# Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the

# Colbert County Commission

05/19/2020

The Colbert County Commission met today in regular session at the Colbert County Courthouse. Chairman Gardiner called the work session to order at 5:03 P.M. with the regular meeting following at 5:35 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 Bendall. Commissioner Hovater offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Gardiner declared that a quorum was present for the purpose of the transaction of business.

# **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

# CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Gardiner announced that the business before the Commission was the approval of the consent agenda. Commissioner Barnes 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 Gardiner 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 5, 2020 and approved the same as written.
- 2. Approved payment of May 19, 2020 bills as presented by the Chief Financial Officer.
- 3. Approved 2020 Back to School Sales Tax Holiday for the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of July.
- 4. Approved Proclamation for National Police Week to recognize fallen officers.
- 5. Approved Job Description, RSVP Volunteer Coordinator.
- 6. Approved payment of \$5,750.00 to Circuit Court for Absentee Election Manager.
- 7. Approved \$300.00 payable to Morrison's Funeral Home for Indigent Cremation, Elizabeth Gresham.
- 8. Approved acceptance of Drainage Easement on Bethel Church Road.

# **REPORTS FROM STAFF**

Chairman Gardiner announced that the Commission would now 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 Matt Harvey of the Revenue Commissioner Mapping Office has successfully completed his coursework to be promoted to Mapping Technician II at Grade 9 Step 1 on the County pay scale. Blake Burns was hired in the Sheriff Department as a Part Time Booking/ Jailer; May 18, 2020 at the rate of \$10.26/hr. Mr. Creek more gave an update on the COVID 19 status as provided by Dr. Landers from ADPH. The court system resumed operation on a limited basis on May 18, 2020, the Commission is providing P.P.E.

#### **Chief Financial Officer:**

CFO April Bearden reported that the 1 Million dollar grant / loan for upgrades at the Water Treatment Plant is now cleared for financing, and suggested that loan payments be made from Capitol Improvement fund.

# **County Attorney:**

Attorney Edgar Black reported that he has the necessary documents to acquire a drainage ditch easement on Bethel Church Road.

#### **EMA Director:**

Michael Smith announced that the Colbert County Public Safety App is ready. He also reported that our area will be getting two new weather radars. The first radar is from channel 31 and will be located on Union Avenue in Muscle Shoals. The second radar will be located in Lawrenceburg from Shoals Weather.

# **County Engineer:**

Chief Engineer Jeremey Robison reported that the shoulder work for the Rebuild Alabama Project has been completed. Ed Sullivan of the Water Department is retiring. Robison is would like to begin advertising for Sullivan's position.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Commissioner Barnes for an appropriation of \$1500.00 be made to Town and Country Garden Club to be used in preparation for a garden presentation celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of Old Brick Presbyterian Church. Commissioner Baily agreed to second the motion if a permanent plaque and bench were included. Commissioner Barnes amended his motion to this effect and Commissioner Baily offered a second. After discussion, Chairman Gardiner called for a vote Commissioners voting as follows:

District 1 Yea

District 2	Nay
District 3	Yea
District 4	Yea
District 5	Absent
District 6	Yea

Chairman Gardiner announced that the motion was passed.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, upon motion duly made and seconded, Chairman Gardiner announced that the meeting was adjourned.

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