

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COLBERT COUNTY)

Minutes of a Regular Meeting
of the
Colbert County Commission
11/01/2022

The Colbert County Commission met today in regular session at the Colbert County Courthouse. Chairman Barnes called the work session to order at 5:00 p.m. with the regular meeting following at 5:36 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 Bendall offered the prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Chair declared that a quorum was present for the purpose of the transacting business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

BOARD APPOINTEE REPORTS

None

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Barnes announced that the business before the Commission was the approval of the consent agenda. Commissioner Gardiner made motion for adoption and approval of the matters placed on the consent agenda during the work session. The motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Bailey. The Chair 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 Sep 18, 2022 minutes and approved the same as written.
2. Payment of Nov 1, 2022, bills as presented by the Chief Financial Officer.
3. Resolution in memory of the life of Dessie Evans and recognize her service to Colbert County as a member of the Colbert County 911 Board of Directors.
4. Contract with Engineers of the South, LLC for review of the Colbert County Water System and to provide recommendations regarding future construction and upgrades to the system and for the creation of a long-term plan to ensure the system meets the quality, capacity, and reliability needs of its present and future customers. The Commission and the County Engineer will request that contractor prioritize service capacity in the western portion of the County and complete that phase of the project first.
5. Payment of invoice received from the Colbert County Juvenile Detention Center in the amount to \$25,185.85.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Chairman Barnes announced that the Commission would next 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 the Veterans Day Parade will begin at 11:00 A.M. Friday the 11th with the ceremony following afterwards on the Courthouse grounds. If any Commissioner would like to participate, please let him know. The Probate Judge's Office sent a thank you card, thanking the Commission for recent pay raises. Daniel Cruz of the Sheriff Department has been promoted to the position of Sergeant and will receive a 5% pay raise. Christmas in the County will be held in November at the LaGrange College Site. The rough draft of the Special Events Permits has been submitted for the Commission's review and comment.. Administrator Creekmore informed the Commission that the City of Muscle Shoals is scheduled to hold its Christmas Parade on December 1, 2022.

Chief Financial Officer:

None

County Attorney:

None

EMA Director:

Chief EMA Director Michael Smith reported that October 26th was the Regional Distribution Site Tabletop Exercise held with ADPH and 5 other Counties. The exercise went well and the information collected will help develop the 2023 RDS Plan. Director Smith reminded the Commission that a full scale active shooter training exercise will take place Thursday, November 3, 2022, on the NWSCC Campus. The training exercise will involve participants from local cities, Helen Keller Hospital, and Shoal Hospital. The exercise is planned for 10:00 A.M. and should be complete by approximately 1:30 P.M. Local media has been advised and public notices will be published on November 2, 2022. Director Smith also informed the Commission that AT&T experienced an outage that caused 911 calls to be routed incorrectly but that the issue had been resolved.

County Engineer:

County Engineer Jeremy Robison reported that the improvements to Boy Scout Road as approved by the Commission at the previous regular meeting have begun.

NEW BUSINESS

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Isom expressed his thanks to Mr. Creekmore and Mr. Carter for recent repairs to a County fishing pier located within his district.

Commissioner Bailey stated that she would like to see local nonprofit groups serving Colbert and Lauderdale Counties establish a larger presence in Colbert County. Many such nonprofits have offices in Florence. Commissioner Bailey stated that an effort should be made to identify such nonprofits and seek ways to encourage them to establish a physical office presence in Colbert County.

Commissioner Bendall made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Gardiner and unanimously approved. The Chair announced that the meeting was adjourned at 5:37 P.M.

CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 2

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 3

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 4

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 5

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 6