

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COLBERT COUNTY)

Minutes of a Regular Meeting
of the
Colbert County Commission
10/04/2022

The Colbert County Commission met today in regular session at the Colbert County Courthouse. Chairman Isom called the work session to order at 5:00 p.m. with the regular meeting following at 5:35 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 who was absent. Commissioner Mansell offered the prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Isom 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 Isom announced that the business before the Commission was the approval of the consent agenda. Commissioner Mansell 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 Isom 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 Sep 20, 2022 minutes and approved the same as written.
2. Approved payment of Oct 4, 2022 bills as presented by the Chief Financial Officer.
3. Approved Amendment 2022 - 2023 Budget.
4. Approved Request Payment to Daniel Rosser for Certification of Voter List for November 8, 2022 General Election in the amount of \$2,170.05.
5. Approved NACOLG Department of Aging Services Contract.
6. Accepted grant for expansion of Alloys Park Campground through ADECA Recreational Trails Grant Program by adoption of the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2023-0001

*A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND COMMITTING TO REQUIRED PARTICIPATION
IN THE ALABAMA RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM*

WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (“ADECA”) has informed the Colbert County Commission on the selection of the Alloys Park Campground Expansion for participation in ADECA’s Recreational Trails Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is desirous of participating in the grant program to complete the project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLBERT COUNTY COMMISSION, that the Commission hereby accepts financial assistance from ADECA through its Recreational Trails Program Project 22-RT-55-01, Alloys Park Campground Expansion in the amount of \$244,952.45.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby commits itself to provide the required matching share of \$250,000.00 or 50.51% of the total project cost, as required by the terms of the grant.

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7. Approved Speed Limit Posting on McCormack Lane at 35 mph by adoption of the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2023-0002

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE SPEED FOR MCCORMACK LANE

WHEREAS, the Colbert County Commission, pursuant to *Ala. Code* § 23-1-80, et seq. (1975, as amended), is charged with the general superintendence of the public roads, bridges, and ferries within Colbert County so as to render travel over the same as safe and convenient as practicable; and

WHEREAS, McCormack Lane, being part of the county road maintenance program, is located in Sections 35 and 36, Township 4 South, Range 10 West; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the County Engineer, based upon population, horizontal and vertical curves, passing and stopping distances, shoulder and pavement widths, and/or sight distances specific to the said roads, that the maximum allowable speed for McCormack Lane be set at 35 miles per hour.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLBERT COUNTY COMMISSION that the posted maximum allowable speed for McCormack Lane, a Colbert County Road located in Sections 35 and 36, Township 4 South, Range 10 West, be and is hereby is set at 35 miles per hour.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Colbert County Road Department, under the superintendence of the County Engineer, or his designee, be and hereby is authorized and directed to post signs setting the maximum allowable speed at 35 miles per hour along the rights of way of McCormack Lane, in such places and in such manner as he deems to be in the best interests of the citizens of Colbert County, Alabama.

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8. Approved Requested Annual Leave for Julie Campbell in the amount of \$1,272.33.

9. Approved Requested Annual Leave for Austin Spires in the amount of \$1,005.84.

10. Approved the following Resolution in support of Amendment 2 and 7 in November 8, 2022 General Election:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2023-0003

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AMENDMENTS 2 AND 7 TO THE ALABAMA CONSTITUTION

WHEREAS, the Colbert County, Alabama, County Commission stands in favor of Amendment 2 and Amendment 7 to the Alabama Constitution, which will promote broadband expansion and economic development, respectively.

WHEREAS, citizens across the state are urged to vote "Yes" on Amendment 2 and Amendment 7 on Election Day, November 8, 2022.

WHEREAS, Amendment 2 would authorize state and local governments to use certain public funds to incentivize broadband expansion, most notably in the rural and underserved areas of the state.

WHEREAS, Amendment 7 makes several necessary technical changes to local governments' economic development powers-the most important of which is clarifying that all counties may exercise these powers, regardless of whether they also have a local constitutional amendment pertaining to economic development.

WHEREAS, Amendment 2 and Amendment 7 will each greatly benefit this county and state by prioritizing broadband expansion and economic development as we progress further into an era in which economic and technological stability are critical.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLBERT COUNTY COMMISSION that it expresses its resolute support of Amendments 2 and 7 to the Alabama Constitution and any other legislation or policy modeled similarly.

11. Approved Rebuild Alabama FY 2023 Transportation Plan.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chairman Isom next communicated to the Commission that he was informed that the Commission needed to vote on the matter the Shoals Economic Development Authority board appointment. Chairman Isom informed the Commission that there are 4 applicants for the position: Kevin Davis, Jeremy Robison, Bryan Dyar and Rick East. Chairman Isom instructed the County Administrator to call the roll of the commissioners by district number. Each Commissioner will be allowed one vote for his or her desired appointee. A roll call vote was had as follows:

District 1	Kevin Davis
District 2	Jeremy Robison
District 3	Absent
District 4	Jeremy Robison
District 5	Jeremy Robison
District 6	Jeremy Robison

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Chairman Isom 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 Annual RC&D is Oct 14. Registration is at 9:30 A.M. and meeting is at 10:00 A.M. at the A. W. Todd Center in Russellville. Latessa Bates will become a full-time employee Oct.1 with an annual salary of \$30,499.56/yr. Kayla Brewer will be moved to Appraisal Clerk in the Appraisal Department of the Revenue Commissioners Office.

Alabama Mountain Lakes board appointment will be on the Oct. 18 agenda. ACCA is asking that the Commission approve the adoption of a resolution supporting the passage of amendment 2 and 7, which will appear on the November 8, 2022 General Election Ballot.

Chief Financial Officer:

CFO April Bearden announced that fiscal year 2022 ended on Friday. She announced that she will have the financial statement at the next business meeting. On the 11th at 10:00 A.M. the auditors will have our exit audit meeting. Present will be Commissioners Tori Bailey, Tyrus Mansell, David Isom and Tommy Barnes.

County Attorney:

None

EMA Director:

Chief EMA Director Michael Smith reported that the CCAVFD Banquet is being held tonight at 6:30 P.M. at the Clarion Inn in Sheffield. Colbert County Fire Prevention Night is Oct. 6. The parade is at 6:00 P.M., kid's activities to follow on the Courthouse lawn. ADEM is pursuing enforcement action on the Underwood Mountain Road Fire. ADPH will be looking at Boy Scout Road, a private road, to see if a health issue exists. If so, the county may be able to help make some repairs. A Special Events Application needs to be developed. Admin. Roger Creekmore, Attorney Edgar Black and Chief EMA Director Michael Smith are continuing work on the application and handbook.

County Engineer:

County Engineer Jeremy Robison reported that they have started the pump station project this week. They are also getting ready to start winter mowing which should be done by February depending on weather and equipment cooperation. He also states that a Transportation Plan for Rebuild Alabama is to be done every year.

NEW BUSINESS

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

None

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 1

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 2

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 3

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 4

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 5

CHAIRMAN