

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COLBERT COUNTY)

Minutes of a Regular Meeting
of the
Colbert County Commission
05/01/2025

The Colbert County Commission met today in regular session at the Colbert County Courthouse. Chairperson Bailey called the work session to order at 5:01 p.m. with the regular meeting following at 5:23 p.m., 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 Jimmy Gardiner and Darol Bendall who were absent. Commissioner Tyrus 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

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairperson Bailey announced that the business before the Commission was the approval of the consent agenda. Commissioner Mansell 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 Isom. 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 April 15, 2025, meeting minutes and waived reading of same.
2. Approved May 1, 2025 bills as presented by County C.F.O.
3. Approved to set public hearing for Liquor license, Plush Sports Bar and Grill for June 3rd.
4. Approved payment request by Ryan Green for unused accrued annual leave in the amount of \$7,941.51.
5. Approved Muscle Shoals Regional Airport Authority Board Appointment of Colton McKinney for a 3-year term ending April 1, 2028 as representative for the City of Tuscumbia.
6. Approved payment request by Justin Lambert for unused accrued annual leave in the amount of \$4,199.39.
7. Approved Sheriff's Department Vehicle Loan Transition to annual payment status.
8. Approved partnership with Alabama Department of Youth Services to serve as Fiscal Agent for the Colbert County Diversion Program.

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: Appointment for representative on the DHR board will be on the agenda for June 3rd. Lee Cox currently holds this position.

Kimbrough Automotive has completed repairs on all storm shelter generators. The Colbert County Community Development Committee has awarded a grant to the Cowboy Church in the amount of \$20,000.00 for construction of a safer places storm bunker. Russell Brooks has been hired to fill the vacant IT Manager position, start date of April 21 with a salary of \$52,137.54.

Creekmore reported that there was a termination in the Sheriff's Dept. of Corrections Deputy David Gifford. Also, from the Sheriff's Dept., Carlos Stanfield, was hired effective April 17 as a full time Corrections Deputy with a starting salary of \$32,985.27; Luke Collier Truitt was hired as APOST Certified, CPR Certified Deputy, effective May 1 with a salary of \$38,007.77. There is newly hired Courthouse Security Deputy for the 2nd floor, former State Trooper Brett Bishop has accepted the contract position at a starting salary of \$35,904.00 effective May 1. Austin Hester was hired as a full time Correction Deputy effective May 1 at a starting salary of \$32,985.27. From the Household Garbage Department, Charles Johnson has been hired as an HHG helper, moving from Litter Crew, with a starting pay of \$14.31/hr.; Matthew Green has been hired as PT Litter Crew beginning April 25 at \$12.36/hr. A resignation from Justin Lambert was received from the Water Department effective May 7.

County CFO:

CFO April Eaton made the following reports: Mr. McPherson will have the financial statements ready within the coming weeks. The Department of Public Examiners will schedule our FY 24 audit as soon as financial statements are complete. A new bank account will be opened for the Sheriff's vehicle loan program. This account will be used to deposit budgeted funds for the annual loan payment and will be specifically used for said purpose.

County Attorney:

No Report

E-911/EMA Director:

Not Present

County Engineer:

County Engineer Jeremy Robison made the following reports: Robison spoke with EMA Director Jody Hitt who is currently at a vehicle liquid fertilizer spill on North Pike Rd. at the bottom of Burt Goodloe Hill. A Road Dept. crew was sent to assist.

The Road Department has started summer mowing on both the East and West ends of the County and will start in the middle when time and personnel allows. Work continues on damage resulting from March storms, 3 roads were washed out in Commissioner Barnes District. One of the roads was worse than the others and has been closed the last 6 weeks for repairs. A bridge abutment was also washed out in which a contractor had to be called in. Robison stated that this storm is going to be expensive and unfortunately does not qualify for any FEMA reimbursements. He feels that expenses incurred could possibly reach \$150k. This past winter with all of the snow we had, pavement markers were removed by the motor graders. To replace the markers as well as get markers on roads that need them that didn't have them in the past, will cost around \$182K, to replace only the markers that were graded up, the cost will be around \$52K. Each marker costs \$6.

NEW BUSINESS

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

None

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 1

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 2

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 3

CHAIRPERSON

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 5

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 6