

STATE OF ALABAMA )  
COLBERT COUNTY )

Minutes of a Regular Meeting  
of the  
Colbert County Commission  
8/16/2022

The Colbert County Commission met today in regular session at the Colbert County Courthouse. Chairman Isom called the work session to order at 5:00 p.m. with the regular meeting following at 5:15 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 Mansell who was absent. 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

None

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 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 Mansell. 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 Aug 2, 2022 minutes and approved the same as written.
2. Approved payment of Aug 16, 2022 bills as presented by the Chief Financial Officer.
3. Adopted and approved the following Resolution setting a speed limit of 30 miles per hour for Bull Skull Road:

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 2022 - 0050

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE SPEED FOR BULL  
SKULL ROAD

WHEREAS, the Colbert County Commission, pursuant to *Ala. Code* § 23-1-80, et seq. (1975, as amended), is charged with the general superintendence of the public roads, bridges, and ferries within Colbert County so as to render travel over the same as safe and convenient as practicable; and

WHEREAS, Bull Skull Road, being part of the county road maintenance program, is located on the west side of Aycock Cemetery Road and roughly follows the southern boundary of Sections 20 and 38, Township 5 South, Range 10 West, Colbert County, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the County Engineer, based upon population, horizontal and vertical curves, passing and stopping distances, shoulder and pavement widths, and/or sight distances specific to the said roads, that the maximum allowable speed for Bull Skull Road be set at 30 miles per hour.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLBERT COUNTY COMMISSION that the posted maximum allowable speed for Bull Skull Road, a Colbert County Road located on the west side of Aycock Cemetery Road near the southern boundary of Sections 20 and 38, Township 5 South, Range 10 West, Colbert County, Alabama, be and are hereby is set at 30 miles per hour.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Colbert County Road Department, under the superintendence of the County Engineer, or his designee, be and hereby is authorized and directed to post signs setting the maximum allowable speed at 30 miles per hour along the rights of way of Bull Skull Road, in such places and in such manner as he deems to be in the best interests of the citizens of Colbert County, Alabama.

4. Adopted and approved the following Resolution setting a speed limit of 30 miles per hour for Ponderosa Way and White Pine Cove:

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2022-0051**

**A RESOLUTION SETTING THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE SPEED FOR PONDEROSA WAY AND WHITE PINE COVE**

WHEREAS, the Colbert County Commission, pursuant to *Ala. Code* § 23-1-80, et seq. (1975, as amended), is charged with the general superintendence of the public roads, bridges, and ferries within Colbert County so as to render travel over the same as safe and convenient as practicable; and

WHEREAS, Ponderosa Way and White Pine Cove, being part of the county road maintenance program, are located on the West side of County Line Road within Section 24, Township 3 South, Range 10 West; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the County Engineer, based upon population, horizontal and vertical curves, passing and stopping distances, shoulder and pavement widths, and/or sight distances specific to the said roads, that the maximum allowable speed for Ponderosa Way and White Pine Cove be set at 25 miles per hour.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLBERT COUNTY COMMISSION that the posted maximum allowable speed for Ponderosa Way and White Pine Cove, located on the West side of County Line Road within Section 24, Township 3 South, Range 10 West, be and is hereby is set at 25 miles per hour.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Colbert County Road Department, under the superintendence of the County Engineer, or his designee, be and hereby is authorized and directed to post signs setting the maximum allowable speed at 25 miles per hour along the rights of way of Ponderosa Way and White Pine Cove, in such places and in such manner as he deems to be in the best interests of the citizens of Colbert County, Alabama.

5. Approved Budget Hearing Meeting Schedule.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

## 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 from the Sheriff Department the hiring of David Dison and LaTessa Bates as P.T. Booking/Jailers. Their beginning pay will be 10.26/hr. with no benefits beginning August 13 and August 8 respectively. Nichole Kreel was hired as entry-level Tag Clerk in the Probate Judge Office with a starting pay of \$24,119.26 beginning August 16. Administrator, announced upcoming appointments to the NACOLG Revolving Loan Program Board.

### **Chief Financial Officer:**

CFO April Bearden is holding budget hearings on Wednesday August 31 at 4:30 P.M., Thursday September 1 at 2:30 P.M. and Tuesday September 6 after scheduled Commission meeting and Wednesday September 7 at 4:30 P.M.

### **County Attorney:**

None

### **EMA Director:**

Director Michael Smith reported that the building architect is getting measurements to start design phase on new EMA building. Director Smith also announced a Homeland Security meeting Thursday September 1 at 10:00 A.M. at the Alabama Music Hall of Fame.

### **County Engineer:**

None

## NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Commissioner Gardiner and seconded by Commissioner Barnes for adoption of the following Resolution:

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### **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2022-0049**

#### **A RESOLUTION APPROVING ONETIME RETIREEE LONGEVITY BONUS**

WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature, during its 2022 Regular Session, approved the passage of Act 2022-229 providing cities, counties, and public boards that participate in RSA's Employees' Retirement System the opportunity to award onetime longevity bonuses to retirees; and

WHEREAS, County retirees, who often live on a fixed income, are faced with rising prices on basic necessities such as groceries, prescription medication, and gasoline; and

WHEREAS, the Colbert County Commission is desirous of providing a onetime longevity bonus to Colbert County retirees pursuant to the said Act 2022-229; and

WHEREAS, the formula used to calculate the amount of the bonus is \$24.00 per year multiplied by the years of creditable service for each retiree, and the total amount required to fund the longevity bonus is estimated to be \$57,400.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLBERT COUNTY COMMISSION that funding be allocated as necessary to provide a onetime longevity bonus in the amount of \$24 per year of creditable service to Colbert County retirees pursuant to Act 2022-229 of the Alabama Legislature, and that the amount required to fund the longevity bonus be paid to Retirement Systems Of Alabama as set forth in said Act.

The Chair stated that the matter before the Commission was approval of the RSA Longevity Bonus and called for any discussion. Hearing none, Chairman Isom called for a vote of the Commissioners by voice and the same was had. Chairman Isom announced that the motion to adopt the Resolution carried and the Resolution was adopted.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Jimmy Gardiner thanked everyone for all of the cards and calls during his mother's passing.

James Barron  
 COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 1

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 COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 2

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 COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 3

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 COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 4

David Barron  
 COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 5

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 CHAIRMAN