked that the deadline extension and new job description be put on the next agenda to be discussed and that all Commissioners participate in the interview process.

With no further business, Chairman Barnes asked for a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Gardiner made motion to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Bailey. A vote was had and Chairman Barnes announced the meeting was adjourned.

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