

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COLBERT COUNTY)

Minutes of a Regular Meeting
of the
Colbert County Commission
11/21/2023

The Colbert County Commission met today in regular session at the Colbert County Courthouse. Chairman Mansell called the work session to order at 5:04 p.m. with the regular meeting following at 5:47 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 Barnes offered the prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Mansell 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 Mansell announced that the business before the Commission was the approval of the consent agenda. Commissioner Gardiner 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. 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. Approved minutes from November 7, 2023.
2. Approved payment of November 21, 2023 bills as presented by the Chief Financial Officer.
3. Set public hearing on petition to vacate a portion of Morgan Hollow Road filed by Michael David Hellums and Deborah Tanner Hellums. The public hearing will occur on January 2, 2024, at 5:00 PM in the Commission meeting chamber. The Administrator is directed to post notice of the public hearing.
4. Approved request from William Curtis for payment of unused accrued annual leave in the amount of \$3,088.66.
5. Approved request from Kenneth Wallace for payment of unused accrued annual leave in the amount of \$5,841.15.
6. Approved purchase of used communication tower in the amount of \$9,000 for use by EMA and payment in the amount of \$36,000 for tower disassembly, relocation, and reassembly. Authorized payment of these amounts from 25% Severance Tax Fund and authorized the EMA Director to take such actions as may be necessary, desirable, and convenient to complete the tower purchase and relocation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS FROM STAFF

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 announced that the Dumpsters will be placed the week of Christmas and will be removed one week after Christmas. HHG manager Jake Flannagan informed the Commission of necessitated changes to Household garbage pick-up routes effective January 1, 2024. Mr. Flannagan will inform customers via letter delivered door to door and also published on the Colbert County website. Creekmore reported that the Sheriff has several promotions within the department: Michael Terrell was promoted to Lieutenant with an annual salary of \$40,881.99; Josh Bradford was promoted to Lieutenant with an annual salary of \$39,794.86; Hunter White was promoted to investigator with an annual salary of \$37,986.00; and Alex Noles was promoted to Sargent with an annual salary of \$38,935.22. Administrator Creekmore reminded the Commission of an appointment to the Colbert County DHR Board, which has not been made as well as 3 upcoming appointments to the Northwest Alabama Healthcare Board.

Chief Financial Officer:

None

County Attorney:

Attorney Edgar Black reported that there is not much of an enforcement measure to the special events license. He spoke with Sheriff Balentine in regard to how dedicated we are going to be if someone challenges our policy and suggested that a civil court action may be necessary, if desired by the Commission to clarify the policy's enforceability.

EMA Director:

Director Smith reported that work on the community storm shelters for Southeast Sheffield and Muscle Shoals should start in the next couple of weeks. The 2023 EMS Scholarship recipient is Haley Hill with the Nitrate City VFD. She was awarded \$2,000.00 to further her education in EMT-Basic at NWSCC Spring 2024.

County Engineer:

County Engineer Jeremy Robison reported that they have received their new dump truck and they are selling their 2nd Mack Truck. Robison stated that Dec 8th would be the 18th year of a 20-year water purchase contract with Muscle Shoals and it has a graduated increase. Also paving is going well.

NEW BUSINESS

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Bailey gave a special thanks to the Commission for approving the dedication of a street in her district for former Commissioner Emmitt Jimmar. She thanked Commissioner Isom and Commissioner Bendall for their attendance and acknowledged former Commissioner David Black for his attendance as well. Bailey thanked Engineer Jeremy Robison for getting the signs. Chairman Tyrus Mansell read a thank you card from Mrs. Chrys Landers and announced dates and times for the area Christmas Parades. Commissioner Barnes announced the unveiling of a new marker for the Tennessee Valley Historical Society this past Sunday. He thanked the Commission for its support.

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CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 3

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 4

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 5

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 6