

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COLBERT COUNTY)

Minutes of a Regular Meeting
of the
Colbert County Commission
1/04/2022

The Colbert County Commission met today in regular session at the Colbert County Courthouse. Chairman Bendall called the work session to order at 5:05 p.m. with the regular meeting following at 4:00 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 Gardiner. Commissioner Barnes 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

None

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 Bailey made motion to adopt and approve the matters placed on the consent agenda during the work session. The motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Mansell. 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 December 21, 2021 minutes and approved the same as written.
2. Approved payment of January 4, 2022 bills as presented by the Chief Financial Officer.
3. Approved Times Dailey Progress Edition for the amount of \$1376.00.
4. Approved Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity's MLK Breakfast advertisement for the amount of \$275.00.
5. Approved County Attorney Contract through December 31, 2022.
6. Approved County Holiday Schedule.
7. Approved Requested Annual Leave for Ricky Moore for the amount of \$1,668.28.
8. Approved Requested Annual Leave for Devin Holt for the amount of \$579.96.
9. Approved Requested Annual Leave for Joshua Robertson for the amount of \$1,036.00.

10. Approved public hearing for vacation of a portion of Old Covered Bridge Road and set hearing date for February 01, 2022.

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 t The Sheriff Department has hired Mark Sullivan as PT Jailer beginning January 1, 2022 at the rate of \$13.97/hr., Au'Kieveyana Simpson as Booking Officer at the rate of \$13.97/hr. and Promoted Josh Smith December 15, 2021 as Lt. Jailer with an annual salary of \$31,251.66. Administrator also briefed Commission on the progress of broadband buildouts by Comcast and Spectrum, as well as the Attorney General opinion on using ARPA funds to partner with companies for broadband projects. Essentially, the ruling states that under current Alabama law, direct grants of ARPA funds to an entity to supply broadband in residential areas would violate section 94 and 68 of the Alabama Constitution and cannot be circumvented by application of Amendment 772. A legislative action to amend Amendment 772 to specifically include broadband will be considered in the upcoming legislative session.

Chief Financial Officer:

Reported that ¼ of the fiscal year was completed, she is working on a report for the next Commission meeting.

County Attorney:

Reported that the petition to vacate a piece of property made by Ms.Frick, has been prepared. A public hearing must be set 100 days from today.

EMA Director:

Reported that there is a program for Tax Credit for construction of Storm Shelters being built by individuals and is being managed by the State EMA. They will provide guidelines based on FEMA's standards. They will also determine eligibility. Director Michael David provided Safer Places Program Guidelines to the Commissioners.

County Engineer:

No Report

NEW BUSINESS

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

The Mayor of the City of Leighton thanked the Commission for participating in the Christmas Parade. He also asked to purchase cold patch from the county to be used in the repair of roads in the City of Leighton. The Commission agreed to help selling the material at cost.

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CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 6