

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COLBERT COUNTY)

Minutes of a Regular Meeting
of the
Colbert County Commission
04/16/2024

The Colbert County Commission met today in regular session at the Colbert County Courthouse. Chairman Gardiner called the work session to order at 5:02 p.m. with the regular meeting following at 5:37 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. Chairman Gardiner offered the prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Gardiner declared that a quorum was present for the purpose of the transaction of business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Wendy Snitzer King addressed the Commission regarding the Veteran’s home project in Sheffield. Mrs. King reported that she went to a hearing on ordinance and Mayor Steve Stanley of Sheffield voted against it, stating it’s not a place for Veterans. Mrs. King also discussed the city of Sheffield cancelling the building lease for the Wheelbarrow Program. Commissioner Bailey stated that this was the City of Sheffield’s, Mrs. King was informed that the Commission has no jurisdiction. Mrs. King said that she did not expect the Commission to intervene in the city of Sheffield’s business, she only wanted the Commission to be aware.

BOARD APPOINTEE REPORTS

None

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Gardiner announced that the business before the Commission was the approval of the consent agenda. Commissioner Mansell made motion to adopt and approve the matters placed on the consent agenda during the work session. The motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Isom. Chairman Gardiner 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 Minutes of the April 2, 2024 meeting of the County Commission.
2. Approved payment of April 16, 2024 bills as presented by the Chief Financial Officer.
3. Approved change of May 7th Regular Meeting of the Commission meeting to May 14th at 5:00 P.M. and directed the County Administrator to post the appropriate notice(s).
4. Approved EMA / 911 director job description and authorized the County Administrator to post the position statewide. Additionally, Chairman Gardiner, with the consent of the Commission, created an ad hoc Hiring Committee and appointed Commissioners Barnes, Mansell, and Bailey to serve thereon. Other appointees will be selected by the E-911 Board. The County Commission retains the authority to hire for the position. Chairman Gardiner charged the ad hoc Hiring Committee as follows:

CHARGE TO THE AD HOC HIRING COMMITTEE FOR THE POSITION OF
DIRECTOR OF THE COLBERT COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

To the Members of the Ad Hoc Hiring Committee,

As appointed by the Chair of the Colbert County Commission, you are hereby charged with the task of reviewing applications for the position of Director of the Colbert County Emergency Management Agency. Your expertise and judgment are essential in identifying the most capable candidates to lead this vital organization.

Objectives of the Committee

1. **Review of Applications:** Thoroughly assess the qualifications, experience, and suitability of all applicants based on the criteria established in the job description for the position.
2. **Evaluation Process:** Implement a fair and rigorous evaluation process that may include, but need not be limited to, initial screenings, interviews, and reference checks.
3. **Recommendation of Candidates:** From the pool of applicants, determine those most suitable for the role.

Reporting

The committee is expected to report, orally or in writing, to the Colbert County Commission and detail the evaluation process and present the names of candidates deemed suitable for the Director position.

Conclusion

The committee's work will have a lasting impact on the safety and well-being of all residents of Colbert County. The Commission relies on your diligence, fairness, and expertise to carry out this vital task. Thank you for your service and commitment to this important endeavor.

5. Approved Asphalt Rejuvenation Project contract award to Corrective Asphalt Materials LLC; in the amount of \$1.10 /SQYD, total contract amount \$92,200.00.
 6. Approved requested property transfer, Tuscumbia BOE, Trenholm School, Parcel ID 37523 and adopted the following Resolution:
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RESOLUTION NUMBER 2024-0023

A RESOLUTION TO CONVEY CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF
TUSCUMBIA

WHEREAS, the City of Tuscumbia owns certain real property located at 601 Joe Wheeler Dr, Tuscumbia, Alabama, and currently used for the operation of G. W. Trenholm Elementary School; and

WHEREAS Colbert County owns real property which is adjacent to G. W. Trenholm Elementary School having PIN 37523;

WHEREAS, it has been determined that a portion of the fixtures owned by the City of Tuscumbia and in use at G. W. Trenholm Elementary School are in fact located on the County's adjacent property; and

WHEREAS, the Colbert County Commission recognizes the importance of G. W. Trenholm Elementary School to the community and the need to resolve this encroachment issue amicably and efficiently; and

WHEREAS, in support for educational and community development, the Colbert County Commission deems it in the best interest of the citizens of Colbert County and the City of Tuscumbia to convey a portion of the County's property to the City of Tuscumbia.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Colbert County Commission as follows:

1. **Authorization of Conveyance.** The Colbert County Commission hereby authorizes the conveyance of the property described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto to the City of Tuscumbia.
2. **Terms of Conveyance.** The conveyance shall be without consideration and shall be carried out by way of a statutory warranty deed, which shall be prepared and reviewed by the legal counsel of the Commission.
3. **Execution of Documents.** The Chairperson of the Colbert County Commission, and the County Administrator, as necessary, are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver all documents and perform all acts as may be necessary to complete the conveyance as described herein.
4. **Further Actions.** All County officers and agencies are hereby directed to cooperate fully in the execution of this resolution and the conveyance of the property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

7. Approved correction to the March 19, 2024, Commission Meeting Minutes. Specifically, there was an error contained in the recitation of Resolution 2024-0018, Section 4, paragraph 3, line 4. The phrase "fifty-five" is deleted and replaced with "fifty cents."

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Chairman Gardiner 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 made the following reports: There will be an incinerator demonstration in Cullman from 9-12. If any of the commission would like to go let me know and we will meet in front of the Courthouse at 7:30. The bids were opened for the Rose Trail and Alloys park projects, both are significantly over budget. As there is only one bidder for both projects, the Kelley Group will attempt to negotiate the price. Creekmore reported the termination of Jade Little as part-time transport officer in the Sheriff's Department effective April 16, 2024. Lance Biddle has been hired, effective April 16, 2024 as a full-time corrections Deputy with an annual pay rate of \$32,024.54. Administrator Creekmore also reported that the Leighton Volunteer Fire Department sent a letter expressing their appreciation to the County Household Garbage department for cleanup following the recent storm.

Chief Financial Officer:

CFO April Eaton reported that a financial report was handed out and we look okay despite few departments being over budget due to increases in insurance costs.

County Attorney:

County Attorney Edgar Black reported the following: There was an error in March 19, 2024 minutes specific to Resolution 2024-0018, Section 4, paragraph 3, line 4, should read "fifty cents" instead of "fifty-five".

EMA Director:

Acting EMA Director Jody Hitt thanked the Commission for Safer Place project and reported that it's getting ready to be publicized. Hitt also thanked everyone for all of their help during the tornado that came through and reported that no one got hurt and that we were blessed on the outcome. Commissioner Bailey thanked Mr. Hitt for taking her around to assess the storm damage in her district.

County Engineer:

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Barnes reported to the Commission on his NACOLG / Washington D.C. trip. back to the Commission that he had good meetings with the congressmen last week, positive meeting with the Rail-Road Authority and Senator Tuberville. Commissioner Bailey stated that she had the pleasure of talking with John Peek after last meeting. She also talked to Mayor Silcox and Commissioner Bendall about Leighton Training School.

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CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 3

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 4

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 5

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 6