

STATE OF ALABAMA )  
COLBERT COUNTY )

Minutes of a Regular Meeting  
of the  
Colbert County Commission  
5/17/2022

The Colbert County Commission met today in regular session at the Colbert County Courthouse. Chairman Isom called the work session to order at 5:01 p.m. with the regular meeting following at 5:50 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. Commissioner Gardiner offered the prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Isom declared that a quorum was present for the purpose of the transaction of business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Misty Carter spoke to the Commission regarding her concerns surrounding election integrity.

BOARD APPOINTEE REPORTS

None

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Isom announced that the business before the Commission was the approval of the consent agenda. Commissioner Gardiner made motion to adopt and approve the matters placed on the consent agenda during the work session. The motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Bailey. Chairman Isom 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. Waived reading of May 3, 2022 minutes and approved the same as written.
2. Approved payment of May 17, 2022 bills as presented by the Chief Financial Officer.
3. Approved Appointment for Dr. Jack McClendon to fill unexpired term on the Colbert County Northwest Alabama Healthcare Authority Board to expire December 31, 2025, and adopted the following Resolution:

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**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2022-0042**

*A RESOLUTION TO MAKE APPOINTMENT TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM ON  
THE COLBERT COUNTY NORTHWEST ALABAMA HEALTHCARE AUTHORITY  
BOARD*

WHEREAS, an unexpired term of a member of the Colbert County Northwest Alabama Healthcare Authority Board of Directors is vacant due to the death of Dr. Lawrence Carmichael; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is desirous of making an appointment to said Board for the remainder of Dr. Carmichael's unexpired term; and

WHEREAS, the following individual made proper application and met the requirements for appointment, and is eligible for appointment to fill the said unexpired term:

Dr. Jack McLendon

WHEREAS, each Commissioner indicated their consent to the appointment of Dr. McLendon to fulfill the remainder of the term left vacant by Dr. Carmichael; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Isom announced that Dr. Jack McLendon had received unanimous consent of the Commission for appointment to the said vacancy.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLBERT COUNTY COMMISSION that Dr. Jack McLendon be and he is hereby appointed to serve out and unexpired term on the Colbert County Northwest Alabama Healthcare Authority Board of Directors, said term to expire on December 31, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrator is hereby directed to notify the above-named person of his appointment and further to notify the respective board of said appointment.

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4. Appointed Commissioner Tommy Barnes to serve as the Commission's representative on the ACCA Legislative Committee.
  5. Approved Modified Resolution for participation in the Greater Shoals Broadband Cooperative District.
  6. Approved Payment of \$2,095.00 to Emily Benson for Testing of Voting Machines.
  7. Reappointed Commissioner Jimmy Gardiner to serve as the Commission's representative on the Inspiration Landing Governing board for a term to end November 2, 2025.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chairman Isom stated that the next item of business was to make appointments to fill three (3) vacancies on the Colbert County Northwest Alabama Healthcare Authority Board. Chairman Isom stated that the following persons had made application to the Commission for appointment to the said Board:

Alyce Brown  
Steve Hargrove

Larry Collum  
Carl Barnes

Doris Knox

Chairman Isom stated that upon call of the roll, each Commissioner would vote for up to three applicants and that upon completion of voting the votes for each applicant would be calculated and the applicants with the three highest vote totals would be appointed. Chairman Isom asked County Administrator Creekmore to call the roll and a roll call vote was had as follows:

<b>COMM'R MANSELL</b>	Larry Collum	Doris Knox	Steve Hargrove
<b>COMM'R GARDINER</b>	Larry Collum	Alyce Brown	Steve Hargrove
<b>COMM'R BAILEY</b>	Larry Collum	Alyce Brown	Doris Knox
<b>COMM'R BENDALL</b>	Larry Collum	Alyce Brown	Doris Knox
<b>COMM'R ISOM</b>	Larry Collum	Doris Knox	Steve Hargrove

County Administrator Creekmore tabulated the votes cast and announced the following result:

<b>Larry Collum</b>	5
<b>Doris Knox</b>	4
<b>Alyce Brown</b>	3
<b>Steve Hargrove</b>	3
<b>Carl Barnes</b>	0

Chairman Isom stated that Larry Collum and Doris Knox would be appointed to the fill two (2) of the three (3) vacancies, with term endings of December 31, 2027, and stated that a second round of voting should be held due to Alyce Brown and Steve Hargrove each receiving three (3) votes. Chairman Isom stated that upon call of the roll, each Commissioner would vote for one (1) applicant and that the applicant receiving the most votes would be appointed. Chairman Isom asked County Administrator Creekmore to call the roll and a roll call vote was had as follows:

<b>COMM'R MANSELL</b>	Steve Hargrove
<b>COMM'R GARDINER</b>	Abstain
<b>COMM'R BAILEY</b>	Alyce Brown
<b>COMM'R BENDALL</b>	Alyce Brown
<b>COMM'R ISOM</b>	Steve Hargrove

County Administrator Creekmore announced the following result:

<b>Alyce Brown</b>	2
<b>Steve Hargrove</b>	2

Chairman Isom stated that neither Alyce Brown nor Steve Hargrove had received sufficient votes to be appointed and that the Commission would make an appointment at a later date. Chairman Isom directed County Administrator Creekmore to notify Larry Collum and Doris Knox of their appointments and further to notify the Colbert County Northwest Alabama Healthcare Authority of the same.

## **REPORTS FROM STAFF**

Chairman Isom 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 reported that we will be able to close on infirmary which will house EMA this week. He further announced that he had attended the ACCA Administrators conventions and was elected 2nd VP of County Administrators Association.

### **Chief Financial Officer:**

CFO April Eaton reported that she has applied for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of ARPA fund.

### **County Attorney:**

Attorney Edgar Black reported that he will continue to incorporate comments about ordinance for special events license and solicit more comments. Creekmore asked about emergency response and vehicles. EMA Michael Smith answered saying that we need some kind of preplanning to make sure we have clear way for ambulance and emergency response to be able to get in and out.

### **EMA Director:**

EMA Director Michael David reported that homeland security grants are being applied for and allow the administrator to be authorized grant signer.

### **County Engineer:**

Reported that summer mowing has started. He reported that they are still in the first phase of the water meter project which should be finished within 6 weeks.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Baily stated that she had attended an event for the FAME Girls Ranch and at one point was astonished and amazed at Commissioner Gardiner's auctioneer abilities. Commissioner Gardiner stated that he knows that we have lost a lot of valuable people in our community and wanted to send out sympathy for the family of Sonny Barfield.

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COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 1

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COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 4

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COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 5

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CHAIRMAN