

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COLBERT COUNTY)

Minutes of a Regular Meeting
of the
Colbert County Commission
12/01/2020

The Colbert County Commission met today in regular session at the Colbert County Courthouse. Chairperson Bailey called the work session to order at 5:00 P.M. with the regular meeting following at 6:27 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. Dr. Gale Satchell offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairperson Bailey declared that a quorum was present for the purpose of the transaction of business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

BOARD APPOINTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Barnes made report in regard to the Northwest Alabama Cooperative District and its function in dealing the development of land at the old TVA Reservation. Commissioner Barnes also reported on the Shoals Solid Waste Disposal Board, explaining that the decision of that Board not to expand the Tuscumbia Landfill site was primarily due to the proximity to Spring Creek. Mr. Barnes also stated that the continued operation of a County-wide recycling program was a prime focus of Shoals Solid Waste.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

Chairperson Bailey presented Keith Reaves with a certificate and diploma for successful completion of NACO Professional Development leadership training. Reaves scored 247 out of 248 and was congratulated by Chairperson Bailey and the Commission.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairperson Bailey announced that the Commission would now convene a public hearing on the application by Hwy 247 Quickstop LLC, 125 Hwy 247, Russellville, Alabama for the following ABC licenses: 050 Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and 070 Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only). The Chair called for comments from persons wishing to speak against the application; no response. The Chair called again for comments from persons wishing to speak against the application; no response. The Chair then called for comments from persons wishing to speak against the application for a third time; no response. The Chair then called for comments from persons wishing to speak in favor of the application. Mr. Charles Chambers, 125 Highway 247, Russellville, Alabama was recognized and spoke in favor of the application. The Chair then made two additional calls for comments in favor of the application. There being no other persons wishing to speak, the Chair declared the public hearing to be closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairperson Bailey announced that the business before the Commission was the approval of the consent agenda. Commissioner Barnes 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. Chairperson Bailey 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 November 3, 2020, November 11, 2020 and November 17, 2020 minutes and approved the same as written.
2. Approved payment of December 1, 2020 bills as presented by the Chief Financial Officer.
3. Approved Supplemental COVID Leave.
4. Approved Annual Leave Request for Blake Burns for the amount of \$589.20.
5. Approved Hatton School Parking Lot Allocation request in the amount of \$3,000.00.
6. Approved Plat for Cross Lane RV Park.
7. Approved Plat for Mulberry Creek Camp R.V. Park.
8. Approved allowing the County Engineer to make an offer of up to \$20,000.00 for acquisition of drainage easements associated with flood mitigation in the Cassie Davis Road area.
9. Appointed Commissioner Tyrus Mansell to serve on the Board of Youth Services.
10. Appointed Commissioner Tommy Barnes to serve on NACOLG MPO Board.
11. Appointed Commissioner Tyrus Mansell to serve on the Colbert County Tourism Board.
12. Appointed Commissioner Tori Bailey to the RC&D Council Board.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairperson Bailey announced that the next item of business before the Commission was to put to a vote the approval of the application made by Hwy 247 Quickstop, LLC seeking issuance of the following ABC licenses: 050 Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and 070 Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only).

Chairperson Bailey asked Administrator Creekmore to call the roll of Commissioners so that each Commissioner could state if he or she favors the approval of the said application. A roll call vote was had as follows:

Commissioner Barnes	Yes
Commissioner Mansell	Yes
Commissioner Gardiner	Yes
Commissioner Bailey	Yes
Commissioner Bendall	No
Commissioner Isom	Yes

Upon conclusion of voting, Chairperson Bailey announced that a majority of the votes cast were in favor of approval of the license application and the application was approved. Chairperson Bailey directed Administrator Creekmore to inform the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control of the Commission's action.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Chairperson Bailey 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:

Administrator Roger Creekmore reported that ThyssenKrupp elevator crew will be onsite Thursday and will work through the weekend, their work should be completed on Monday. Creekmore informed the commission that Ethics class will be held on January 14 and 15, 2020 in Prattville and online. He reported that the County received \$182,876 from as a Community Development Block Grant to address Flood Control measures in the County. ADECA has allocated \$500,000.00 for programs specifically related to COVID response. NACOLG will schedule a meeting next week with the County, EMA and ADPH to discuss the parameters of the program and the possibility of an implementation in Colbert County. CFO Bearden, is working with payroll and the Sheriff's Department; 2nd CARES act application which is targeted for filing next week.

Chief Financial Officer:

CFO April Bearden informed the Commission that the credit rating hold placed on the County due to the incompleteness of a 2018 audit has been lifted and the County's Aa3 rating restored. The balance sheet and compiled revenue & expenditure have been sent to the Colbert County Reporter to be released by next week's issue.

County Attorney:

No Report.

EMA Director:

Director Michael Smith reported that Volunteer Fire Departments throughout the County has filed for grants under the REVIVE PLUS, CARES act, to purchase Lucas Chest Compression Systems for their departments.

County Engineer:

No Report

NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Bailey announced that there being no further business to come before the Commission, upon motion duly made and seconded, Chairperson Bailey announced that the meeting was adjourned.

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 1

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 2

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 3

CHAIRPERSON

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 5

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 6