

STATE OF ALABAMA )  
COLBERT COUNTY )

Minutes of a Regular Meeting  
of the  
Colbert County Commission  
4/19/2022

The Colbert County Commission met today in regular session at the Colbert County Courthouse. Chairman Isom called the work session to order at 5:01 p.m. with the regular meeting following at 6:07 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 Barnes. Commissioner Gardiner offered the prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Isom declared that a quorum was present for the purpose of the transaction of business.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Karen Crowe introduced herself as the new Auburn Extension Coordinator. She stated that she looks forward to working with the Commission and thanked the Commission for, and asked for continued support of Extension.

Sonny Cornelius spoke regarding the need for water system improvements in west Colbert County. He expressed his opinion that development in the west end of the county would be enhanced, especially in the Rose Trail area, if improvements to the water delivery system were made. County Engineer Jeremy Robison stated that improvements could include large water lines and possibly a new water tank to assure adequate water pressure. Chairman Isom stated that the Commission will be examining the issue in the near future.

**BOARD APPOINTEE REPORTS**

None

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

None

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Isom 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 Isom 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 April 5, 2022 minutes and approved the same as written.
2. Approved payment of April 19, 2022 bills as presented by the Chief Financial Officer.
3. Approved Appropriation to the Caring Place with a one-time appropriation of \$5,000.00 from the Road and Bridge Fund.
4. Proclaimed May 11-17, 2022 to be Police Week in Colbert County by adoption of the following Resolution:

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**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2022-0039**

*A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE NATIONAL POLICE WEEK 2022 AND TO HONOR THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF THOSE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY WHILE PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITIES AND SAFEGUARDING OUR DEMOCRACY*

WHEREAS, there are more than 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Colbert County Sheriff's Department, Colbert County, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, there have been 60,105 assaults against law enforcement officers in 2020, resulting in approximately 18,568 injuries; and

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1786, more than 23,058 law enforcement officers in the United States made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including nine (9) members of the Colbert County Sheriff's Department, Colbert County, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington DC; and

WHEREAS, 619 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 472 (319 fatalities are COVID-19 related) officers killed in 2021 and 147 officers killed in previous years (before 2021) but whose stories of sacrifice had been lost to history until now; and

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Candlelight Vigil, and will be conducted on the evening of May 13, 2022 at 8 PM Eastern on the national mall (between 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets and Madison and Jefferson Drives) in Washington DC; and

WHEREAS, the Candlelight Vigil is part of national police week, which takes place this year on May 11-17, and anyone may view the live stream to watch the reading of the new names being added to the memorial at: [NLEOMF.org/vigil](https://www.nleomf.org/vigil) or at [Facebook.com/NLEOMF](https://www.facebook.com/NLEOMF) or at [YouTube.com/theNLEOMF](https://www.youtube.com/theNLEOMF); and

WHEREAS, May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families, and the US flag should be flown at half-staff from sunrise until sunset.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLBERT COUNTY COMMISSION that may 11-17, twos 022, is hereby formally designated Police Week in Colbert County, Alabama, and the Commission publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in this community and in communities across the United States.

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5. Approved placement of a plaque in recognition of the service of former Commissioner Emmitt Jimmar in the Courthouse.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Approved SRO Agreement with the Colbert County Board of Education

## **REPORTS FROM STAFF**

Chairman Isom 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 the Probate Office sent a thank you card for the premium pay in which they all signed. He reminded the Commission that it is time for the Ethics Survey to be done. Administrator Creekmore informed the Commission that within their folders was a handbook draft, prepared by the County Attorney, for a special event permit. All Commissioners are encouraged to study the draft and offer comments and suggestions.

**Chief Financial Officer:**

CFO April Eaton reported that she has received documents for the 2<sup>nd</sup> SRF loan and if everything goes well, she will bring back the documents to be signed. She also reported that the Financial Statement is overall looking well.

**County Attorney:**

None.

**EMA Director:**

EMA Director Michael David reported that the Weather Radio Giveaway will take place this Saturday from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. at the Music Hall of Fame on Hwy 72.

**County Engineer:**

Engineer reported that he has received a new motor grader this week.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS**

None

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