Minutes of a Special Called Meeting
of the
Colbert County Commission
4/29/2021

The Colbert County Commission met in a special called session on Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 1:00 PM, in the Commission Chambers of the Colbert County Courthouse, the Special Called session being called by the Chair. Chairperson Bailey called the meeting to order to order at 1:02 P.M. All commissioners answered “present” at the call of the roll. Commissioner Mansell offered the invocation, Tuscumbia Mayor Kerry Underwood led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Chair declared that a quorum was present for the purpose of transaction of business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Tom Heflin, attorney for the Shoals Solid Waste Disposal Authority provided the Commissioners with information regarding SSWDA Recycling and Waste Disposal.

ITEM OF BUSINESS

Chairperson Bailey stated that the Commission would now address the item of business for the Special Called meeting, to consider a Resolution for a fee of $1.75 per month, added to utilities bill, for each address in the County, not within the Corporate limits of the City of Muscle Shoals, the City of Tuscumbia or the City of Sheffield to provide funding to SSWDA continuance of Recycling operations.

Commissioner Barnes introduced the following written Resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-0038

A RESOLUTION TO FUND THE SHOALS SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AUTHORITY RECYCLING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, citizens of the unincorporated portions of Colbert County have the opportunity to participate in recycling by depositing approved materials in a trailer provided by the Shoals Solid Waste Disposal Authority (“SSWDA”) and located throughout the unincorporated portions of Colbert County; and

WHEREAS, recycling of approved materials benefits the citizens of Colbert County by reducing the amount of solid waste deposited in local landfills, thereby extending the useful life of those landfills; and

WHEREAS, the SSWDA provides trailers to collect recyclable materials, places them throughout the County, and arranges for the transfer of collected recyclable materials to SSWDA recycling facilities, incurring substantial cost in the process.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLBERT COUNTY COMMISSION that Colbert County shall participate and enter into such agreements with the Shoals Solid Waste Disposal Authority (“SSWDA”) as may be approved by the Commission for the provision of recycling services within the portions of Colbert County, Alabama not within the corporate limits of the City of Muscle Shoals, the City of Tusculumbia, or the City of Sheffield.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such recycling services shall commence on June 1, 2021, and shall continue for a term of three (3) years, with automatic renewal terms of three (3) years until canceled or modified by the County or the SSWDA on written notice, at least ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of each term.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SSWDA, or its assigns, may maintain collection bins and trailers within Colbert County and in such number and locations as may be determined by the SSWDA from time to time. The SSWDA shall make periodic arrangements for the transfer of collected recyclable materials to recycling facilities operated by the SSWDA or its assigns.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that beginning May 1, 2021, Colbert County shall charge a fee of $1.75 on a utilities bill for each address in the County not within the corporate limits of the City of Muscle Shoals, the City of Tuscumbia, or the City of Sheffield, where the opportunity exists to participate in recycling by depositing approved materials in a trailer located in Colbert County and provided by the SSWDA for that purpose, as adjusted under the terms of any agreements between SSWDA and Colbert County for certain exemptions and exclusions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, beginning July 1, 2021, Colbert County shall remit to the SSWDA the total of all of such fees collected by Colbert County for recycling services.

The motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Gardiner. Chairperson Bailey called for discussion on the pending motion. There being none, Chairperson Bailey requested a roll call vote be had and instructed the County Administrator to call the roll of Commission in order by their respective district number.

Commissioners were recorded voting as follows:

District 1 YEA
District 2 YEA
District 3 YEA
District 4 YEA
District 5 NAY
District 6 NAY

Chairperson Bailey announced that the motion carried and the Resolution presented by Commissioner Barnes had been adopted.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, upon motion duly made and seconded, the Chair announced that the meeting was adjourned at 1:37 P.M.