

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COLBERT COUNTY)

Minutes of a Regular Meeting
of the
Colbert County Commission
02/02/2021

The Colbert County Commission met today in regular session at the Colbert County Courthouse. Chairperson Bailey called the work session to order at 5:00 P.M. with the regular meeting following at 5:53P.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. Pastor Stephen Gill of the Sterling Blvd. Church of Christ offered the prayer and Commission Receptionist Donna Vinson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairperson Bailey declared that a quorum was present for the purpose of the transaction of business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

BOARD APPOINTEE REPORTS

Jeremy Robison gave a report regarding SEDA. He reported that Project XYZ employed approximately 130 people. SEDA is working on Remote Shoals Program Project. This project is a network of people who work from home which is believed to have drawn people to our area.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairperson Bailey announced that the business before the Commission was the approval of the consent agenda. Commissioner Gardiner offered a motion to adopt and approve the matters placed on the consent agenda during the work session. The motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Isom and passed by the Commission. Chairperson Bailey stated that the adoption and approval of a consent agenda comprised of the following items of business were properly before the Commission and stated the matters as follows:

1. Waived reading of January 19, 2021 minutes and approved the same as written.
2. Approved payment of February 2, 2021 bills as presented by the Chief Financial Officer.
3. Approved Set Public Hearing, Dollar General Store 21820, Beverage License Application for February 16, 2021.
4. Approved Robert Jackson’s Request for unused leave of 1.5 hrs. in the amount of \$21.14.
5. Approved speed limit of 35 mph for Poplar Creek Loop by adoption of the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021–0017

*A RESOLUTION SETTING THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE SPEED
FOR POPLAR CREEK LOOP*

WHEREAS, the Colbert County Commission, pursuant to *Ala. Code* § 23-1-80, et seq. (1975, as amended), is charged with the general superintendence of the public roads, bridges, and ferries within Colbert County so as to render travel over the same as safe and convenient as practicable; and

WHEREAS, Poplar Creek Loop, being part of the county road maintenance program, is located on the West side of County Line Road within Sections 18 & 19, T-5-S, R-9-W and Sections 13 and 24 of T-5-S, R-10-W, Colbert County, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the County Engineer, based upon population, horizontal and vertical curves, passing and stopping distances, shoulder and pavement widths, and/or sight distances specific to the said roads, that the maximum allowable speed for Poplar Creek Loop be set at 35 miles per hour.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLBERT COUNTY COMMISSION that the posted maximum allowable speed for Poplar Creek Loop, a Colbert County Road located on the West side of County Line Road within Sections 18 & 19, T-5-S, R-9-W and Sections 13 & 24 of T-5-S, R-10-W, Colbert County, Alabama, be and are hereby is set at 35 miles per hour.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Colbert County Road Department, under the superintendence of the County Engineer, or his designee, be and hereby is authorized and directed to post signs setting the maximum allowable speed at 35 miles per hour along the rights of way of Poplar Creek Loop, in such places and in such manner as he deems to be in the best interests of the citizens of Colbert County, Alabama.

**APPROVED CCSO TO DECLARE
2019 SILVERADO TO BE SURPLUS
PROPERTY BY ADOPTION OF THE
FOLLOWING
RESOLUTION:RESOLUTION
NUMBER 2021-0018**

*A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE CERTAIN PROPERTY AS SURPLUS
PROPERTY*

WHEREAS, the Colbert County Commission has been informed by the Colbert County Sheriff that certain property hereinafter described and previously used in performance of duties in the office of the Sheriff is no longer required for use by County personnel; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined that such property is surplus property and the County has no further use of such property due to the age and condition thereof, and it would be of no economic benefit for the County to retool or refit the property in order that it be able to be returned to service in the office of the Sheriff.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLBERT COUNTY COMMISSION that the following described property be declared surplus property and be disposed of by the Sheriff in a manner that will require no further expenditure by the County or expose the County to any liability in the further use of or operation of such property and the County Commission does hereby authorize the Sheriff to dispose of said property in such manner. The Commission finds that the following constitutes surplus property:

Equipment Description

Equipment ID

6. Approved donation to MLK Scholarship for the amount of \$250.00
7. Approved action to balance Law Library's bank account by providing a loan to the fund in the amount of \$1,500.00.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Chairperson Bailey 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 Sheriff Williamson purchased a truck out of the pistol permit fund. The truck was traded in and needs to be declared surplus. Sheriff Williamson, February 1, 2021, rehired Jessica Weeks as a Certified Deputy at the salary of \$30,638.00. Mary Stevens requested a donation for the MLK Scholarship Committee. Administrator Creekmore read a thank you note from White Oak Volunteer Dept. thanking the Commission for the surplus Tahoe which was donated. He reported that the Law Library's bank account is paid for through court fees. The account is in arrears by approximately \$499.00.

Chief Financial Officer:

No Report

County Attorney:

No Report

EMA Director:

No Report

County Engineer:

Chief Robison reported that the guard rail project has already begun. They will issue a rebid for Woodmont Dr. for which work will begin in May.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Gardiner spoke regarding the County Jail situation. There is a consensus for the county's need of a new jail. It is his hope that the commission, along with the mayors of the three largest of Colbert County municipalities, will look into a location, cost, and time frame for the construction of a new jail. He had spoken with Senator Stutts who indicated that he would only be in support of the new jail only if it were to be a metro jail. Chairperson Bailey recalled there being a jail committee in the past and as Chair directed the committee be reactivated. Referring to it as the Justice Center Committee, the initial group will be comprised of Commissioners Bendall, Gardiner, Isom, Sheriff Williamson, Tuscumbia Mayor Bubba Underwood, and Administrator Roger Creekmore as secretary and herself. Chairwoman Bailey will invite Sheffield Mayor Steve Stanley and Muscle Shoals Mayor Mike Lockhart to participate also.

Kyle Buchannan, CEO of Helen Keller Hospital reported that Covid-19 vaccines were running low. They are now accepting names for the waiting list and will be releasing a link for that purpose. The phone number for vaccines is 256-386-4747.

Chairperson Bailey announced that being no further business to come before the Commission, upon motion duly made, seconded, and passed by the body, the meeting was adjourned.

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COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 2

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 3

CHAIRPERSON

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 5

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 6

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