

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COLBERT COUNTY)

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting
of the
Colbert County Commission
04/04/2023**

The Colbert County Commission met today in regular session at the Colbert County Courthouse. Commissioner Mansell, standing in for Chairman Barnes in his absence, called the work session to order at 5:02 p.m. with the regular meeting following at 5:25 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. Acting Chairman Mansell declared that a quorum was present for the purpose of the transaction of business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Wendy King made comments regarding the Caring Center. She stated that the ramp is in bad repair and she know someone that will gift the amount of lumber needed for its repair. She also stated that there were commercial rolls of industrial flooring that also can be given for the animal shelter. Mrs. King brought to the attention of the Commission that back up lights are need on our utility vehicles.

BOARD APPOINTEE REPORTS

None

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Acting Chairman Mansell 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 Bendall. Acting 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. Waived reading of March 21, 2023 minutes and approved the same as written.
2. Approved payment of April 4, 2023 bills as presented by the Chief Financial Officer.
3. Approved Times Daily Ad request for a full-page ad costing \$1590.00.
4. Approved Keller Hospital M.O.A.
5. Approved Resolution, Fair Housing Month.
6. Approved Annual Leave Request for Beverly Burgess for 167 hrs. in the amount of \$3289.90.
7. Approved Donnegan Cove 2 Preliminary Plat.

8. Approved Water Storage Tank on West End of the County with a 30% design.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Acting 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 if requirements are met, on April 19th the Auburn Extension Office will be giving out a \$50.00 Senior Nutrition Vouchers. This voucher is to be used at the Farmers Market for the month of May. Creekmore announced that the Commission will be accepting applications for appointment on the Riverbend Center board. The deadline for accepting applications will be 5:00 P.M. April 17th. Alabama Mountain Lakes board meeting will be at 10:30 April 25th. Creekmore reported from the Sheriffs Department that Shaun Popejoy was hired as a corrections officer with a starting salary of \$30,499.66 replacing David Dyson, Ashley Davis was hired as FT Jailer with a starting salary of \$30,499.66 replacing Lucas Stonecipher and Mike Pogue was hired as PT Marshal starting at \$15.00 per hr.

Chief Financial Officer:

CFO April Eaton reported that Friday ended the 2nd quarter of our fiscal year and will have the quarterly report at the next Commission meeting.

County Attorney:

None

EMA Director:

EMA Director Michael Smith reported that the preliminary storm damage assessments on March 24-25, 2023 have revealed \$5.5 Million in damages on 40 residential structures and 5 businesses. Public assessment damages from debris removal, utilities, public buildings, etc. are currently at \$98,000 but still waiting on several submissions from cities and utility providers. Smith has requested a joint PDA with Alabama EMA in pursuit of a FEMA declaration. Smith Also reported that they had a few technical issues with the original bid advertisements on the new facility renovations bid. He stated that bid opening has been pushed back to May 9th at 2:00 P.M.

County Engineer:

Chief Engineer Jeremy Robison thanked EMA during the past big storms. He stated that he is working on the Rebuild Alabama Plan.

NEW BUSINESS

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

None

CHAIRMAN

ACTING CHAIRMAN, DISTRICT 2

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 3

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 4

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 5

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 6