

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COLBERT COUNTY)

Minutes of a Regular Meeting
of the
Colbert County Commission
05/16/2023

The Colbert County Commission met today in regular session at the Colbert County Courthouse. Chairman Barnes called the work session to order at 5:00 p.m. with the regular meeting following at 5:51 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 Bendall offered the prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Barnes declared that a quorum was present for the purpose of the transaction of business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

BOARD APPOINTEE REPORTS

None

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Barnes 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 Barnes 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 May 2, 2023 minutes and approved the same as written.
2. Approved payment of May 16, 2023 bills as presented by the Chief Financial Officer.
3. Approved Ad for the Miracle Worker Program in the amount of \$140.00.
4. Approved to schedule public hearing for Mud Creek Mart Liquor License on Hwy 72 for June 6.
5. Consented to reject LaGrange Senior Center Bid.
6. Approved ADEM/ARPA Application for WTP upgrades.
7. Approved Revenue Commissioners final settlement with the state.
8. Approved Surplus for CE033 Champion Motor Grader.
9. Approved ARPA funds to augment the Rebuild Paving Project up to 1.5 million.
10. Approved annual leave for Jordan Cormack of the Road Dept. for \$119.98.

11. Approved annual leave for Chris Williamson of the Road Dept. for \$895.16.
12. Approved resolution for obligating and budgeting ARPA funds.
13. Approved request for \$1,500.00 to go towards the purchase of needed air conditioner at Camp West Moreland.
14. Approved to purchase a table for the NAACP Breakfast Banquet for the amount of \$240.00.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Chairman Barnes 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 on some topics discussed at the Administrators Conference. Creekmore stated that there will be a significant increase in insurance across the board driven by the cost of re-insurance. Rachel Riddle spoke about ARPA Funds some entities being cited for audit infractions due to improper expenditures of the funds. Creekmore announced that he is now Vice President of the Alabama Association of County Administrators. Reagan Huguely was hired as PT summer help in the Probate Judges Office. She will work May 30 - 1st week in August at \$12.00 / hr. Creekmore announced that the Homeland Security and RSVP will be in Spring Park May 26 with box lunches from Heavenly Ham. There will also be music.

Chief Financial Officer:

Chief Financial Officer April Eaton reported that last week we got a federal notice. The County is now in the process of being audited for FY 2021, Commissioners need to read and sign fraud responses as required by the auditors. Eaton also announced that Alloys Park and Rose Trail were awarded grants. She suggests that it would be better to open separate accounts for them both.

County Attorney:

None

EMA Director:

EMA Director Michael Smith reported on the storm damage March 24-25, 2023. They were notified last week that the individual assistance disaster application was denied, along with Small Business Administration. Applicant briefings for the public assistance program will be tomorrow May 17 at 11:00 A.M. at the NWSCC Beville Center. Smith also reported that they opened bids for shelters for SE Sheffield and Muscle Shoals today. He added that he will review them and hopefully have the ready for the next meeting.

County Engineer:

Chief Engineer Jeremy Robison reported that he had a good meeting with subdivision developers in Commissioner Barnes District looking at future developments. Robison reported that the City of Muscle Shoals has a tractor with a boom cutter that they will be selling, the city is selling it for \$3,500.00. Robison thinks that it will be a good backup and is going to look at it.

NEW BUSINESS

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

None

CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 2

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 3

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 4

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 5

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 6