

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COLBERT COUNTY)

Minutes of a Regular Meeting
of the
Colbert County Commission
05/05/2020

The Colbert County Commission met today in regular session at the Colbert County Courthouse. Chairman Gardiner called the work session to order at 5:02 P.M. with the regular meeting following at 7:32 P.M., being the time and place previously scheduled for such work session and regular meeting. All Commissioners answered “present” at the call of the roll. Commissioner Black offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Gardiner declared that a quorum was present for the purpose of the transaction of business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Pam Doyle spoke as a concerned small business owner. She is requesting that the Commission implement rules, regulations and/or guidelines for all business to follow to eliminate any confusion as to what the laws are.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Gardiner announced that the business before the Commission was the approval of the consent agenda. Commissioner Black made motion to adopt and approve the matters placed on the consent agenda during the work session. The motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Hovater. Chairman Gardiner stated that the adoption and approval of a consent agenda comprised of the following items of business was properly before the Commission and stated the matters as follows:

1. Waived reading of March 3, 2020, March 17, 2020, April 3, 2020, and April 17, 2020 minutes and approved the same as written.
2. Approved payment of May 5, 2020 bills as presented by the Chief Financial Officer.
3. Approved COVID 19 Temporary Emergency Sick Leave Policy.
4. Approved Requested Unused Annual Leave for Clarence Grissom in the amount of \$4,936.26.
5. Approved Requested Unused Annual Leave for Sharon Burns in the amount of \$9,460.80.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Chairman Gardiner announced that the Commission would now hear reports from staff. Upon being recognized by the Chair, the following reports were heard by the Commission:

County Administrator:

Administrator Creekmore reported on the progress of Courthouse projects designed to protect employees and the public. These include glass installation at Probate and Revenue offices, sneeze screens in driver license office and business windows in the Sheriff’s Department. Administrator Creekmore reported that social distancing is being maintained in the Courthouse with assistance from the Sheriff’s Department. Roadside garbage pick-up is overwhelmed, with white goods

currently operating 4 trucks, at 10 hours per day. Administrator Creekmore reported that the court system informed him of its plan to tentatively reopen on May 18. Presiding Circuit Judge has requested installation of sneeze shields and that the Commission provides PPE in connection with the reopening. Administrator Creekmore further reported The Muscle Shoals National Heritage Grant in the amount of \$10,000 has been approved and is awaiting final paperwork. The Commission received a thank you letter from Community Action and Shoals COARMM.

Mr. Barnes added that a thank you letter was also received from Old Brick Presbyterian Community.

Chief Financial Officer:

CFO Bearden reported that the County's financial statements for the 2018 fiscal year have yet to be audited by the State Auditor's Office. As a result, Standard and Poor's has formally informed the CFO that it will suspend the County's credit rating until such time as an audit is completed.

County Attorney:

No Report

EMA Director:

EMA Director Smith announced that he is hopeful to receive reimbursement of 75% of the County's expenses related to COVID 19. There is no update on the pending grant application for the storm shelter in SE Sheffield. NACOLG missed the deadline for grant application for funding to purchase a boat; therefore, the issue is on hold at this time.

County Engineer:

County Engineer Robison reports that the delay in audits by the Department of Public Examiners will impact the water department as grants in progress are on hold until audits are completed. Engineer Robison also reported that the County's Rebuild Alabama paving is completed. The Water Department is seeing more no-pays due to COVID-19. Engineer reported an issue with a subdivision development which is not in compliance with adopted regulations. Engineer Robison also reported that the City of Muscle Shoals is working with the Road Department to transfer a section of 6th Street to the County Engineer and that the County Attorney will work with the attorney for Muscle Shoals to draw up a resolution. Engineer Robison reported that he anticipates 5-6 miles of Woodmont Dr. will be repaved this year using federal highway monies. Mr. Robison briefed Commission and invited input on a water meter issue the water department is experiencing with an apartment dwelling.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Gardiner announced that the next item of business before the Commission was a request from Probate Judge Daniel Rosser for payment in the amount of \$2,116.55 for services rendered in compiling a list of certified voters in Colbert County. Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the request, which was seconded by Commissioner Black. There being no discussion, Chairman Gardiner asked for a voice vote, which was held. Chairman Gardiner announced that the motion had carried. Commissioner Black asked that his vote of "nay" be noted for the record.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, upon motion duly made and seconded, Chairman Gardiner announced that the meeting was adjourned.

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COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 2

CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 4

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COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 6

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