# Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Colbert County Commission 06/03/2025

The Colbert County Commission met today in regular session at the Colbert County Courthouse. Chairperson Bailey called the work session to order at 5:03 p.m. with the regular meeting following at 5:40 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. Commissioner Tommy Barnes 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

Mrs. Angela Broyles, the president of the Old Railroad Bridge Company, addressed the Commission. Ms. Broyles is looking to expand opportunities for partnership with the Commission or a municipality to obtain access to grant money for much needed repairs and maintenance for the bridge. She provided estimates of \$478,000 for replacement of deteriorating timbers.

## BOARD APPOINTEE REPORTS

None

## AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Serina Thompson, Chairperson of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, presented to the Commission a plaque. Thompson thanked them for their partnership for the past four years and reported that, this year alone, they were able to give over \$13,700 in scholarships, donate over \$2,000 to St. Jude, donate money to cancer research and support, and offer certain programs throughout the week such as Gospel in the Park.

### PUBLIC HEARING

Chairperson Bailey stated that the next order of business would be a public hearing on the application for Liquor License by Plush Sports Bar and Grill Inc, 100 Airport Rd, Muscle Shoals, AL 35661, for 010-Lounge Retail Liquor-Class I, 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 next 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 issuance 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 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 Gardiner. 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 May 20, 2025, meeting minutes and waived reading of same.
- 2. Approved June 3, 2025 bills as presented by County C.F.O..
- 3. Approved reappointment of Lee Cox to a 6-year term on the Colbert County D. H. R. Board, with term ending June 05, 2031.
- 4. Approved Memorandum of Understanding between NACOLG and Colbert E.M.A. for NACOLG / Area Agency on Aging to provide support to "lead agencies" during officially declared emergencies.
- 5. Approved Memorandum of Agreement Between NACOLG and the Colbert County Commission for development and renewal of the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

### **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: Administrator Roger Creekmore announced the resignation of Kirk Jones, effective May 23, from the Sheriff Department as School Resource Officer. Creekmore also announced that work on the roof on the Courthouse North Wing will be completed by tomorrow. On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, part of the roof was blown off of the dome on the backside of the courthouse. Apex Roofing, who was on site performing the North Wing installation, was able to repair the roof on the dome at a price below the deductible for our insurance. A cleaning and touch-up painting contract for the courthouse is expected to be awarded next week.

County CFO: No Report

County Attorney: Absent

E-911/EMA Director: No Report

#### **County Engineer:**

County Engineer Jeremy Robison made the following reports: Erection of the West End Water Tank is progressing well and should be finished by the end of July, with construction of the pump station to follow; he anticipates the project to be operational by early fall.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Commissioner Isom and seconded by Commissioner Gardiner for the approval of an application for 010-Lounge Retail Liquor-Class I by Plush Sports Bar and Grill Inc, 100 Airport Rd, Muscle Shoals, AL 35661.

The Chair stated that the matter before the Commission was approval of said liquor license and called for any discussion. There being none, 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	Yes

The Chair announced that the motion to approve the license received four (4) votes in favor of approval and two (2) votes against and therefore was approved. The Chair directed the County Administrator to notify the license applicant and the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control of the Commission's action.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS**

Chairperson Bailey announced at the close of today's meeting we will gather downstairs for the unveiling of the late Commissioner Emmitt Jimmar's plaque honoring him and his service to the county.

Commissioner Bendall stated that on Sunday night the Colbert K-9 was called out on a missing person search around Phil Campbell. The missing person was 87 years of age with severe dementia. They partnered with Huntsville and used Colbert's trailer to set up. The missing person was located about 2 o'clock in the morning.

Chairperson Bailey reported that there was some vandalism at Leighton Training School. Books were taken and fortunately nothing was damaged. Bailey also thanked the Commission for supporting WZZA's nomination and they are now on the National Registry.

Commissioner Barnes thanked Larry Softly for his work with TVA and the things he does for Sheffield on facility management. He stated that Mr. Softly always does a wonderful job for them. Barnes informed the Commission that he will be attending the Association of Tennessee Valley Governments and will be rotating on as Chairman of that board. He commended Jody Hitt, Roger Creekmore, Jeremy Robison and Jake Flannagan for a great job with mitigation after the recent tornadoes.

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 1

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 2

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 3

CHAIRPERSON

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 5

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 6