

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COLBERT COUNTY)

Minutes of a Regular Meeting
of the
Colbert County Commission
03/05/2024

The Colbert County Commission met today in regular session at the Colbert County Courthouse. Chairman Mansell called the work session to order at 5:05 p.m. with the regular meeting following at 5:56 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. Commissioner Barnes offered the prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Mansell declared that a quorum was present for the purpose of the transaction of business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Merrill addressed the Commission as a representative of Waggoner Engineering Inc. He presented design plans for a combination community senior and storm shelter. The projected cost of which would be between 2-3 million dollars, dependent on size. Mr. Merrill indicated that he has had meetings with Congressman Robert Aderholt, who could possibly secure federal earmark funding for project such as this. Mr. Merrill proposed a strategic service agreement with Waggoner, with a fee cap of \$50,000.00.

BOARD APPOINTEE REPORTS

None

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Mansell stated that the next order of business would be a public hearing on the application for Jay Hanuman Inc. / D.B.A. Melrose, for Retail Beer and Retail Table Wine, off Premises Only, license and gaveled the public hearing to order.

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

Chairman Mansell made a call for any person wishing to speak in favor of the issuance of the license to address the Commission. Manny Patel was recognized and stated he was the new owner of Melrose and spoke in favor of the license issuance. Chairman Mansell 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.

Chairman Mansell then declared that the public hearing be closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Mansell 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 Barnes Chairman Mansell 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 Minutes of the February 20, 2024 Commission meeting as written.
2. Approved payment of March 5, 2024 bills as presented by the Chief Financial Officer.
3. Approved Award of asbestos abatement bid for the new EMA building to Gulf Services Contracting as low bidder in the amount of \$73,234.00, and adopted the following Resolution pertaining thereto:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2024-0016

A RESOLUTION TO AWARD BID FOR ASBESTOS ABATEMENT AT NEW EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY BUILDING

WHEREAS, the Colbert County Emergency Management Agency did send out advertisements for bids for asbestos abatement at the new offices of the Agency, and bids received were publicly opened on February 22, 2024, at 2:00 PM in the Colbert County Commission Meeting Room; and

WHEREAS, that at the appointed time and place, specified above, the following bids were opened and tabulated as follows:

NAME	BASE BID	ALT. #1 (REMOVE ALL FLOORING)
A TO Z ENVIRONMENTAL	\$79,000.00	+\$3,500 = \$82,500.00
COMPLETE DEMOLITION	\$127,000.00	+\$2.50 / sq. ft.
GOODMAN GROUP	\$69,956.00	+\$8,000 = \$77,956.00
GULF SERVICES CONTRACTING	\$69,447.00	+\$3,787 = \$73,234.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Colbert County Commission that the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder has been determined to be Gulf Services Contracting with a total bid price of \$73,234.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Gulf Services Contracting, is now awarded the bid for asbestos abatement pursuant to the specifications as advertised.

4. Approved Road Dept. Worker Agreement for contract employee with no retirement benefit offered.
5. Approved unused annual leave for Jordan Montgomery in the amount of \$1,940.94.
6. Approved unused annual leave for Mike Chaney in the amount not to exceed \$1,022.96.
7. Approved unused annual leave for Michael David Smith in the amount of \$12,379.50.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Chairman Mansell 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 announce that the Old Railroad Bridge has been nominated to the National Register of Historic Places. Bradley Bump has been hired as Park Manager at Rose Trail Park, grade 10 step 1 on the pay scale. The Sheriff informs the Commission that Frederick Rowlett was terminated as Corrections Deputy effective 02/21/24. Creekmore also announced the retirement of EMA Director Michael David Smith effective April 1, 2024.

Chief Financial Officer:

CFO April Eaton reported that a new bank account has to be opened for licensing fees for the Probate Judge’s Office.

County Attorney:

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EMA Director:

Director Smith thanked the Commission for a great 5 years. Smith announced that he received 4 responses to the advertisements for the asbestos abatement at the new EMA building. He stated that there was a base bid which involved leaving some of the existing flooring and an alternate bid which involved removing all flooring. The lowest reasonable bidder who met all specs was Gulf Services Contracting out of Mobile, Al. Smith recommends awarding the alternate bid price of \$73,234.00 to Gulf Services Contracting.

County Engineer:

County Engineer Jeremy Robison reported that the paving contractor started back last week. Robison reported that 1 county road will be chosen to test new paving materials on. This new material is supposed to last 5-6 years.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was given by Commissioner Isom and seconded by Commissioner Bendall for the approval of the Jay Hanuman / D.B.A. Melrose, beer-wine off premises liquor license. The Chair stated that the matter before the Commission was approval of the license and called for any discussion. There being none, Chairman Mansell 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 Melrose liquor license received five (4) votes in favor of approval and one (2) vote against and therefore was adopted. The Chair directed the Administrator to send notice of the approval to the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

None

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Gardiner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Bailey. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion and the Chair announced the meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 1

CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 3

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 4

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 5

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 6