

STATE OF ALABAMA )  
COLBERT COUNTY )

## Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Colbert County Commission 06/17/2025

The Colbert County Commission met today in regular session at the Colbert County Courthouse. Chairperson Bailey called the work session to order at 5:05 p.m. with the regular meeting following at 5:28 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 Tyrus Mansell offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairperson Bailey declared that a quorum was present for the purpose of the transaction of business.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Wendy King extended an invitation to the commission to individually & independently be one of the key persons to support the 360 veteran’s home in Allsboro. Anthony Jordan, a 100% disabled veteran of the US Army for 13 years, spoke on behalf of the Allsboro 360 Veteran’s program. He believes the area is lacking a needed service. Jordan believes it going to be something great for veterans. He stated that he has a lot of hope for and inspiration from the facility. Jordan is the owner of Kingdom Cuts Barber Shop and will offer his services to those using the veteran’s home.

Mr. Eddie Mitchell of the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental, and Reinforcing Iron Workers Union, Local 477, addressed the Commission to invite Commissioners to attend the Ironworkers Apprenticeship Competition and Dinner. The competition is open to the public Thursday, June 26, from 9am – 3pm. The event will be held at the training center behind the State Troopers office at 1709 E State St. in Sheffield. The conference and banquet will start at 6:00 pm that evening at the Marriott. There will be 14 locals competing. He’d love to have the Commission attend.

### 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 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 June 3, 2025, meeting minutes and waived reading of same.
2. Approved June 17, 2025 bills as presented by County C.F.O. Eaton.
3. Approved Insolvents, Errors, Litigation Report, 2024 presented by the Revenue Commissioner.

4. Approved the following Resolution requesting building code variance from the City of Sheffield:

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**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2025-0024**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING A VARIANCE WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN  
BUILDING CODES ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD, ALABAMA**

WHEREAS, the efficient and timely conversion of the former TVA Chemistry Laboratory building to become the Colbert County Jail is in the best interest of the citizens of Colbert County; and

WHEREAS, the real property being converted to the Colbert County Jail is located in the City of Sheffield, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the 2003 version of the International Building Codes, specifically, Section 505.2 -- Area Limitation, is adopted by the City of Sheffield, Alabama and is currently in force; and

WHEREAS, the project Architect, Edward R. Hester of Lambert Ezell Durham Architecture LLC, states in a letter provided to the Commission that it is his judgment that the requirements of the 2006 International Building Code Section 505.2--Area Requirements Exception #2 when applied to the construction of the jail provides greater protection than the 2003 IBC requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Colbert County Commission, upon the recommendation of the project architect, desires to request the approval of a variance to the 2003 IBC Section 505.2, replacing that section with Exception #2, Section 505.2 of the 2006 IBC.

NOW THEREFORE, the Colbert County Commission hereby formally requests that the City Council of the City of Sheffield approve a variance to the 2003 IBC Section 505.2 as it relates to the aggregate area of mezzanines contained in the building plans of the Colbert County Jail during review of the project and accept the 2006 IBC Section 505.2 code requirements in its place.

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5. Approved General Fund Budget Amendment for purchase and funding of Sheriff's Department Vehicles.

## **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 reported that from the Sheriff's Department, there was a termination of employment for Austin Hester with his last day of employment was June 3, 2025. Randy Butler has been hired as a Permanent PT SRO in the Sheriff's Department effective June 16 at the rate of \$29,925/yr with the standard benefit package established for SROs. Creekmore reported from the Water Department, Kelly Deaton was hired as a Water Tech I effective June 1 at an annual pay rate of \$49,275.20. Craig Spraks was hired as a Water Tech I effective June 16 at an annual pay rate of \$49,275.20. Creekmore also reported that Matthew Green has resigned from the HHG Department as a PT Litter Crew Helper effective May 26. Franklin Townsend has resigned as a FT HHG Helper effective May 23. Derek Grissom was hired as a FT HHG Helper with a starting date of June 2 at \$14.31/hr. Cam Belue was hired as a PT Litter Crew, 30 hours per week, starting June 12 at \$12.36/hr. Jake Flanagan announced that they have started hauling debris resulting from the East end storms, 21 loads were hauled today to our new accumulation yard.

### **County CFO:**

No Report

**County Attorney:**  
No Report

**E-911/EMA Director:**  
EMA Director Jody Hitt made the following reports: Tomorrow at 10:30 A.M. there will be an open house at the new facility. The 911 board is looking to purchase a vehicle for the GIS Employee. He has a 2013 Tahoe that could be sold and the funds from the sale combined with budgeted funds to purchase a new vehicle for the E.M.A. department.

**County Engineer:**  
County Engineer Jeramy Robison made the following reports: Finished the first round of summer mowing and starting the second. Robison is hoping to get three rounds in before the end of summer. He will start herbicide in the upcoming weeks.

**NEW BUSINESS**  
None

**DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS**  
Chairperson Bailey stated that the Chair would now entertain a motion to enter Executive Session for discussion with legal counsel regarding pending litigation. Commissioner Mansell made motion that the Commission enter executive session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation with the Commission’s legal counsel, and said motion was duly seconded by commissioner Barnes. County Attorney Black presented the Commission with a letter stating that, in his legal opinion, the matter to be discussed was a proper topic for executive session. The Chair asked that Black’s letter be attached to these minutes. The Chair stated that the Commission would vote on the main motion by call of the roll and asked the Administrator to call the names of Commissioners by District number. The vote of the Commissioners was as follows:

Commissioner Barnes	Yea
Commissioner Mansell	Yea
Commissioner Gardiner	Yea
Commissioner Bailey	Yea
Commissioner Bendall	Yea
Commissioner Isom	Yea

Chairperson Bailey announced that the motion to enter executive session had to carried. Chairperson Bailey stated that the Commission would not reconvene at the close of the executive session. The Commission then entered executive session, with adjournment of the public portion of the meeting.

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COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 6