

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COLBERT COUNTY)

Minutes of a Regular Meeting
of the
Colbert County Commission
12/07/2021

The Colbert County Commission met today in regular session at the Colbert County Courthouse. Chairman Bendall called the work session to order at 4:06 p.m. with the regular meeting following at 4:59 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. Chairman Bendall declared that a quorum was present for the purpose of the transaction of business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Chip Martin addressed the Commission with concerns regarding roadside rubbish pick-up in the County and suggested that trucks be placed on some type of regularly scheduled route.

BOARD APPOINTEE REPORTS

None

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

A Resolution was presented to Sgt. Dan Coggins, for bravery and heroism in the apprehension of shooting suspect Brian Martin, on behalf of the Colbert County Commission.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Bendall 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 Bailey. 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 November 16, 2021 minutes and approved the same as written.
2. Approved payment of December 7, 2021 bills as presented by the Chief Financial Officer.
3. Adopted the following Resolution to Honor Service of former Commissioner Emmitt Jimmar:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2022-0008

*A RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF MR. EMMITT EDWARD
JIMMAR, JR.*

WHEREAS, the Honorable Emmitt Edward Jimmar, Jr., dedicated his life in service to others, beginning his career in education in the time of segregation, and becoming the first African-American teacher at Coffee High School in Florence, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jimmar was instrumental in joining the Alabama State Teachers Association with the Alabama Education Association, melding what had previously been separate Black and White organizations into a combined integrated Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jimmar continued his work in the field of education by serving as Northwest Alabama Education Association UniServe Director; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jimmar served as Director of Programs for the NAACP Tri-County Branch and was instrumental in creating the Freedom Awards presented by that organization; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jimmar began his political career in the 1960s as a charter member of the Colbert County Voters League, in which capacity he educated African-Americans about political involvement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jimmar was later elected to the Alabama State Democratic Executive Committee and served as chair of the Colbert County Alabama Democratic Conference; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jimmar was first elected to the Colbert County Commission in 1988 as the first African-American member of that body, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jimmar served District 4 and all citizens of Colbert County with respect, honor, and integrity for 29 years until his retirement in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jimmar imparted knowledge and wisdom to those he mentored, compassion and selflessness to those in need, and inspiration and encouragement to those he led; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jimmar's unwavering commitment, willingness and ability to understand and respond to the concerns of the people of District 4 and the citizens of Colbert County made a substantial contribution to the betterment of Colbert County, Alabama.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLBERT COUNTY COMMISSION that it does hereby honor the life of Emmitt Edward Jimmar, Jr., and his time-honored legacy of dedication, enthusiasm, and outstanding public service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in honor and memory of Mr. Jimmar's life and legacy, November 26, 2021 be and hereby is declared Emmitt Edward Jimmar, Jr. Day in Colbert County, Alabama.

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4. Approved the following Resolution for use of ARPA Funds on SRF Water Meter Project:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2022-0011

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE USE OF ARPA FUNDS FOR WATER METER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

WHEREAS, Colbert County Alabama (the "County") has received title American Rescue Plan Act fiscal recovery funds ("ARPA funds") and is charged with ensuring that such funds are expended in accordance with state and federal law; and

WHEREAS ARPA funds may be used to cover the cost of expenses for necessary investments in water infrastructure ("ARPA infrastructure projects"); and

WHEREAS, the Colbert County Commission (the "Commission") has identified, with assistance from an independent consultant, and eligible ARPA infrastructure project to serve the County's citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined that the water project is a necessary, eligible, and reasonable use of these funds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLBERT COUNTY COMMISSION as follows:

1. The County shall use ARPA funds to cover up to \$750,000.00 of the cost of the infrastructure project purchase systemwide water meters.
 2. The County Administrator is hereby authorized to expend ARPA funds for costs of expenses of an eligible infrastructure project pursuant to the sub award agreement.
 3. Expenditure of these funds, as authorized by this Resolution, shall be contingent on the continued appropriation and availability of ARPA funds for this purpose and in no event shall be used for any costs associated with the ARPA infrastructure project that are not obligated on or before December 31, 2024, and expended on or before December 31, 2026.
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5. Approved the following Resolution, awarding DWSRF #FS010264-01, AMR System Materials; Empire Pipe and Supply Co. in the amount of \$283,239.00:
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RESOLUTION NUMBER 2022-0012

A RESOLUTION TO AWARD AUTOMATED METER READING SYSTEM CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the Colbert County Commission has reviewed all proposal submitted for the Automated Meter Reading (AMR) System for its Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Project #FS010264-01. Proposals were opened on Tuesday, September 28, 2021, at 1:00 PM at the Colbert County Courthouse.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLBERT COUNTY COMMISSION that it does hereby authorize and except the following supplier's proposal based upon the contingency of the Alabama Department of Environmental Management's (ADEM) letter approving and authorizing the Colbert County Commission's acceptance of proposals.

Contract:	Automated Meter Reading (AMR) System (Materials Only)
Contractor :	Empire Pipe & Supply Company, Inc.
Bid:	\$283,239.00

6. Approved the following Resolution, awarding DWSRF #FS010264-001, Replacement of Water Meters; UWS, Inc., in the amount of \$119,600.00:
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RESOLUTION NUMBER 2022-0013

A RESOLUTION TO AWARD BOOSTER PUMP STATION REPLACEMENT CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the Colbert County Commission has reviewed all contractors' bids submitted for the Replacement of Booster Pump Stations and Water Meters contracts for its Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Project #FS 010264-01. Sealed bids were opened on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at 115 p.m. at the Colbert County Courthouse.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Colbert County Commission does hereby authorize and accept the following contractor's bid based upon the contingency of the Alabama Department Of Environmental Management's (ADEM) letter approving and authorizing the Colbert County Commission's acceptance of bids.

7. Approved Ordinance to Regulate Obscenity in unincorporated areas of the County.

8. Approved the following Resolution commending the Colbert County H.S. Marching Band attendance at the Pearl Harbor memorial event:\

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2022-0014

*A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE COLBERT COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
MARCHING BAND FOR BEING SELECTED TO PERFORM IN THE 80TH
ANNIVERSARY PEARL HARBOR MEMORIAL PARADE*

WHEREAS, the Colbert County High School Marching Band has been selected to take part in the annual Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade at Pearl Harbor on the island of Oahu; and

WHEREAS, being selected to take part in the parade on the 80th Anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor is an enormous honor and the culmination of a year of hard work and preparation for the members of Colbert County High School Marching Band and its director Logan Pouncey; and

WHEREAS, the Colbert County Commission is desirous of commemorating this honor and recognizing those who have worked so hard to accomplish this achievement; and

WHEREAS, the Band's selection is a source of pride for the Colbert County School System and for the citizens of Colbert County as a whole.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLBERT COUNTY COMMISSION that the Colbert County High School Marching Band and its director Logan Pouncey be recognized and honored for being selected to perform and take part in the annual Pearl Harbor Memorial parade on December 7, 2021.

9. Conditionally Approved Love's RV Park, Subdivision Plat.
10. Approved I.A.C. Contract Amendment.
11. Approved Cedar Trace Apartments Subdivision Plat
12. Approved Request from Town of Littleville for County Road Department assistance in replacing a drainage pipe.
13. Approved Closing of Woodmont Dr. @ 5:00 P.M. December 16 for Colbert Heights Christmas Parade.

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 reported that the residents in Colbert Heights would like to have a Christmas Parade on December 16th @ 5:00 P.M. and is requesting the roads be closed from First Baptist Church to Burton Road during such event. The Sheriff has hired Eric Puryear as deputy at the beginning salary of 32,173.00. He also reported the promotion of Emma South to Human Resource Manager with a beginning salary of \$45,087.37. Administrator advised Commission that the Revenue Commissioner's office is wanting to post a position for Appraisal, position has been opened and unfilled. Commissioners advised Administrator to invite Revenue Commissioner Oswald to the December 21 Commission meeting to discuss.

Chief Financial Officer:

No Report

County Attorney:

No Report

EMA Director:

Director Smith reported that COVID vaccination clinics are ongoing.

County Engineer:

Chief Engineer Jeremy Robison reported that Tracy Jackson has been promoted to the position of Superintendent, pay step 1.

NEW BUSINESS

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Bailey expressed her appreciation to the Commission and Chairman Bendall for the resolution honoring the service of former Commissioner Emmitt Jimmar.

Commissioners Barnes, Isom and Bailey reported on the ribbon cutting and tour of the Solar Plant.

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 1

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 2

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 3

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 4

CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 6