

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COLBERT COUNTY)

Minutes of a Regular Meeting
of the
Colbert County Commission
11/02/2021

The Colbert County Commission met today in regular session at the Colbert County Courthouse. Chairman Bendall called the work session to order at 5:06 p.m. with the regular meeting following at 5:32 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 with the exception of Commissioner Gardiner who was absent. Commissioner Barnes offered the prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Bendall declared that a quorum was present for the purpose of the transaction of business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Wendy King spoke about a fund-raising event for Animal Shelters; Furry 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run at McFarland Park on December 4, 2021. Registration/Check-in begins at 6:45 A.M., with the 5K race starting at 8:00 A.M. and the 1 Mile Fun Run at 8:15 A.M. There will be Music, Climbing Wall, Open Adoptions, and Silent Auction. Commissioner Bailey, as the County Commission's representative on the Colbert Animal Control Board, invited Ms. King to attend the next Animal Control Board meeting to discuss the event and briefly outlined the Animal Control board's adopted guidelines regarding participation in fund raising events.

Mr. George Thorne had previously requested to be placed on the agenda to discuss repairs to Thom(e) Cemetery Road, but was not present at the meeting.

BOARD APPOINTEE REPORTS

None

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Bendall announced that the business before the Commission was the approval of the consent agenda. Commissioner Barnes made motion to adopt and approve the matters placed on the consent agenda during the work session. The motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Bailey. 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. Waived reading of October 19, 2021 minutes and approved the same as written.
2. Approved payment of November 2, 2021 bills as presented by the Chief Financial Officer.
3. Approved participation in the Alabama Association of County Commissions Workers' Compensation Self Insurers Fund through September 30, 2024 by adoption of the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2022-0007

A RESOLUTION ELECTING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONS OF ALABAMA WORKERS' COMPENSATION SELF-INSURERS FUND

WHEREAS, Colbert County is a member of the Association Of County Commissions of Alabama Workers' Compensation Self-insurers Fund ("the Fund") on October 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the County's participation in the Fund has been a significant benefit to the County since becoming a member;

WHEREAS, the representation and service provided by the Fund continues to be in the best interest of Colbert County and its officials and employees; and

WHEREAS, the Fund is providing a 2024 Longevity Bonus to those County participants who remain active members of the Fund through at least September 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Colbert County would benefit by voluntarily agreeing to extend its contracted annual participation in the Fund for a three-year period concluding on September 30, 2024, at which time the provisions of the existing contract between Colbert County and the Fund will remain in force unless altered as provided therein.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLBERT COUNTY COMMISSION that it renews its participation in the Fund through September 30, 2024, and hereby directs its Chair to immediately provide the original signed copy of this resolution to the Fund.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Colbert County Commission that, should it voluntarily withdraw from the Fund prior to September 30, 2024, it agrees to return the 2024 Longevity Bonus provided by the Fund, plus five (5) percent annual interest.

4. Approved Eaton Acres Subdivision Plat as presented and recommended by the County Engineer.
5. Approved payment of requested unused accrued annual leave for Jim Isom in the Amount of 6,249.60.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Chairman Bendall 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 reported that November is Open Enrollment for Insurance. He also reported that the new Knuckle Boom Truck for road side pick-up will be delivered this week. NACOLG will be conducting a public hearing in the old Commission Chambers for the CBDG-CV grant amendment on Thursday, November 4, at 10 A.M. Jake Flannigan informed the Commission of the placement of dumpsters for the Christmas Holiday season.

Chief Financial Officer:

CFO April Eaton reported that there is a new bank account to be signed by all Commissioners for the deposit of bond proceeds for the new jail.

County Attorney:

Attorney Black reported that the property purchase of the Public Service Building contract has been approved and is waiting on survey, title, and closing.

EMA Director:

Chief Engineer Michael David Smith reported that Helen Keller Hospital has staff in place to service the Mobile Vaccine Trailer. They will be set up on the Courthouse Lawn November 11, 2021 between 10:00 A.M. and 12:30 P.M.

County Engineer:

Chief Engineer Jeremy Robison reported that the Equipment Loan was approved and that tomorrow, they are replacing pipes on Ligon Springs Road. This will finish FEMA’s 2020 Projects.

NEW BUSINESS

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Bailey stated that there was a nice event for “The Peanut man” Mr. John T. Hampton. He is a living WWII Veteran. Commissioner Barnes recently attended the meeting of the Tennessee Valley Association of Local Governments and reported that the Ford Electric Vehicle plant will be located in the Memphis TN area. In addition, TVA in lieu of monies may be increasing due to the construction of the Combustion Turbines at the Colbert Fossil location.

Chairman Bendall announced that there being no 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 4

CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 6

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