

STATE OF ALABAMA        )  
COLBERT COUNTY        )

Minutes of a Regular Meeting  
of the  
Colbert County Commission  
01/03/2023

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 5:45 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 Mansell offered the prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Barnes declared that a quorum was present for the purpose of the transaction of business.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Wendy Snitzer announced that she is selling sweat shirts to help with Lauderdale County and Colbert County Animal Shelters. The cost is \$20.00 per sweat shirt. She also stated that she has a legal trespass on her at the Colbert County Animal Shelter, she would like the notice of trespassing to be dropped. Ms. Snitzer also reported that the warming station in Sheffield had no heat. Commissioner Bailey stated that the Commission does not oversee the Colbert Animal Shelter. Ms. Snitzer was informed that James Marks is the attorney for the shelter and that she is appreciated for the good work she does for the community.

**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 to adopt and approve the matters placed on the consent agenda during the work session. The motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Bailey. Chairman Barnes 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 December 15, 2022 minutes and approved the same as written.
2. Approved payment of January 3, 2023 bills as presented by the Chief Financial Officer.
3. Approved Surplus 2019 Kenworth T390, VIN # 2NKHLJ9X1KM279205 for Household Garbage.
4. Approved transfer of Waste Water Treatment Plant at Barton Industrial Park from Shoals Solid Waste Authority back to Colbert County.
5. Approved new Chief Deputy Employment Agreement contingent upon review by County Attorney.
6. Approved Appropriation to Colbert Animal Services for \$1,700.00.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

## REPORTS FROM STAFF

Chairman Barnes 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 Judge Rosser hired Alicia Baker as a tag clerk with starting annual salary of \$25,325.22, beginning January 9, 2023. Sheriff Deputy Hunter White has completed his APOST certification. His pay rate will increase to \$33,778.84 December 25 to take effect retroactively.

### **Chief Financial Officer:**

CFO April Bearden reported that December 31 ended the quarter of a fiscal year and she will have a budget tracking report at the January 17 Commission meeting.

### **County Attorney:**

Attorney Edgar Black gave an update regarding the law suit involving water quality.

### **EMA Director:**

EMA Director Michael Smith reported that due to the severe cold weather around Christmas in December, we opened the 4 large community storm shelters for warming centers. The City of Sheffield opened the Mike Johnson Recreation Center. There was evidence of 3-4 people at each shelter. In preparation for emergency response during the cold weather, our staff and volunteers equipped one of our enclosed trailers with propane heaters to use as a "warming trailer". That trailer was deployed on 2 structure fires on December 23rd and 24<sup>th</sup>. It was well used and a life saver for those responders. Patrick Mitchell with Vaughan Gas donated propane to replenish the empty bottles and he has written him a nice letter to thank him. He also reported that working with the CCAVFD to permanently refurbish the enclosed trailer to create a "rehab response trailer" which will include both warming and cooling equipment. We did have a round of severe weather this morning with minor damage reported, mainly trees and power lines down sporadically and another round is expected overnight tonight. He reported that he met with the architect this morning and hope to have something ready for bid by the end of the month.

### **County Engineer:**

County Engineer Jeremy Robison reported that the cold weather put them in a bind but, overall, they got through it. The trees that were downed during this time, have been cleaned up.

## NEW BUSINESS

None

## DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Isom brought up the issue of mud and damage due to heavy traffic on Cane Creek Road, pointing out that neither Tri Cities Solid Waste Authority or CWI have responded to the County's letter requesting a plan for improvement. Chairman Barnes indicated he would be meeting with Steve Witmer this week and the Administrator was instructed to invite Rep. Kerry Underwood to the January 17 Commission meeting.

Chairman Barnes gave an update on progress on the TVA Watermain.

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CHAIRMAN

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COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 2

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COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 6