

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COLBERT COUNTY)

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting
of the
Colbert County Commission
06/06/2023**

The Colbert County Commission met today in regular session at the Colbert County Courthouse. Chairman Barnes called the work session to order at 5:02 p.m. with the regular meeting following at 5:55 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 Isom who was absent. 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

Ms. Kelly Balentine with Keeping the Shoals Beautiful addressed the Commission and expressed her appreciation for the support the Commission has given to KTSB. She communicated that KTSB has partnered with the Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area and announced upcoming scheduled clean-up days.

BOARD APPOINTEE REPORTS

None

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Barnes stated that the next order of business would be a public hearing for the application for Rudraksh Inc / D.B.A., Mud Creek Mart for Retail Beer and Retail Table Wine license and gavelled the public hearing to order.

Chairman Barnes made a call for any person wishing to speak against the issuance of a liquor license for Mud Creek Mart, to address the Commission. Chairman Barnes made 2 additional calls for any persons wishing to speak against the license to stand and be heard. No person came forward to speak against the license.

Chairman Barnes made a call for any person wishing to speak in favor of the issuance of a liquor license for Mud Creek Mart, to address the Commission. Chairman Barnes made 2 additional calls for any persons wishing to speak in favor of the license to stand and be heard. No person came forward to speak in favor of the license.

Chairman Barnes then declared that the public hearing be closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Barnes announced that the business before the Commission was the approval of the consent agenda. Commissioner Mansell 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 May 16, 2023 minutes and approved the same as written.
2. Approved payment of June 06, 2023 bills as presented by the Chief Financial Officer.
3. Approved purchase of advertisement in the Miracle Worker Program in the amount of \$140.00.
4. Consented to reject all bids opened on 05/09/23 for renovations to the old TVA Infirmary for the New EMA Operations Center.
5. Appointed William A. Collignon Jr. to serve a 3-year term on the Board of Directors for the Northwest Shoals Regional Airport Authority, with such term beginning on _____ and ending on _____ or until his successor is appointed, and adopted the following Resolution in connection therewith:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2023-0028

A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A MEMBER TO THE NORTHWEST SHOALS REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WHEREAS, the term of a member of the Northwest Shoals Regional Airport Authority Board of Directors has expired and the Commission being desirous of making the necessary appointment to fill the now vacant seat; and

WHEREAS, the following individual made proper application, meets the requirements for appointment, and is eligible to fill the current vacancy:

William A. Collignon, Jr.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Colbert County Commission that William A. Collignon, Jr., be and he is hereby appointed to serve a term on the Board of Directors of the Northwest Shoals Regional Airport Authority commencing on _____ and ending on _____, or until such time as his successor is duly appointed and takes office.

The County Administrator is hereby directed to notify the above-named person of his appointment and further to notify the respective board of set appointments.

6. Approved proposal from the Colbert County Board of Education ("CCBOE") for the Colbert County Sheriff's Department to provide seven (7) part-time School Resource Officers in County Schools. The CCBOE will reimburse the County \$210,000.00 per year for officer base salary and the Commission will contribute approximately \$159,000.00 per year toward a portion of officer benefits and FICA contributions. The County's contribution will be paid from its receipts under the Simplified Sellers Use Tax Remittance Act ("SSUT"). Additionally, the County will pay from SSUT receipts the sum of \$50,000.00 per year to each city school system located in Colbert County to be used for school security expenditures. The CCBOE's proposal will be reduced to writing and executed by the Commission, CCBOE, and each city school system prior to disbursement of funds by the County.
7. Approved acceptance of bid from Safe-T- Shelter for FEMA/AEMA Community Safe Rooms: One (1) 24ft shelter constructed per bid terms in the amount of \$114,900.00, and one (1) 48ft shelter constructed per bid terms in the amount of \$169,425.00.
8. Approved Agreement with Alabama Department of Environmental Management for remediation of solid waste along County rights-of-way.
9. Approved request by James Berryman to donate 176 hours of unused accrued annual leave to Kenney Dale Liles pursuant to the current policy regarding donation of accrued leave.

10. Approved request for payment of unused accrued annual leave by James Berryman in the amount of \$12,547.20.
11. Approved request for payment of unused accrued annual leave by Henry Green in the amount of \$7,792.20.
12. Approved one-year dispatch agreement between the Colbert County Commission and the Colbert County Emergency Management Communications District, E911.
13. Consented to move the regularly scheduled July 4, 2023, Commission meeting to July 6, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. The County Administrator is directed to give notice of this change in compliance with Alabama law.
14. Approved request for payment of unused accrued annual leave by Kelly Robinson in the amount of \$7,699.79.

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 suggested that the Commission consider moving the regularly scheduled Commission meeting of July 4, 2023 to another date. Mr. Creekmore also requested an addition to the meeting agenda for the request for payment of unused annual leave by Kelly Robinson.

Chief Financial Officer:

None

County Attorney:

None

EMA Director:

EMA Director Michael Smith reported that annual fire prevention day has been set for October 12, 2023 and requested use of the Courthouse Lawn for activities. Commissioners agreed.

County Engineer:

Chief Engineer Jeremy Robison reported that the summer Right of Way mowing is proceeding well. Robison also reported that the Road Department is having problems with the Spreader Machine and Chip Seal Machine. Due to age, parts are difficult to obtain, this may mandate a change in the procedure used in the planned paving projects.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Barnes stated that the next item of business before the commission was the consideration of an application for ABC- 050 Retail Beer (Off Premises only), 070 Retail Table Wine (Off Premises only) license by Rudraksh Inc. d/b/a Mud Creek Mart. Commissioner Bailey moved for the approval of the application. Commissioner Gardiner seconded the motion. The Chair stated that approval of the license was properly before the Commission and called for any discussion. Hearing none, the Chair put the question to roll call vote. The County Administrator called the roll and a roll call vote was had as follows:

District 1	Yes
District 2	No
District 3	Yes
District 4	Yes
District 5	No
District 6	Absent

The Chair announced that the application for ABC- 050 Retail Beer (Off Premises only), 070 Retail Table Wine (Off Premises only) license by Rudraksh Inc. d/b/a Mud Creek Mart received three votes in favor and two votes against. The Chair stated that the application received a favorable report from the Commission and directed the County Administrator to communicate that fact to the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

None

Upon motion made by Commissioner Gardiner, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.

CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 2

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 3

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 4

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 5

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 6