

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COLBERT COUNTY)

Minutes of a Regular Meeting
of the
Colbert County Commission
05/14/2024

The Colbert County Commission met today in regular session at the Colbert County Courthouse. Chairman Gardiner called the work session to order at 5:00 p.m. with the regular meeting following at 5:45 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

There was a jail update given by Lambert, Ezell & Durham. The project is on track, final design plans should be completed late in July for a projected bid date of August – September, 2024.

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 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 Mansell. 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. Waived reading of minutes from Special Called meeting April 9, 2024 and approved same as written.
2. Waived reading of minutes from April 16, 2024 Regular Meeting and approved same as written.
3. Approved payment of May 14, 2024, bills as presented by the Chief Financial Officer.
4. Set public hearing for Sadia LLC, d/b/a Fortune Foodmart 2, application for Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Licenses 050 - Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and 070 - Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) at 5:00 P.M., June 4, 2024.
5. Approved payment request from Emily Benson for testing of voting machines for the May 21, 2024, Special School Tax Election, in the amount of \$520.00.
6. Approved Award of Rose Trail Park Improvements Bid to MLMD, LLC in the amount of \$751,600. 00 and accompanying Resolutions for use of LWCF and ARPA funds.
7. Approved Award of Colbert Alloys Park Campground Expansion Bid to MLMD, LLC in the amount of \$681,768.00 and accompanying Resolutions for use of RTP and ARPA funds.

8. Set Special Commission Meeting to canvass results of the Special School Tax Election in District 4 on May 22, at 5:00 PM and adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2024-0024

A RESOLUTION TO SET A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE COLBERT
COUNTY COMMISSION

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Colbert County Commission that a Special Called Meeting be held on May 22, 2024, for the purpose of canvassing the returns of the special 5 mill school tax election held in School District 4, Colbert County, Alabama, on May 21, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said meeting will be held in the Commission Chambers on the 2nd floor of the Colbert County Courthouse, 200 S. Main St., Tuscumbia, AL 35674, beginning at 5:00 PM.

9. Approved purchase ad in Times Daily Ad “Living Here” magazine in the amount of \$877.00
10. Approved purchase of ad in the Miracle Worker Program to Tuscumbia Loins Club in the amount of \$150.00

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: Amy Ethridge of the Revenue Commissioner’s Office has completed all requirements to receive certification adjustment to pay grade 5; \$13.27/hr.; \$27,595.93 annually, effective May 16th. Creekmore reported from the Sheriff’s Department; Sgt. Jessica Weeks is promoted to Investigator with an annual pay rate of \$39,685.64. Deputy Hunter White have been promoted to Investigator, with and annual pay rate of \$39,736.00. Deputies Richie Michal and James White are promoted to Sargent at an annual pay rate of \$38,935.22 and Sgt. Johnny White has been promoted to Lieutenant, with an annual pay rate of \$40,881.99 all effective May 16, 2024. Jordan Carmack and Joseph Gladden submitted resignations from the Road Department, effective April 15, 2024.

Chief Financial Officer:

No Report

County Attorney:

No Report

EMA Director:

No Report

County Engineer:

County Engineer Jeremy Robison reported the following: Paving contract will be up in July and if there are any projects that he needs to add, he’ll need to meet with that commissioner, any discretionary Commissioner ARPA funds should be added at the May 21, 2024 Commission meeting. Robison reported that the water tank is progressing and he is projecting a bid opening by the end of July. Summer mowing has started and is progressing well.

NEW BUSINESS

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Bailey stated that she has served since 2018 and was gratified to see how citizens are treated at County Commission meetings. Bailey stated that we at the County Commission meetings give the citizens a chance to speak which did not happen at the BOE and gives thanks to our Commissioners.

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 1

CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 3

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 4

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 5

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 6