

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COLBERT COUNTY)

Minutes of a Regular Meeting
of the
Colbert County Commission
08/04/2020

The Colbert County Commission met today in regular session at the Colbert County Courthouse. Chairman Gardiner called the work session to order at 5:04 P.M. with the regular meeting following at 5:48 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 Gardiner 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

Colbert County Tourism President and CEO Susann Hamlin addressed the Commission with an update on Tourism in Colbert County.

Siemens presented the Annual Performance Assurance Report indicating energy savings in excess of the guaranteed savings amount of \$19,676.00.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Gardiner announced that the business before the Commission was the approval of the consent agenda. Commissioner Hovater made motion to adopt and approve the matters placed on the consent agenda during the work session. The motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Bendall. 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 July 7th, 2020 minutes and approved the same as written.
2. Waived reading of July 21st, 2020 minutes and approved the same as written.
3. Approved payment of August 4th, 2020 bills as presented by the Chief Financial Officer.
4. Approved proposal for a Geotechnical Study to be conducted on the Old Coast Guard Property on Watts Bar Street in Sheffield at a cost of \$32,850.00. With \$16,425.00 to be paid by funds provided by Senator Stutts currently earmarked in the General Fund for the Coast Guard Facility project and \$16,425.00 to be paid from the General Fund of Colbert County.
5. Approved setting date for public hearing of ABC License application for Fame Package Store for August 18th, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. to be conducted in the course of the County Commission's regular meeting of that date.
6. Approved the sale of County property on Airport Road, parcel 08-09-32-0-002-028.000. Established sale price of \$3,520.00, buyer to pay all closing costs associated with sale.

7. Awarded Abbie Church Storm Shelter Bid to Aqua Marine Enterprises in the amount of \$48,895.00.
8. Approved NACOLG Shop Agreement.
9. Approved the following Resolution relating to CDBG Grant application for flood mitigation projects:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-0031

*AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING APPLICATION FOR 2020
COUNTY COMPETITIVE GRANT FUNDS THROUGH THE STATE
OF ALABAMA'S CDBG PROGRAMS*

WHEREAS, the Colbert County Commission is working towards the completion of its application for small city competitive grant funds through the State of Alabama's Community Development Block Grant program; and

WHEREAS, the Colbert County Commission concurs with the objectives, needs, and program activities proposed therein; and

WHEREAS, priorities for proposed program activities adopted by the Colbert County Commission were determined in accordance with state and federal guidelines and determinations on eligibility of activities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLBERT COUNTY COMMISSION:

1. That said application shall be designated as the official application for the Colbert County Commission to be submitted to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs upon its completion.
2. That the Commission Chair is duly authorized to sign said application for and act on behalf of the Colbert County Commission and is further authorized to execute all other documents required for application or disbursement of state of Alabama community development block grant funds for the Colbert County Commission.
3. That the Colbert County Commission commits \$25,000 in local matching funds towards the project's completion.
4. That the Colbert County Commission will provide for maintenance of the project upon completion.

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10. Approved Resolution regarding 2020 Census:

RESOLUTION 2020-0032

*A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE
TO RESPOND TO THE 2020 UNITED STATES CENSUS*

WHEREAS, the 2020 Census results will determine funding allocations to Counties for many Federal and State programs for the next decade; and

WHEREAS, an incomplete count of the population will result in a loss of critical funding for programs citizens of Colbert County rely on; and

WHEREAS, the US Census Bureau has recently truncated by a month the door to door canvassing that is meant to ensure a complete and accurate count of the population; and

WHEREAS, this action risks undercounting the population of Colbert County and the State of Alabama which could result in the loss of a Congressional seat for the State and jeopardize funding for the County and Municipalities therein.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLBERT COUNTY COMMISSION that it request the US Census Bureau to restore the deadline of October 31, 2020 for door to door Census canvassing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission requests that Congressman Robert Adderholt, Senator Richard Shelby, and Senator Doug Jones urge the US Census Bureau to favorably consider this request.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission requests that every effort be made to count every person living in Colbert County, the State of Alabama, and the United States to ensure equitable representation and funding for the next decade.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the US Census Bureau, Congressman Robert Adderholt, Senator Richard Shelby, Senator Doug Jones, and to any other person or entity as he may deem appropriate in advancing the resolutions set forth herein.

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 Roger Creekmore reported that the Commercial Waste Contract is in the bid process, scheduled for award on September 1. Administrator questioned Commissioners about their intention of keeping the Air Evac services as an employee benefit. Response was affirmative. It was reported that we have met our goal of 80 plus % with the wellness screening. It was stated by Commissioner Black that clarification is need regarding promotions for two of the Revenue Commission's employees Kelli Archer and Jasmine Anderson. ALDOT's director will be in Huntsville August 27th. if any Commissioners should like to meet with Director Cooper. Commissioners were informed up upcoming board appointments to Alabama Mountain Lakes and NACOLG; Administrator will post the vacancies and application on the County website and the appointments will be on the agenda for the September 1 commission meeting.

Chief Financial Officer:

CFO April Bearden reminded Commissioners of Thursday's next Budget Meeting at 4:30 P. M.

County Attorney:

No Report.

EMA Director:

County EMA Director Michael David, reminded the Commission of tonight’s meeting in the Banquet Hall of the Hall of fame for the distribution of PPE to the Volunteer Fire Departments.

County Engineer:

Jeremy Robison reported that a total of 22 miles of Chip Sealing begun. He has gotten estimates for the CBDG Flood Mitigation Project and has provided them to NACOLG. The department has finished dirt work regarding drainage. Attorney Black is writing an agreement for Cassie Davis Road drainage problem to start.

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

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

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 1

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 2

CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 4

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 5

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 6

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