

STATE OF ALABAMA )  
COLBERT COUNTY )

Minutes of a Regular Meeting  
of the  
Colbert County Commission  
08/06/2024

The Colbert County Commission met today in regular session at the Colbert County Courthouse. Chairman Gardiner called the work session to order at 5:05 p.m. with the regular meeting following at 5:20 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 and Commissioner Mansell who were absent. 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

None

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 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 Bendall. 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 July 16, 2024, meeting minutes and waived reading of same.
2. Approved payment of August 6, 2024, bills as presented by the Chief Financial Officer.
3. Approved use of infrastructure set-aside funds to be borrowed by District 1, Commissioner Barnes district, for repaving a portion Bainbridge Road in the approximate amount of \$110,000, to be repaid by a deduction from future paving projects.
4. Approved request for payment of unused accrued annual leave to Troy Haraway in the amount of \$1,222.32.
5. Approved sign ordinance variance for Hatton Baptist Church.
6. Approved the following Resolution presented by Commissioner Mansell for defibrillator purchase using discretionary Revenue Replacement Funds :

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**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2024-0038**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF AMERICAN RESCUE  
PLAN / REVENUE REPLACEMENT FUNDS FOR AUTOMATED EXTERIOR  
DEFIBRILLATOR PURCHASE

WHEREAS, the County has received a Coronavirus State and Local Physical Recovery Fund (“SLFRF”) award under the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA funds”) from the US Department of the Treasury which have been duly designated as revenue replacement funds; and

WHEREAS, the revenue replacement funds may be used for the purpose of providing government services, including investments in community engagement programs to promote healthier lifestyles for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Colbert County Commission recognizes a need for Automated Exterior Defibrillator (“AED”) devices, which could save the lives of individuals suffering cardiac episodes.

WHEREAS, the Colbert County Commission has determined that purchase and deployment of AED devices is a necessary, reasonable, and proportionate expenditure of the revenue replacement funds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Colbert County Commission that a sum of up to \$20,000.00 be allocated to purchase AED devices to be property of Colbert County and located in strategic locations with the goal of saving lives.

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7. Approved funding agreement between the Colbert County Commission and the Colbert County Board of Education for lighting refurbishment of the Hatton School Athletic Field using discretionary Revenue Replacement Funds by Commissioner Barnes and adopted the following Resolution:
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**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2024-0039**

A RESOLUTION TO AWARD PUBLIC FUNDS TO IMPROVE SAFETY BY  
REPLACEMENT OF LIGHTING AND INFRASTRUCTURE AT HATTON SCHOOL  
BALL FIELD

WHEREAS, the County has received a Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (“SLFRF”) award under the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA funds”) from the US Department of the Treasury (“Treasury”), which, in accordance with the Final Rule issued by Treasury on January 6, 2022, have been duly designated as revenue replacement funds (“revenue replacement funds”); and

WHEREAS, these public funds may be used for the purpose of providing government services, including investments in community engagement programs to promote healthier lifestyles for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Alabama Code §11-1-10 (b) authorizes the County to contribute funds for projects performed by other governments which provide for recreational or any other development deemed to be in the public’s interest; and

WHEREAS, the Colbert County Board of Education as requested funds to improve the safety and usability of Hatton School Ball Field through upgrades to the lighting and replacement of supporting electrical infrastructure (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Colbert County Commission has determined that providing funding to the Recipient to support this public purpose is a necessary, reasonable, and proportionate expenditure of ARPA funds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Colbert County Commission that the County enter into a funding agreement with the Colbert County Board of Education (“Recipient”) for the purpose of awarding funds to be used in the Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair of the Colbert County Commission be and he is hereby authorized to execute such funding agreement on behalf of the County and that the County Administrator affix his signature to the funding agreement attesting to the Chair's signature.

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## 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: NACOLG will be having their annual fish fry August 29<sup>th</sup> at the Sweetwater Depot beginning at 5:00 P.M. From the HHG Department, Brently Graves has been hired as a HGCA full-time helper starting August 01 at a rate of \$13.89/hr. From the Sheriffs Dept., Edie Myrick will begin work effective August 16, as a criminal clerk with an annual salary of \$30,385.23. From the Probate Judges office, Jamie Cheattom has been hired effective August 05, as an entry level tag clerk with a starting salary of \$26,591.48. Creekmore announced that The Helen Keller Foundation Golf Tournament is coming up in which Chairman Gardiner will be participating in.

### **County CFO:**

None

### **County Attorney:**

None

### **E-911/EMA Director:**

Director Jody Hitt reported as follows: Thursday at 11:00 A.M. is the First Responders Luncheon at the Tuscumbia Roundhouse.

### **County Engineer:**

None

## NEW BUSINESS

A motion was given by Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Bendall for the approval of 911 Boad Appointment. The Chair stated that the matter before the Commission was approval of appointment between three (3) applicants: Garey Austin (currently serving), Doris Fountain and Lori Wear 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	Absent
District 2	Absent
District 3	Austin
District 4	Austin
District 5	Austin
District 6	Austin

The Chair announced that the motion to appoint Mr. Austin as a 911 Board Member for a term ending July 01, 2028 has received four (4) votes in favor of approval and therefore was adopted. The Chair directed the County Administrator to notify Mr. Austin of his appointment and to further notify the 911 Board of such appointment.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

None

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COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 1

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COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 2

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CHAIRMAN

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COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 4

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COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 5

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COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 6