

STATE OF ALABAMA        }

COLBERT COUNTY         }

MARCH 5, 2019

Colbert County Commission met today in regular session at the Colbert County Courthouse. Chairman Barnes called the work session meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. and the regular meeting at 6:50 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 the transaction of business.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Engineer John Bedford had a presentation to be viewed by the commissioners after the meeting. The drinking water state revolving fund is a Loan/Grant opportunity for the water project, a \$1,000,000 maintenance plan with a possible \$500,000 debt forgiveness.

**PRESENTATIONS**

The Commission heard a presentation for Chris Pedersen of Connected Nation Broadband regarding services provided by his company. Mr. Pederson will make a formal proposal for a broadband study of Colbert County at a later date.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Barnes announced that business before the Commission was the approval of the consent agenda. Commissioner Bailey made motion to adopt and approve a Consent Agenda and Bills as discussed in the work session. Commissioner

Gardiner seconds the motion. Chariman Barnes stated that the approval of the Consent agenda consisting of the following was properly before the commission.

1. Waive reading of minutes from the February 19, 2019 Commission meeting  
And approve the same as written
2. Approve the payment of bills as presented
3. Extended application deadline for County Engineer to March 29, 2019
4. Approved Liquid Asphalt Bid-Road Dept., held February 19, 2019, in which Ergon Asphalt and Hunt Refining companies both placed bids resulting in Ergon asphalt winning the bid with \$383.24/ton. Bid was approved by commission.
5. Approve revision of job description for County Engineer position.
6. Approved Annual Leave pay of \$1,383.20 to Michael Smith.
7. Approved Annual Leave pay of \$13,970.67 to Kathy Polk.
8. Consented to reappoint Ms. Regina Wright for a full six-year term, to expire at noon, April 1, 2025, on the board directors for the Riverbend Center of Mental Health.
9. Approved Annual Leave pay of \$7,201.20 to Stoney Huguley
10. Approve an application filed by the Inspiration Landing Development Cooperative District seeking to file an amendment to its Certificate of Incorporation with the Colbert County Probate Judge to expand its board of Directors to 7 members with two additional members to be appointed by the Commission.

### REPORTS FROM STAFF

**Administrator/EMA Director:** Mr. Melton read a request to sponsor an ad for the COARM organization which was not acted on by the Commission. The Sheriff Departments has three new hires; Effective February 17, 2019. Joseph McCuskey will begin work as a Full-Time Jailer. He fills the position of Jailer Michael Smith

with a beginning salary of \$27,661.00. Effective February 20, 2019, Kenneth Pace will begin work as a Part-Time Booking/Jailer replacing Jailer Brandon Withers. at a rate of \$10.26 per hour. Effective February 22, 2019, Benjamin Reed will begin work as a Part-Time Booking/Jailer replacing Joseph McCuskey at a rate of \$10.26 per hour. Both of the Part-Time positions filled will not be eligible for benefits.

**Engineer:** Mr. Bedford voiced that a finalization of the job description should be posted.

**Attorney:** Mr. Black presented an application submitted by the Inspiration Landing Development Cooperative District seeking to expand the number of members Seated on its board of directors. The application was placed on the Consent Agenda.

Chairman Barnes announced that the floor was open for Commissioner Discussion Items. Commissioner Bailey stated that she believes the Engineering job description should be cleaned up so that the job can be processed properly for new hire. The job description was approved and will be reposted until March 29, 2019 at the close of the business day.

Commissioner Hovater asked the Commission if the parking lot at the Office Complex could be used for parking in July. None of the Commissioners opposed. 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 Black. A vote was had and Chairman Barnes announced the Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

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