

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COLBERT COUNTY)

Minutes of a Regular Meeting
of the
Colbert County Commission
03/21/2023

The Colbert County Commission met today in regular session at the Colbert County Courthouse. Commissioner Mansell acted as Chair in Commissioner Barnes's absence. The Chair 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 Commissioners Gardiner and Barnes who were absent. EMA Director Michael Smith offered the prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Chair declared that a quorum was present for the purpose of the transaction of business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner Bailey announced that this month was Women History Month.

BOARD APPOINTEE REPORTS

None

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Acting Chairman Mansell 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 Bendall. Acting Chairman Mansell 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 7, 2023 minutes and approved the same as written.
2. Approved payment of February 21, 2023 bills as presented by the Chief Financial Officer.
3. Approved certification raise for Kaley Frederick to Grade 6, Step 1, retroactive to May 2022 due to an oversight in submittal to Commission for approval.
4. Approved award floor covering bid to Economy Carpets for DA and Judicial offices, in the amount of \$23,658.90.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A motion was made by Commissioner Isom and seconded by Commissioner Bailey for seeking the creation of written procedures creating a process for permitting certain special events to be held in Colbert County. The Chair stated that the matter before the Commission was approval of the following Resolution as presented by Commissioner Isom and asked for any discussion:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2023-0020

A RESOLUTION TO CREATE PROCEDURES FOR PERMITTING OF SPECIAL EVENTS

WHEREAS, the Colbert County Commission finds that the regulation of certain public events hosted by private persons or entities will improve the safety, security, welfare, and quality of life of Colbert County citizens and allow for more efficient deployment and coordination of public services provided by Colbert County; and

WHEREAS, the Colbert County Commission desires to provide a process whereby persons or entities wishing to host certain public events shall communicate information regarding such public event to the Colbert County Commission, or the department or departments which it may designate, in order to allow for the event host and the County to provide services to both attendees and the areas impacted by such public events in a manner that is efficient, properly staffed, orderly, safe, and reflects well on Colbert County, Alabama.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLBERT COUNTY COMMISSION that any person or entity who plans to host a special event in an unincorporated part of Colbert County that may be held on or affect normal use of public streets, property, or rights of way, or that may require Colbert County to provide services beyond those provided to citizens under ordinary, everyday circumstances shall, prior to hosting such special event, apply for and obtain a permit authorizing the applicant to host the planned special event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Colbert County Commission, in cooperation with appropriate departments and agencies, shall adopt written procedures governing the application for such permits, approval of submitted applications, the placement of reasonable limitations on the days, times, activities, and natures of such special events so as to provide for the safety, security, and welfare of persons attending such special events and members of the public who may be foreseeably impacted by the hosting of such special events.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Colbert County Commission, in cooperation with appropriate departments and agencies, shall adopt a written application for use by persons planning to host a special event that, when complete, provides the departments or agencies charged with approving or denying all information reasonably necessary to consider such approval or denial.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Colbert County Commission may impose an application fee required to accompany submitted applications to cover the cost of processing and approving or denying such application.

After discussion, the Chair asked the County Administrator to call the roll and a roll call vote was had as follows:

District 1	Absent
District 2	Aye
District 3	Absent
District 4	Aye
District 5	Nay
District 6	Aye

The Chair announced the motion to be carried.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Acting Chairman Mansell 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 Revenue Commissioner Tommy Oswalt communicated the Beverly Burgess, Chief Assessor will be resigning effective March 31, 2023. House Hold Garbage hired Bradley Siner effective March 17th at an hourly rate of \$13.23/hr. The Sheriff Department hired Lucas Stonecipher as FT Jailer, effective March 16, with an annual beginning salary of \$30,499.56. Sheriff Ballentine gave a list of employees receiving promotions. They are as follows: Michael Terrell to Sergeant with a 5% pay increase, Kenny Wallace to Sergeant with a 5% pay increase, Jessica Weeks to Sergeant, with a 5% pay increase, Bradley Skipworth to Sergeant with a 3% pay increase, Wesley Withers to Sergeant with a 5% pay increase, Jason Brewer to Lieutenant with a 5% pay increase, Jonathan Terry to Lieutenant with a 5% pay increase and Tyler Evans to Chief Investigator also with a 5% pay increase and John Harkins to Captain of Operations with a 5% pay increase.

Chief Financial Officer:

None

County Attorney:

None

EMA Director:

EMA Director Michael Smith reported that it has been publicized that TVA Reservation employees will be participating in a severe weather drill tomorrow. We will audibly be sounding the outdoor warning sirens on the reservation as part of the drill. Another NOAA weather radio giveaway will be held in the near future, dates TBA. A \$100.00 donation was received from Ms. Katrina Day in memory of Daniel Hamm (drowning victim from January). The EMA has started a donation spreadsheet to ensure those funds are used appropriately and for items that would benefit the safety of our responders. Jody Hitt of the EMA Staff and Matt Moore of the Coroner Staff will be attending Alabama SMORT in Auburn next week.

County Engineer:

Chief Engineer Jeremy Robison reported regarding potential Rebuild project. He is putting estimates together as to how much road will be paved. Robison is looking to open bids in June.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was given by Commissioner Isom and seconded by Commissioner Bailey for approval for the purchase of a full-page ad in the Times Daily Progress edition with same price, \$1,645.00, as last year. The Chair stated that the matter before the Commission was approval of the purchase of the Times Daily Ad with same price as last year and called for any discussion. Hearing none, Acting Chairman Mansell asked the County Administrator to call the roll and a roll call vote was had as follows:

District 1	Absent
District 2	Aye
District 3	Absent
District 4	Aye
District 5	Aye
District 6	Aye

The Chair announced that the motion had carried.

A motion was given by Commissioner Bendall and seconded by Commissioner Isom for approval of the Sheriff Department promotions. The Chair stated that the matter before the Commission was approval of promotions and resultant salary increases in the Sheriff Department as proposed by Sheriff Balentine and asked for any discussion, hearing none, Acting Chairman Mansell asked the County Administrator to call the roll and a roll call vote was had as follows:

District 1	Absent
District 2	Aye

District 3	Absent
District 4	Aye
District 5	Aye
District 6	Aye

The Chair announced that the motion had carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

None

Upon motion made by Commissioner Bailey and duly seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

ACTING CHAIRMAN, DISTRICT 2

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 3

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 4

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 5

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 6