

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COLBERT COUNTY)

Minutes of a Regular Meeting
of the
Colbert County Commission
06/21/2021

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. All Commissioners were present for conduct of business at work session.

Prayer was conducted by Pastor Laura Thompson, Open Door Church. Commissioner Mansell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Russell Pigg, North Alabama Shoals Hospital, addressed the Commission on what he described as the community impact NAMC and Shoals Hospital have on the Lauderdale and Colbert Counties. He referenced the number of people employed, total payroll, taxes paid, services donated, capital investments, and stated that in 2020 a total economic impact in the amount of \$96,669,241.00 had been made. When asked, he clarified that only about a third of that economic impact benefitted Colbert County.

BOARD APPOINTEE REPORTS

Mr. Eddie Russell, NACOLG Non-Elected Board Member, reported to the Commission on NACOLG efforts to support Counties and Cities and referenced the "Nashville Big Backyard" initiative designed to increase tourism.

Chairperson Bailey presented the report submitted by Ms. Randa Hovater, Alabama Mountain Lakes Board Member. Lodging tax revenue was down 17.9%, 2020 as compared to 2019, but there appears to be a huge increase currently in travel. Mountain Lakes is sponsoring outreach efforts in the form of magazines and internet to increase tourism in the region.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

PASSING OF THE GAVEL

Commissioner Bailey, outgoing Chair, passed the gavel Commissioner Bendall, incoming Chair, to serve for the next eight months in that position. Chairman Bendall gavelled the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m. All Commissioners answered "present" at the call of the roll. Chairman Bendall announced that a quorum was present for the purpose of transaction of business.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Bendall announced that the business before the Commission was the approval of the consent agenda. Commissioner Gardiner made motion to adopt and approve the matters placed on the consent agenda during the work session. The motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Mansell. Chairman Bendall 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. Approved purchase of buildings and property from Muscle Shoals Holdings located off Reservation Road in Sheffield in the amount of \$750,000.00 to be paid from the County General Fund by adoption of the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-0045

*A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN
REAL PROPERTY FROM MUSCLE SHOALS HOLDINGS, LLC*

WHEREAS, the Colbert County Commission is desirous of purchasing certain real property currently owned by Muscle Shoals Holdings, LLC, and being more particularly described as follows:

Tract X2NPT-33 a shown on plat recorded in Plat Book 2016, Cabinet C, page 195, as revised by plats recorded in Plat Book 2018, Cabinet D, page 7, and Plat Book, 2018, Cabinet D, page 4, all in the office of the Probate Judge of Colbert County, Alabama.

SUBJECT TO a permanent easement and right-of-way in favor of the United States of America, acting herein by and through its legal agent, the Tennessee Valley Authority, all over, upon, across, and under the approximately 135-foot wide strip along the southern boundary of Tract X2NPT-33 as shown on Exhibit B of that certain deed appearing of record at OFRD 2018, PG 20840 in the office of the Judge of Probate of Colbert County, Alabama, as "Public Road Right of Way" and the existing access road extending south from said Public Road Right of Way for the following purposes, namely, the perpetual right to enter at any time and from time to time and grade, level, fill, drain, pave, build, maintain, repair, rebuild, and use a road or highway, together with such bridges, culverts, ramps, and cuts as may be necessary.

FURTHER SUBJECT TO a permanent easement and right-of-way way in favor of the United States of America, acting herein by and through its legal agent, the Tennessee Valley Authority, all over, upon, across, and under the existing access road extending from Reservation Road across the portion of the Land identified as Tract X2NPT-33 to the parcel of land owned by the TVA Community Credit Union (TVA Tract No. XNPT-25), for the following purposes, namely, the perpetual right to enter at any time and from time to time and grade, level, fill, drain, pave, build, maintain, repair, rebuild, and use a road or highway, together with such bridges, culverts, ramps, and cuts as may be necessary.

WHEREAS the Colbert County Commission have reached an agreement as to the sales price of the above-described property and wish to enter into a purchase-sale agreement with Muscle Shoals Holdings, LLC regarding the same.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLBERT COUNTY COMMISSION that Colbert County, Alabama, proceed with the purchase of the above-described property from Muscle Shoals Holdings, LLC, for the purchase price of \$750,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Attorney be and is hereby authorized to draft, with input from agents or representatives of Muscle Shoals Holdings, LLC, a formal purchase and sale contract setting forth the terms of said purchase.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the Chairperson of the Colbert County Commission be and is hereby authorized to execute such purchase and sale contract on behalf of Colbert County, Alabama, and to execute such other documents as may be necessary, advisable, or convenient to complete closing of the purchase and sale contract on the terms stated therein.

2. Approved State Mandated Purchase and Probate Judge request for Express Vote Equipment with an additional \$9,000.00 per year be added in 2022 budget for maintenance contract for same.
3. Approved annual leave request for Lauren Bishop in the amount of \$742.04.
4. Approved AT&T Addendum to Video Services Agreement to extend date of termination to December 31, 2025, and authorized the County Commission Chair to execute the same.

5. Approved additional eight hour floating holiday to all County Employees, to be used with the approval of the Department Head, in lieu of recently declared Juneteenth holiday; and declared Friday, November 26, 2021, to be a paid County Holiday.
6. Approved request from Sheriff's department to declare 2014 Ford Taurus, VIN # 1FAHP2MT0EG159507 and 2003 Ford Crown Victoria, VIN # 2FAFP71W03X140627 surplus property by adoption of the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-0046

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE CERTAIN VEHICLES USED BY THE SHERIFF AS SURPLUS PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Colbert County Commission has been informed by the Sheriff that certain property hereinafter described and previously used in the performance of duties at the Colbert County Sheriff's Department 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 that it is not economical for the County to retool or refit the property in order for it to be able to be placed in service at Colbert County Sheriff's Department.

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
2003 Crown Victoria Patrol Vehicle	2FAF071W03X140627
2014 Ford Taurus Patrol Vehicle	1FAHP2MPT0EG159507

7. Approved Solid Waste Manager Job Description.
8. Approved the following Resolution recognizing Ms. Jewel Campbell, 4H County Agent for thirty-three years of service to Colbert County:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-0047

A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE MRS. JEWEL CAMPBELL FOR 33 YEARS OF SERVICE

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jewel Campbell has served the people of Colbert County as an Expanded Food and Nutrition Program Agent Assistant with the Today's Mom Program and 4-H County Agent with the Alabama Cooperative Extension System for over 33 years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Campbell began her career with Alabama Cooperative Extension System as Colbert County's Expanded Food and Nutrition Program Agent Assistant- Today's Mom Program in 1988; and

WHEREAS, while working with the Expanded Food and Nutrition Program, Mrs. Campbell educated young mothers in the Today's Mom Program with essential skills to help them improve their way of life and become successful mothers; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Campbell transitioned in 2008 to the position of 4-H County Agent and began her career working with youth in the many schools in Colbert County; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Campbell's love of people, kind personality and enthusiasm enabled her to be successful working with the schools, educators, guardians, parents, and community representatives in Colbert County while sharing the goodness of 4-H to youth and developing future leaders; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Campbell demonstrated being a servant leader, putting the well-being of the people first and educating the youth of Colbert County on how to serve others and live by the 4H Pledge: "I pledge my Head to clearer thinking, my Heart to greater loyalty, my Hands to larger service and my Health to better living, for my club, my community, my country and my world"; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Campbell's many efforts in leading and cultivating the Colbert County 4-H Program helped the program maintain its rich tradition and reputation of being a trusted program for our schools in Colbert County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Colbert County Commission extends our sincere gratitude for Mrs. Campbell's invaluable service to the people of Colbert County and the Alabama Cooperative Extension System and wishes her continued success in all of her endeavors; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mrs. Campbell as a token of our upmost respect so she, her husband Charley, and their family are reminded of Colbert County's deep gratitude for her many tireless efforts representing Colbert County and the Alabama Cooperative Extension System.

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9. Approved request from TEC to place WIFI equipment at the Red Rock Storm Shelter.
 10. Approved request from County Engineer to modify CDBG Flood Control project to address budgetary concerns. Commission approves up to \$75,000.00 to be used from Capital Improvement Funds for this project.
 11. Approved request from County Engineer that \$150,000.00 be allocated from Road and Bridge Fund, and balance be paid from 75% Severance Tax. Bid for repairs to County Line Road Bridge is awarded to Shotcrete Construction in the amount of \$183,605.00
 12. Approved request from County Road Department to surplus CT 087; 2008 Ford Escape, VIN # 1FMCH03108KD991, to be donated to NW AL K9 Search and Rescue with the agreement vehicle will be repaired and used for response and training purposes, by adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-0048

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE A VEHICLE USED BY THE ROAD DEPARTMENT AS SURPLUS PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Colbert County Commission has been informed by the County Engineer that certain property hereinafter described and previously used in the performance of duties at the Colbert County Road Department 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 that it is not economical for the County to retool or refit the property in order for it to be able to be placed in service at Colbert County Road Department.

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 County Engineer 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 County Engineer to dispose of said property by donating the same to NW AL K9 Search & Rescue. The Commission finds that the following constitutes surplus property:

Equipment Description	Equipment ID
2008 Ford Escape	1FMCH03108K0991

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13. Approved Subdivision plat for Waterloo Landing Subdivision Phases 1-3.
 14. Approved Memorandum of Understanding between the County and Alabama Department of Public Health for renovations to the Colbert County Health Department Building.
 15. Approved annual leave request for Jim Heffernan, retiring from the Sheriff's Department, in the amount of \$9,777.60.
 16. Approved one time appropriation increases for FY 2020-2021 to the following events; Helen Keller Festival, \$5,000.00; W.C. Handy Festival, \$5,000.00; Saddle Up for St. Jude, \$3,500.00.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS FROM STAFF

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

County Administrator:

Administrator Roger Creekmore informed the Commission of the resignation of Mary Granger from the Revenue Commissioner's office, the resignation of Lauren Bishop and Kristy Inman from the Probate Judge's office. Mr. Creekmore reminded the Commission of the Keller Festival Parade to be held Thursday, June 24 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Creekmore also presented the Commission with a letter from the Helen Keller Festival Board requesting an additional appropriation of \$10,000.00.

Chief Financial Officer:

No Report

County Attorney

No Report

EMA Director:

No Report

County Engineer:

Engineer Robison informed the Commission that the recent sale of the Mack Dump trucks has yielded \$20,000.00 in profit for the County. Woodmont Drive Paving Project is nearing completion.

NEW BUSINESS

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Bailey reported to the Commission of the success and response for Race Amity Day and expressed appreciation to all participants in making Race Amity Day a success. She particularly lauded Colbert County for having the highest number of resolutions passed, including the County Commission itself, and the cities of Sheffield, Tuscumbia, Muscle Shoals, Cherokee, Leighton, and Littleville. She announced that other resolutions had also been passed by Lauderdale Commission, by cities in Lauderdale and Franklin Counties, and the Secretary of State.

Chairman Bendall announced that there being further business to come before the Commission, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 1

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 2

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 3

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 4

CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 6