

STATE OF ALABAMA )  
COLBERT COUNTY )

Minutes of a Regular Meeting  
of the  
Colbert County Commission  
07/20/2021

The Colbert County Commission met today in regular session at the Colbert County Courthouse. Chairman Bendall called the work session to order at 5:02 p.m. with the regular meeting following at 5:33 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 except Commissioner Bailey and Commissioner Mansell, who were absent. Michael David Smith offered the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Bendall declared that a quorum was present for the purpose of the transaction of business.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kelley Taft from the Kelley Group addressed the Commission regarding the use of American Recovery Act funds. Ms. Taft indicated, that in her opinion, using the ARA monies for water system improvements following the DWSRF guidelines in place would be acceptable.

**BOARD APPOINTEE REPORTS**

None

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

None

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Bendall announced that the business before the Commission was the approval of the consent agenda. Commissioner Gardiner made motion to adopt and approve the matters placed on the consent agenda during the work session. The motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Barnes. Chairman Bendall 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 July 6, 2021 minutes and approved the same as written.
2. Approved payment of July 20, 2021 bills as presented by the Chief Financial Officer.
3. Approved Comcast Franchise Agreement Renewal for a period of ten (10) years.
4. Authorized NACOLG to administer CDBG Project CV-NC-20-022 by adoption of the following Resolution:

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**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-0051**

*A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NORTHWEST ALABAMA COUNCIL OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ADMINISTER CDBG PROJECT CV-NC-20-022*

WHEREAS, the Colbert County Commission received a CDBG-CV grant to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the spread of infectious diseases such as COVID;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Colbert County Commission does hereby authorize the Northwest Alabama Council of Local Governments to provide administration services for the project as provided for under ADECA Policy Letter 1 (Revision 9).

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Colbert County Commission authorizes its Chairman to enter into a contract with the Northwest Alabama Council of Local Governments to provide said services for a fee not to exceed \$15,000.00.

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5. Approved ACCA Legislative Committee Nomination, Commissioner Tommy Barnes.
6. Approved Requested Annual Leave pay for Lane Aday in the amount of \$985.60.
7. Approved Requested Annual Leave pay for Mary Granger in the amount of \$2,896.40.
8. Approved Preliminary Plat for Phase 4 of Waterloo Landing Subdivision.
9. Approved final Subdivision Plat for Bluffs at Bear Creek Phase II.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

## REPORTS FROM STAFF

Chairman Bendall 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 expressed thanks to Commissioner Isom. Commissioner Isom had a visit with the Walmart Distributing Center in which 100 cases of hand sanitizer and wipes were donated. Administrator suggested that the items be distributed equally amount the County's Volunteer Fire Departments. Administrator read a thank you card from the Smith family regarding the passing of Mr. William "Smitty" Smith. Announced that the Probate Judge Daniel Rosser informs the commission of a new hire in his office. Beginning July 26 Tracey Prince will begin working as a Tag clerk with a starting salary of \$22,920.72. He also reported that there will be two board upcoming appointments to be filled with the Bear Creek Development Authority and Northwest Alabama Regional Airport Board.

### **Chief Financial Officer:**

CFO April Eaton passed out the Financial Report. She stated that with 75% of the budget year completed, budgetary expenditures are on track. General fund revenue projections for the total 2020-21 fiscal year have already been exceeded. 2021-2022 Fiscal Year budget requests have been sent to department heads, Ms. Eaton would like to start budget meetings beginning in August.

### **County Attorney:**

No Report

### **EMA Director:**

Chief Engineer Michael David reported, with the CBDG money finally officially awarded, they can proceed with acquisition of the Vaccine Trailer. He stated that Colbert is leading in Alabama with 33% fully vaccinated. He has also provided a map of the storm shelters in the county as requested per last commission meeting.

**County Engineer:**

Chief Engineer Jeremy Robison reported that Ms. Ninon Parker has requested County assistance with historical Belmont Mansion asking that the gravel driveway be graded and trees clipped in preparation for the W C Handy Festival. He also reported that the project for reinforcement of the Bridge on County Line Road is proceeding well and the bridge should soon be open for traffic with increased weight limits.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Gardiner updated the commission on the Saddle up for St. Jude Event, reporting that the event was a success with attendance of over 5000, largest in the events history, with approximately \$350,000.00 raised. Commissioner Gardiner expressed his appreciation to the County Engineer and Assistant Engineer for work done on roads leading to the event, and the Household Garbage Department, and Recycling for providing receptacles.

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

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