

STATE OF ALABAMA }

COLBERT COUNTY }

FEBRUARY 19, 2019

Colbert County Commission met today in regular session at the Colbert County Courthouse. Chairman Barnes called the meeting to order at 7:29 p.m. being the time and place 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. Administrator Kathy Polk was present and kept the minutes of the meeting. Chairman Barnes offered the invocation.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

Chairman Barnes announced the business before the Commission was a presentation by Tim Kimbell of the Corner's Association to the family of Carlton Utley for his services as Corner of Colbert County and in his memory. Mr. Utley passed away in an accident during his term as Corner.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Barnes announced that business before the Commission was the approval of the consent agenda. Commissioner Gardiner made motion to adopt and approve a Consent Agenda as discussed in the work session. Chairman Barnes stated that the question before the Commission was the adoption and approval of a Consent Agenda consisting of the following items:

1. Waived reading of the minutes from the February 5, 2019 Commission meeting and approve the same as written.
2. Approved the payment of bills as presented to Commissioners.
3. Approved Accountant April Bearden to have authority to make the investment of County funds into a CD at First Metro Bank for 9 months at an interest rate of 2.25 %. The amount put in to a CD is \$472,828.
4. Approved making an offer of \$310,000 for Water Street property owned by R & E, LLC and located at 201 N Water Street, Tuscumbia. The

purchase offer is to be contingent upon satisfactory inspection by Certified Building Inspector and satisfactory Termite inspection.

5. Approved hosting a meeting with the local state legislative delegation and also invite Colbert and Lauderdale County Commissioners, Mayors and SEDA members. The meeting will be February 28 or March 1, 2019, whichever date the Legislators can schedule. The meeting will take place at the Marriott Conference Center in Florence. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss matters of importance to local government with state legislators prior to the upcoming legislative session.
6. Approved payment to David Reid in the amount of \$400 per month to maintain County website. Mr. Reid has done this on a volunteer basis since the website was created.
7. Approved purchase of a full page advertisement in the 2019 Recall LaGrange Special Edition Program Book from the LaGrange Living Historical Association in the amount of \$180.00.
8. Approved revisions to job description for the position of County Administrator.

Commissioner Black seconded the motion. Chairman called for approval of the Consent Agenda and a vote was held. Chairman Barnes announced that the Consent Agenda was adopted and approved.

EXTENSION OF JOB APPLICATIONS

Chairman Barnes announced that the business before the Commission was consideration of a resolution proposing to extend the deadline for submission of applications for the positions of County Administrator, County Engineer, and EMA Director through close of business on March 15, 2019. Commissioner Hovater moved for adoption of the resolution. Commissioner Bailey seconded the motion. Chairman Barnes stated that the matter before the Commission was the adoption of a resolution as introduced by Commissioner Hovater.

Commissioner Black, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Bailey and Commissioner Hovater voted aye. Chairman Barnes and Commissioner Bendall voted nay. Chairman Barnes announced the passage of the resolution.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Administrator: Ms. Polk reported ADA's (defibrillators) have been delivered and Mike Melton has suggestions on where to locate these devices. Brandon Kelsey has been promoted to lead driver and replaces Garry Peden in White Goods. Revenue Commissioner has new contract employee Kaley Frederick, who will be full time in May. Annual Wild Game Cook-off at Longhorn Arena is scheduled for March 16, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. and has a one day event liquor license.

Engineer: Mr. Bedford reported that he was working with County Attorney Edgar Black on the sale of the property on the highway at the Road Department.

Attorney: Mr. Black was not present.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Barnes announced that the floor was open for Commissioner Discussion Items. The Chair recognized Commissioner Bailey, who stated her belief as to the County's need for an Interim Administrator until one is hired and suggested that Ms. Polk could work part time to fill this need. Chairman Barnes questioned the legality and ethical issues of Ms. Polk filling that position. Commissioner Black stated that Mr. Melton could fill in for Administrator as the point of contact until further notice. There being no other Commissioner wishing to discuss the matter, Chairman Barnes obtained the floor and announced that he and Commissioner Bendall had attended the Lauderdale County Commission meeting where a discussion was about SEDA. Chairman Barnes announced that he is working on a resolution for SEDA to help get funding to use for broadband and overpasses in the County. The Chair then assigned the floor to Mr. Frazier, a citizen attending the meeting who wished to speak on the issue. Mr. Frazier stressed his belief that broadband Internet was needed in rural areas of Colbert County. Commissioner Gardiner expressed the importance of SEDA and new opportunities for funding to be used for capital improvement. Commissioner expressed the need for the Commission to find suitable compromises for the community and his belief that only by working together could the Shoals reach its goals. Chairman Gardiner acknowledged that the power to make changes to the legislation governing SEDA lies solely with the Legislature and suggested a meeting with the local legislative delegation.

With no further business, Chairman Barnes asked for motion to adjourn. Commissioner Gardiner made motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bailey. A vote was had and Chairman Barnes announced the meeting was adjourned.

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