

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COLBERT COUNTY)

Minutes of a Regular Meeting
of the
Colbert County Commission
09/19/2023

The Colbert County Commission met today in regular session at the Colbert County Courthouse. Chairman Mansell called the work session to order at 5:04 p.m. with the regular meeting following at 5:24 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. EMA Director Michael Smith 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

None

BOARD APPOINTEE REPORTS

None

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Mansell announced that the business before the Commission was the approval of the consent agenda. Commissioner Gardiner made a 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 August 31, 2023 and September 5, 2023 minutes.
2. Approved payment of September 19, 2023 bills as presented by the Chief Financial Officer.
3. Approved budget amendment FY 2023, Sheriff Department.
4. Approved to adopt FY 2024 annual county budget.
5. Approved the following Resolution dissolving water meter fund:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2023-0038

*A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CLOSURE OF THE “WATER METER FUND”
ACCOUNT AND TRANSFER OF ASSETS IN SUCH ACCOUNT TO THE “WATER
GROSS REVENUE FUND” ACCOUNT*

WHEREAS, there currently exists a bank account held by Colbert County known as the “Water Meter Fund” which holds funds required to be deposited by water customers to obtain a water meter; and

WHEREAS, the Water Meter Fund is also used to refund water customers the amount paid by the customer for deposit when such deposit is no longer required; and

WHEREAS, there currently exists a bank account held by Colbert County known as the Water Gross Revenue Fund which is used as the main operating account for the Colbert County Water Department; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is desirous of closing the Water Meter Fund and transferring the current balance of the account to the Water Gross Revenue Fund account while continuing to account for customer paid deposits; and

WHEREAS, the Commission finds that the closure of the Water Meter Fund will not adversely affect Water Department operations and will have the benefit of reducing the number of accounts required to operate the Water Department.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Colbert County Commission that the bank account known as the Water Meter Fund be closed and the current balance of the account be transferred to the bank account known as the Water Gross Revenue Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that current records of customer deposited funds shall be maintained and continue to be accounted for in the same manner as done prior to the adoption of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that April Eaton, as the Chief Financial Officer of Colbert County, be in she is hereby authorized to take such action as she in her sole discretion deems necessary, advisable, and convenient to close the Water Meter Fund bank account and transfer the balance of such account to the Water Gross Revenue Fund bank account.

6. Approved NACOLG non-elected board appointments, Eddie Russell, Walter Smallwood, Dr. Alyce Brown and Ollie Underwood.
7. Approved 911 board appointment, Chief Shawn Malone.
8. Approved SEDA board appointment, Harold Kimbrough.
9. Approved NACOLG Aging Services contract.
10. Approved to set public hearing for Infusions Bar and Gril liquor license, 100 Airport Rd, next regular commission meeting October 3, 2023, at 5:00 PM.
11. Approved the award of annual Road Dept. bids as presented by County Engineer
12. Approved the renewal of Stacs Tax Service contract.

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 announced that the Commission is invited to Camp Courage's opening night festivities and awards banquet.

Chief Financial Officer:

None

County Attorney:

None

EMA Director:

Director Smith reported that FEMA implementation of immediate needs funding will continue to take hazard mitigation grant applications, but funding will currently be limited to only those with immediate needs. It will likely last until federal budget issues are resolved or more funds are added to the National Disaster Relief Fund. Smith also reported that the North Alabama Regional Airport Exercise will have a full-scale exercise tonight at the Muscle Shoals Airport. Exercises will kick off at 7:30 p.m.

County Engineer:

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Bailey congratulated Commissioner Isom and Administrator Creekmore for a successful North Alabama State Fair. Admin Creekmore expressed his appreciation for the help of the CCVF Association for parking cars at the Fair.

Commissioner Gardiner thanked Chief Malone and Mr. Kimbrough for being willing to serve their board appointments.

Commissioner Barnes thanked Chief Engineer Robison, Commissioner Bendall and Commissioner Bailey for helping with the retention pond in Leighton.

Chairman Mansell thanked Shawn Malone and offered congratulations for his appointment to the 911 Board.

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 1

CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 3

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 4

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 5

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 6