

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COLBERT COUNTY)

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting
of the
Colbert County Commission
5/21/2019**

The Colbert County Commission met today in regular session at the Colbert County Courthouse. Chairman Barnes called the work session to order at 5:03 P.M. with the regular meeting following at 6:52 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 Hovater offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Barnes declared that a quorum was present for the purpose of the transaction of business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments made.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Barnes announced that the business before the Commission was the approval of the consent agenda. Commissioner Bailey made motion to adopt and approve the matters placed on the consent agenda during the work session. The motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Gardiner. 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. Commission appointed Larry Collum to the Hospital Board (NWAHA) for a term of 2 years, 7mo. beginning on 5/21/19 and ending on 12/31/21.;
2. Waived reading of minutes from May 7 meeting and approved same as amended;
3. Approve payment of bills as presented;
4. Approve renewal of EMA Designation as Homeland Security POC;
5. Consented Gargis Hollow / Veterans speed limit to change to 35 mph and convey part of the road to 25 mph by adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2019 – _____

RESOLUTION OF THE COLBERT COUNTY COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Gargis Hollow Road and Veterans Drive, being part of the county road maintenance program, are located on the north side of River Road, within Sections 8 and 17 of Township 3 South, Range 9 West, Colbert County, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the area surrounding these roads is populated, having more than 40 residence in the general vicinity; and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer, has reviewed the population density, curves, passing distance, stopping distance, shoulder widths, and sight distances at points along the said roads and based upon such review recommends a change in the maximum allowable speed for these roads.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLBERT COUNTY COMMISSION that, based upon the recommendation of the County Engineer that the following maximum allowable speeds be set for the following named roads, being a part of the Colbert County road system:

Gargis Hollow Road, south of the point it intersects with Veterans Drive - 35 MPH
Gargis Hollow Road, north of the point it intersects with Veterans Drive - 25 MPH
Veterans Drive - 25 MPH

6. Consented to county paving plan to be split among each district;
7. Consented to replace an over 20 year old HVAC unit at George Wallace Complex for the amount of \$3,525.00;
8. Consented to approve all Commissioners and Administrator as authorized signers on new bank accounts that have to be opened at 1st Southern Bank in regard to the \$4 million dollar gas tax loan.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Chairman Barnes 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

Sheriff Williamson wants to repaint the common area of the Sheriff Department office at his expense. He would also like to have constructed a glass doorway on Sheriff's end of the hallway to provide more privacy. The Administrator will obtain an estimate for the doorway and report back to the Commission for further consideration. The Commission consented not to give any additional funds to the North Alabama African Heritage Festival due to the Commission already giving appropriations this budget year. There was a purchase of a washer and dryer in the amount of \$1,528.15, for Riverton Rose Trail. The Commission is invited to the RSVP Banquet May 30, 2019 from 12:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. Mr. Charlie Grimmett, of the America Legion Post 31, requested the use of the East lawn of the Courthouse Monday, May 27, 2019 for a Memorial Day Celebration. They are also requesting the use of the lawn on November 11, 2019 for a Veterans Day Celebration. It is requested by the Commission to have searchable minutes on the County Commissions website. The recent minutes are being saved as a word document and will be searchable by keyword. The minutes are backed up three different ways.

Chief Financial Officer

The CFO reported that a 4 Million Dollar gas tax loan will close in July. The Commission needs to open 4 checking accounts for it. 2 accounts are for the 10 cent gas tax revenue to be deposited into, 1 will be for the deposit of loan proceeds, and the other to make debt serves payments out of. Authorized signatures are to be determined by the Commission so that these accounts can be opened at 1st Southern Bank.

County Attorney

The matter with Sonny Isbell's insurance bills as well as coverage, is still being looked into by the County Attorney, Edgar Black. It was suggested that the Human Resource Department called the insurance company personally in the future to verify coverage.

EMA Director

Michael David Smith's beginning date as EMA Director will be June 1, 2019. A brief update was given on the public assistance claim. There will be online training.

County Engineer

Engineer reported that the Road Department is working with FEMA for the compensation of damages due to the flood. It was stated that Frankfort Road is progressing well and the cost for repairs is \$940,000. Bedford reported that they were 3 months ahead of schedule and the road will be open before the start of school. He also reported that the laying of the bricks for the new Road Department Office has started. Grinder pumps at the Freight Car facility were installed.

NEW BUSINESS

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

CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 2

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 3

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 4

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 5

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 6