

STATE OF ALABAMA )  
COLBERT COUNTY )

Minutes of a Regular Meeting  
of the  
Colbert County Commission  
1/7/2025

The Colbert County Commission met today in regular session at the Colbert County Courthouse. Chairperson Bailey called the work session to order at 5:02 p.m. with the regular meeting following at 5:48 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 David Isom who was absent. Commissioner Mansell offered the prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairperson Bailey 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

Chairperson Bailey stated that the next order of business would be a public hearing on the application for Liquor License, PMPatel Inc., D/B/A Welcome Liquor, 3850 Hwy 20, STE B, Leighton, AL; 011-Lounge Retail Liquor-Class II, Package, and gaveled the public hearing to order.

Chairperson Bailey made a call for any person wishing to speak in favor the issuance of the license to address the Commission. Chairperson Bailey 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.

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

Chairperson Bailey then declared that the public hearing be closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairperson Bailey announced that the business before the Commission was the approval of the consent agenda. Commissioner Gardiner 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 Barnes. Chairperson Bailey 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 December 17, 2024, meeting minutes and waived reading of same.
2. Approved January 7th, 2025, bills as presented by County C.F.O.

3. Approved requested unpaid annual leave for Austin Hester in the amount of \$105.17.
4. Approved Regional Distribution Site Agreement, EMA / Colbert County Commission.
5. Approved EMA Specialist; Logistics, I.T. Job Description.
6. Approved Rebuild Alabama Annual County Report as presented by County Engineer.
7. Approved Request from Sheriff's Department to Surplus 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe, VIN # 1GN5K2EC8FR669419 and donate to Barton VFD.
8. Approved \$5,300 appropriation to the City of Sheffield for awning for the Senior Citizens Center.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

## REPORTS FROM STAFF

Chairperson Bailey 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: MLK Breakfast is on the 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 A.M. at the Florence Conference Center, 10 tickets are reserved for the Commission.

The Commission was informed that the park grants with ADECA are in the process of closure and should be completed within the next 30 days. Creekmore relayed a request from the City of Sheffield for appropriation of \$5,300, to be matched by the Sheffield City for the installation of an awning at the Sheffield Senior Center.

There is a possibility of the Courthouse closing on Friday due to snow predictions of 6 inches.

Quinten Newsome of the Household Garbage Dept. was terminated Jan 7, 2025 for missing work and not calling in.

As of Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> Dakota Harper from the Sheriff's Dept., graduated from the academy as APOST Certified Deputy Sheriff with CPR Certification his base salary is set at \$38,007.07, effective Jan 1, 2025. Deputy Harper is the 1st Deputy that the Sheriff hired himself that has finished the academy.

Also, from the Sheriff's Dept., effective Jan 1, 2025 Rachele Nicole Williamson will begin work as a PT Corrections deputy with the beginning salary of \$33,644.98.

### **County CFO:**

CFO April Eaton made the following report: The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter financial review will be presented at the January 21, 2025 Commission meeting.

### **County Attorney:**

No Report.

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

No report.

### **County Engineer:**

Chief Engineer Jeremy Robison reported as follows: The Commission was generous to give funds last year to be prepared for the snow. All of the money was spent by the end of the calendar year. New spreaders, new motor grater blades and a stock pile of calcium fluoride was purchased and is being set up now in preparation of the snow. The crew will be geared up and working all weekend. It was reported that a one-man pot hole patcher was delivered last week with training to follow.

## NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Commissioner Gardiner and seconded by Commissioner Barnes for the approval of an application for PMPatel Inc., D/B/A Welcome Liquor, 3850 Hwy 20, STE B, Leighton, AL; 011-Lounge Retail Liquor-Class II, Package. 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, Chairperson Bailey 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	Absent

The Chair announced that the application was approved and directed the County Administrator to notify the applicant and the local ABC Office of the Commission's action.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

Chairperson Bailey stated that with the inclement weather coming up, she is requesting that weather radios be placed in the storm shelters with some being distributed. Commissioner Barnes asked the Administrator if he expects the first quarter bidding for the justice center. Creekmore's responded that he certainly hopes so and he fully expects them to be ready to bid by mid-February. Commissioner Barnes suggested the City of Muscle Shoals be asked to attend when discussion of the sewer on the TVA reservation is had with the board. Because of some equipment that they might be able to utilize in the Stenson Hollow area.

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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