

STATE OF ALABAMA )  
COLBERT COUNTY )

Minutes of a Regular Meeting  
of the  
Colbert County Commission  
07/15/2025

The Colbert County Commission met today in regular session at the Colbert County Courthouse. Chairperson Bailey called the work session to order at 5:08 p.m. At the close of the work session, the Gavel was passed to Commissioner Bendall who will serve as Chair for 8 months. Chairman Bendall conducted the regular meeting, which was gaveled to order at 6:31 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 except for Commissioners Gardiner and Isom who were absent. Commissioner Tyrus Mansell offered the invocation and Reverend Thomas Bates led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Bendall declared that a quorum was present for the purpose of the transaction of business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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 Barnes made a 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 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. Approved July 1, 2025, meeting minutes as written and waived reading of same.
2. Approved July 15, 2025, bills as presented by County C.F.O.
3. Approved request from Jaylen Triplett for payment of unused accrued annual leave in the amount of \$261.71.
4. Approved Nomination of Commissioner Barnes to serve as the Commission’s representative on the ACCA Legislative Committee for 2025 – 2026.
5. Approved recommendation from CFO Eaton to set budget hearing dates for August 04, 2025, at 5:00 P.M., and August 5, 2025, after the conclusion of the regularly scheduled County Commission meeting on that date. The County Administrator is directed to post notice of the budget hearings in a manner consistent with Alabama law.
6. Approved recommendation by the County Administrator to change the date of the Commission’s regular meeting scheduled for August 19, 2025 to August 26, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the Commission Chamber. The County Administrator is directed to post notice of this change in a manner consistent with Alabama law.

7. Approved purchase of a table at the Sheffield Kiwanis / Sheffield City Schools Tailgate Party, scheduled for August 14, 2025, in the amount of \$500.00.
8. Approved expenditure to paint an American Flag on the new west end water tank in the amount of \$12,500.00. Prior to beginning of painting the County Engineer shall consult with the County Administrator regarding the type of paint to be used.
9. Adopted the following Resolution rescinding Resolution 2025-0001 regarding payments from DYS to Juvenile Detention Services:

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#### **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2025-0025**

#### **A RESOLUTION TO RESCIND RESOLUTION NUMBER 2025-0001 REGARDING DYS REIMBURSEMENT TO THE TENNESSEE VALLEY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER**

WHEREAS, on October 15, 2024, the Colbert County Commission adopted Resolution Number 2025-0001, which provided that certain reimbursement payments made by the Alabama Department of Youth Services to the Tennessee Valley Juvenile Detention Center on behalf of Colbert County would remain with the detention center for use in facility maintenance; and

WHEREAS, upon further review, the Commission has determined that rescinding said resolution is in the best interests of Colbert County

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Colbert County Commission that Resolution Number 2025-0001, adopted on October 15, 2024, is hereby rescinded and shall be of no further force or effect.

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10. Approved request from EMA to declare a 2014 Chevrolet Tahoe, V.I.N. 1GNSKAE07ER184655, as surplus property and sell the same to Colbert County Emergency Communication District.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

#### **REPORTS FROM STAFF**

The Chair 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 asked the Commission to add a request to surplus a 2014 Tahoe at EMA to the agenda, all Commissioners consented. Mr. Creekmore reported that the Sheriff's Department has hired Zack Turnerville as a full-time Corrections Deputy, effective July 16, 2025, at a beginning annual salary of \$32,985.27.

Mr. Creekmore informed the Commission of upcoming board appointments for: Colbert 911 Board, NACOLG Non-Elected Board Members, and SEDA Board. All will be posted on the county website.

Mr. Creekmore asked the Commission to donate a Snapper Pro lawn mower, Serial # 2013169930 to Colbert Animal Services. The mower had been declared surplus by the Commission on March 18, 2025, and was scheduled to be sold on GovDeals, but CAS has an immediate need. All Commissioners concurred.

##### **County CFO:**

CFO Eaton reported that the Department of Public Examiners are in the finishing phase of the 2024 audit.

75% of our Fiscal Year has passed. Ms. Eaton will be presenting a report on expenditures and budget compliance to date at the next Commission meeting.

**County Attorney:**  
Absent

**E-911/EMA Director:**  
Director Hitt informed the Commission that he will be at the 911 summit for the balance of the week and will be on vacation the following week.

**County Engineer:**  
No Report

**NEW BUSINESS**  
None

**DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS**  
During the work session, Chairperson Bailey initiated a discussion regarding the work session agenda item for drainage on Gate 6 Road. Chairperson Bailey presented the Commissioners with a memorandum she composed in regard to the history of the drainage specific to Mrs. Lilly Bates’s property from 2020 to present.  
  
County Engineer Robison in turn presented pictures and data for the Gate 6 area in question.  
  
A general discussion was had by the Commissioners as to the options available.  
  
Engineer Robison agreed to commence with ditch cleaning / deepening work immediately.  
  
Chairperson Bailey asked that the item be held over for action until the August 5 Commission meeting. All Commissioners concurred in this request.

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COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 6