

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COLBERT COUNTY)

Minutes of a Regular Meeting
of the
Colbert County Commission
06/04/2024

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 5:40 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 Mansell 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

Billy Underwood spoke regarding ARPA Funds. He stated that he noticed in the newspaper, every time someone gives money, their pictures are in the paper, when money was given from there was a "Thank You." Mr. Underwood wanted to remind the Commission that American Rescue Plan funds, of which Colbert County received 10 million, was courtesy of Joe Biden and the Democrats.

Wendy Snitzer King informed the Commissioners that CU360 had obtained and was renovating the old Allsboro School for use as a location for homeless veterans.

BOARD APPOINTEE REPORTS

None

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Gardiner stated that the next order of business would be a public hearing on the application for Sadia LLC / D.B.A. Fortune Food Mart 2, for 050-Retail Beer and 070-Retail Table Wine, off Premises Only license and gaveled the public hearing to order.

Chairman Gardiner made a call for any person wishing to speak against the issuance the license to address the Commission. Chairman Gardiner made 2 additional calls for any persons wishing to speak against the license to stand and be heard. No person came forward to speak against the license.

Chairman Gardiner made a call for any person wishing to speak in favor of the issuance of the license to address the Commission. Chairman Gardiner made 2 additional calls for any persons wishing to speak in favor of the license to stand and be heard. No person came forward to speak in favor of the license.

Chairman Gardiner then declared that the public hearing be closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Gardiner announced that the business before the Commission was the approval of the consent agenda. Commissioner Bailey made a 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. Approved May 21, 2024, meeting minutes and waived reading of same.
2. Approved payment of June 4, 2024, bills as presented by the Chief Financial Officer.
3. Approved resolution expenditure of ARPA funds using discretionary funds to pave. Commissioner Isom will use \$50,000 of his discretionary funds on paving, Chairman Gardiner will use \$50,000 of his discretionary funds towards paving, and there is an additional \$40,000 to be allocated specifically for the boat ramp access at Alloys Park, bringing the total additional ARPA allocation to paving to \$140,000.00.
4. Approved acceptance of ADEM / ARPA grant for WTP improvements with no match.
5. Approved to award Courthouse west wing roof bid to Apaxx Inc., being the lowest responsive, responsible bidder in the amount of \$55,650.00
6. Approved proclamation honoring Kathleen Burden Johnson on the occasion of her 100th Birthday.
7. Approved proclamation expressing appreciation to Pilgrim's Pride for supplying volunteer labor for use on County Projects.
8. Approved requested payment for absentee election manager for May 21, District 4 tax election in the amount of \$3,500.00
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10. Approved donation of annual leave to Deborah Robinson.
11. Approved request from the Sheriff to declare as surplus a 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe, VIN 1GNLC2ECXFR611300, and donate the same to Rose Trail VFD by adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2024-0028

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE CERTAIN PROPERTY IN USE BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO BE SURPLUS PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Colbert County Commission has been informed by the Colbert County Sheriff that certain property hereinafter described and previously used in the performance of duties at the Sheriff's Department is no longer required for use by County personnel; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined that such property is surplus property and the County has no further use of such property due to the age and condition thereof, and that it is not economical for the County to retool or refit the property in order for it to be able to be placed in service at Sheriff's Department.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Colbert County Commission that the following described property be declared surplus property and be disposed of by the Colbert County Sheriff by donating the same to the Riverton Rose Trail Volunteer Fire Department in a manner that will require no further expenditure by the County or expose the County to any liability in the further use of or operation of such property and the County Commission does hereby authorize the Colbert County Sheriff to dispose of said property in such manner. The Commission finds that the following constitutes surplus property:

Equipment Description	Equipment ID
2015 Chevrolet Tahoe	VIN 1GNLC2ECXFR611300

12. Approved request from the Sheriff to declare as surplus a 2016 Ford Explorer VIN 1FM5K8AR0GGD30214 and donate the same to Colbert County Animal Shelter and adopted the following resolution:

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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: Effective June 3rd, Jody Hitt will be Colbert County's new EMA/911 Director. Quantavius Ricks has been hired as a Full-Time HG Helper at Household Garbage at a pay rate of \$13.89/hr., effective 6/01/24. Richard Cantrell from the Road Department has completed requirements to be promoted to Engineering Assistant III, Step I, with an annual salary of \$47,944.00, effective June 1, 2024. Gilbert Gutierrez has been hired as a full-time Corrections Deputy in the Sheriff Department, effective 06/04/24, at an annual pay rate of \$32,024.54. Shannon Morris tendered his resignation from on the County Road Department, effective 05/28/24. Creekmore also gave an update on the progress on the safety measures of the side walk on Water Street. He reported that Class A paint will restripe the parking spaces and Water Street will have flashing LED pedestrian signs with solar panels. We will also need signs as necessary to be placed at Rose Trail, Alloys and EMA building.

Chief Financial Officer:

None

County Attorney:

None

E-911/EMA Director:

E-911/EMA Director Hitt expressed his appreciation for the Commissions' consideration on becoming the County's new E-911/EMA Director. Hitt has Hit the ground running and reported that he has an open-door policy. Hitt reported that there is \$190K left on the CDBG-CV grant designated for renovation at the new EMA building and asked the Commission to allow him to place a bid for roof replacement. Commissioners concurred.

County Engineer:

County Engineer Jeremy Robison reported that Richard Cantrell is now certified in bridge inspection. Robison reported that the new mosquito machine is now in service. River Road project should finish this week and stripping will begin.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Bendall for the approval an application from Sadia LLC / DBA, Fortune Foodmart #2, 050-Retail Beer; 070-Retail Table Wine, off premises only Alcoholic Beverage Control licenses. The Chair stated that the matter before the Commission was approval of said liquor license and called for any discussion. There being no further discussion, Chairman Gardiner asked the County Administrator to call the roll and a roll call vote was had as follows:

District 1	Yes
District 2	No
District 3	Yes
District 4	Yes
District 5	No
District 6	Yes

The Chair announced that the motion to approve the Sadia LLC / DBA Fortune Foodmart #2 received five (4) votes in favor of approval and one (2) vote against and therefore was approved. The Chair directed the County Administrator to provide notice of such approval to the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Bailey stated that she read an article about Governor Ivy declaring Juneteenth a holiday and thanks the Commission for addressing this issue early and providing a personal floating holiday for employees. Bailey informed the Commission that the Town of Leighton is honoring her father, Bob Carl Bailey, and is renaming 1st street after him. Chairman Gardiner Congratulated E-911 / EMA Director Jody Hitt for applying and getting the new director's job. Gardiner stated that we had some great candidates to choose from and because of Hitt's experience and relationship in our county we place good faith in him being our new director and that it's a very big job.

Jeremy Barnes
COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 1

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COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 2

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CHAIRMAN

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COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 4

Paul Berlee
COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 5

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COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 6