

STATE OF ALABAMA )  
COLBERT COUNTY )

Minutes of a Regular Meeting  
of the  
Colbert County Commission  
03/7/2023

The Colbert County Commission met today in regular session at the Colbert County Courthouse. Chairman Barnes called the work session to order at 5:00 p.m. with the regular meeting following at 6:18 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 Gardiner offered the prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Barnes 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 Barnes 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 Gardiner. Chairman Barnes 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 February 21, 2023 minutes and approved the same as written.
2. Approved payment of March 7, 2023 bills as presented by the Chief Financial Officer.
3. Approved Local Emergency Planning Committee (LPEC) bylaws.
4. Approved request from Brian Woodruff for payment of accrued unused annual leave in the amount of \$1,362.69.
5. Approved request from Lance Cabiness for payment of accrued unused annual leave in the amount of \$1,531.80.
6. Approved purchase of full page advertisement in Colbert County Sports Hall of Fame program for \$500.00
7. Approved an increase in indigent cremation performed by Morrison's Funeral Home from \$300.00 per cremation to \$500.00 per cremation..
8. Approved Traffic Enforcement Agreement with North Central Alabama Highway Safety Office for the period ending September 30, 2023.

9. Approved request by Hon. Kyle W. Brown, Hon. Mitchell D. Hays, and Hon. M. Chad Smith for funding of part-time for armed marshal position to provide additional security to courtrooms of the requesting judges.
10. Considered a Geographic Name Proposal Recommendation by the U. S. Board on Geographic Names to name an unnamed waterfall located in the TVA Rockpile Recreation Area as “Georgia Falls,” and authorized the County Administrator to return the proposal with indication that the Commission takes no position on the proposed name.
11. Approved award of Liquid Asphalt CRS-2 Bid to Ergon Asphalt and adopted the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2023-0018**

*A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND AWARD BID FOR PURCHASE OF LIQUID ASPHALT*

WHEREAS, the Colbert County Road Department (“Road Department”) did send out advertisements for bids for quantities of liquid asphalt to be purchased in connection with Road Department operations during FY 2023, and bids received were publicly opened on March 6, 2023, 2021 at the Road Department; and

WHEREAS, that at the appointed time and place, specified above, the following bids were opened and tabulated as follows:

| NAME          | AMOUNT           |
|---------------|------------------|
| ERGON ASPHALT | \$556.95 PER TON |
| HUNT REFINING | \$635.00 PER TON |

WHEREAS, Ergon Asphalt was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for liquid asphalt.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLBERT COUNTY COMMISSION that the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder has been determined to be Ergon Asphalt.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Ergon Asphalt, is now awarded the bid for the project set forth above pursuant to the specifications as advertised.

12. Approved award of Fuel Bid to Tatum Oil and adopted the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2023-0019**

*A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND AWARD BID FOR PURCHASE OF FUEL*

WHEREAS, the Colbert County Road Department (“Road Department”) did send out advertisements for bids for quantities of fuel to be purchased in connection with Road Department operations during FY 2023, and bids received were publicly opened on March 6, 2023, 2021 at the Road Department; and

WHEREAS, that at the appointed time and place, specified above, the following bids were opened and tabulated as follows:

| NAME          | UNLEADED MARKUP (NO ETHANOL) | UNLEADED MARKUP (10% ETHANOL) | DIESEL MARKUP |
|---------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| TATUM OIL     | \$0.0375                     | \$0.0375                      | \$0.0375      |
| PETRO TRADERS | \$0.0909                     | \$0.0909                      | \$0.0913      |
| WH THOMAS     | \$0.20                       | \$0.20                        | \$0.20        |

WHEREAS, Tatum Oil was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for all types of fuel for which bids were requested.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLBERT COUNTY COMMISSION that the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder has been determined to be Tatum Oil.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Tatum Oil, is now awarded the bid for the project set forth above pursuant to the specifications as advertised.

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13. Accepted the Source Water Protection Plan presented by Mike Rief, Alabama Rural Water.

14. Approved surplus of computer monitors to be donated to Rose Trail Volunteer Fire Department.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### REPORTS FROM STAFF

Chairman Barnes 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 Sheriff's Department has two replacement hires. Kaleigh Ergle will begin work March 1, 2023 as Full Time Jailer working PT at and annual salary of \$30,499.56. Effective March 01, 2023 Kali Terry will begin work as a Part Time Jailer at a pay rate of \$12.50/hr., position carries no benefits.

#### **Chief Financial Officer:**

Chief Financial Officer April Eaton reported that a bank account has been opened for grant replacement revenue due to changes in pistol permit sales. First Metro Bank had the lowest interest rate quote for the Rebuild Alabama Project. Ms. Eaton reported that up to \$5 million could be borrowed but her recommendation is to borrow conservatively at \$4.5 million with an interest rate of 3.49 for 4 years. Eaton also reported that shed like to have the asphalt project turned in by the end of the month to be bid out in April.

#### **County Attorney:**

None

#### **EMA Director:**

EMA Director Michael Smith reported on the severe weather event on March 3, 2023. He reported that they activated our EOC at 0645 in response to the issuance of tornado watch #60. We were also under a high wind warning which is very rare. Most reports were of trees and power lines down as well as roofs torn off. Muscle Shoals Airport recorded the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest gust in North Alabama at 72mph. Smith reports that a meeting with the National Weather Service and Schools Superintendents is scheduled for Monday, March 3 at 11:00 am at the Music Hall of Fame Banquet Hall. Deputy Jody Hitt is representing Colbert County in Washington this week with others from the AAEM to discuss Emergency Management Performance Grant, the national weather service. Smith discussed the strengthening of local emergency management and the new EMA/911 facility. He said that the bid documents are advertised, pre-bid site visit is on Marth 29<sup>th</sup> and bid opening is April 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm.

#### **County Engineer:**

County Engineer Jeremy Robison reported that 6.5" of rain which resulted in some flooding in eastern portion of the county.

NEW BUSINESS

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

None

Upon motion made by Commissioner Mansell, seconded by Commissioner Bendall, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6 :19 P.M.

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CHAIRMAN

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COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 2

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