

STATE OF ALABAMA        }

COLBERT COUNTY         }

MARCH 19, 2019

Colbert County Commission met today in regular session at the Colbert County Courthouse. Chairman Barnes called the work session meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and the regular meeting at 6:11 p.m. being the time and place previously scheduled for such sessions. Chairman Barnes, Commissioner Black, Commissioner Bailey, Commissioner Bendall, and Commissioner Hovater were present at the meeting. Commissioner Gardiner was not present. Chairman Barnes declared a quorum was present for the purpose of the transaction of business. Commissioner Barnes offered the invocation.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Barnes announced that business before the Commission was the approval of the consent agenda. Commissioner Black made motion to approve consent agenda and bills as set during the work session. Commissioner Bendall seconded the motion. Chairman Barnes read the items comprising the consent agenda, as follows:

1. Waive reading of the minutes from the March 5, 2019 Commission meeting and approve the same as corrected.
2. Approved payment of bills as presented.
3. Approved the purchase of an advertisement in the Colbert County Sports Hall of Fame Banquet Program for the amount of \$600.00.
4. Gave final approval to Cornelius Pointe subdivision, based upon the recommendation of the County Engineer that the developer had met regarding the satisfactory completion of improvements as required by Colbert County subdivision regulations.
5. Approved procedures for application review and interview of candidates for the County Administration position, with the same to be held on 3/23/19 at 5:00 p.m.
6. Approved purchase of full page advertisement in *The Miracle Worker* program from Helen Keller Garden Club for the amount of \$140.00.
7. Appointed Commissioner Tori Bailey to an open seat on the board of directors of Inspiration Landing Development Cooperative District for a four (4) year term, ending on March 15, 2023.
8. Approved a resolution authorizing the County Administrator to obtain a credit card for the

Commission office on such terms as he deems wise and expedient and with a credit limit of up to \$5,000. The Administrator will be the authorized signer on the account and the account shall be used for purchase of office supplies through online wholesale or retail establishments.

9. Approved Road Department to swap truck 09F150 Vin #72784 and 09F150

Vin #88566 with the Solid Waste Department for 2010 Frht M2106

Vin #AT6114.

10. Approved payment of invoice as submitted by The Kelley Group for professional services related to grant application for county parks. Future invoices will be held until discussed with The Kelley Group.

11. Approved to renew existing fuel contract with Tatum Oil for 3<sup>rd</sup> year. The contract was initially competitively bid on or about 2016, and can be renewed without undergoing a competitive bid process through March 2020.

12. Approved a resolution requesting the Alabama Department of Transportation to reduce speed limit from 55 mph to 45 mph on a one mile stretch on Alabama Highway 184, known locally as 2<sup>nd</sup> St. in Muscle Shoals, from the point of its intersection with Gate 6 Rd. to the point of its intersection with Osborne Lane.

#### REPORTS FROM STAFF

**Administrator/EMA Director:** Mr. Melton reported that Arc of the Shoals has completed its audit and it is available for the Commission to view. North West Shoals Community College is holding a meeting to discuss funds, fund raisers, and opioid situations in our area. The meeting will be held in building 110 on 3/20/19 at 12:30 P.M.. Commissioners are invited to attend. A check in the amount of \$338,775.00 was received representing proceeds from the sale of property in front of the Road Dept. building. This money will be placed in the Capital Improvement Fund. A Whitegoods truck was purchased off of purchasing within their budget. The cost of the truck was \$168,145.72.

**Engineer:** Mr. Bedford mentioned the State gas tax has passed. He reported that hopefully beginning December of 2019 the County would start receiving its portion of the tax revenue. Mr. Bedford estimated that approximately \$617,000 will be generated during the first year of the tax. The legislation implementing the tax provides for certain increases in the tax rate such that Mr. Bedford estimates that Colbert County will receive approximately \$1.02 million when the tax is fully implemented in three years. Mr. Bedford stated that the County is still experiencing a funding crisis with regard to county

public roads. Mr. Bedford estimated that the County would need to appropriate approximately \$3 million per year to maintain county roads in their current state. Mr. Bedford also reported that FHWA approved the proposed slide correction engineering design for the repair of Frankfort Road. Mr. Bedford informed the Commission that contracts are in place to complete repair to Frankfort Road and that costs of repair will be funded through federal disaster relief. He expects the project to be completed within 180 days. Mr. Robison stated that there was one bid to build the new building at the Road Department. The bidder was Butler Construction and the Road Department will negotiate the contract to receive the best price for construction. He is hopeful that work on the new building can begin in April.

**Attorney:** Mr. Black presented a resolution seeking to lower the speed limit along a portion of Alabama Highway 184. Mr. Black informed the Commission that its offer to purchase property located at 201 N. Main St., Tuscumbia, was accepted by R & E, LLC, and that minor contract terms were being finalized so that the final sales contract can be considered at the April 2, 2019 meeting.

Chairman Barnes then called for a motion for the Commission to enter executive session. Commissioner Bendall made motion that the Commission enter executive session for the purpose of discussion involving the general reputation and character of a person. Commissioner Black seconded the motion. Chairman Bendall asked that the Administrator call the roll, and vote was had as follows:

<b>Call of Roll</b>	<b>Vote</b>
<b>Commissioner Black</b>	Aye
<b>Commissioner Gardiner</b>	Aye
<b>Commissioner Bailey</b>	Aye
<b>Commissioner Bendall</b>	Aye
<b>Commissioner Hovater</b>	Aye
<b>Chairman Barnes</b>	Aye

Chairman Barnes entered a statement upon the record that the Commission would not reconvene at the close of the executive session.

The Commission entered executive session at 7:01 P.M.

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