

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COLBERT COUNTY)

Minutes of a Regular Meeting
of the
Colbert County Commission
12/02/2025

The Colbert County Commission met today in regular session at the Colbert County Courthouse. Chairman Bendall called the work session to order at 5:06 p.m. with the regular meeting following at 5:19 p.m., the time and place previously scheduled for such work session and regular meeting. All Commissioners answered "present" at the call of the roll. Commissioner Jimmy Gardiner offered the prayer led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Bendall 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 Bendall announced that the business before the Commission was the approval of the consent agenda. Commissioner Gardiner 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 minutes of Nov 18, 2025, meeting and waived reading of same.
2. Approved Dec 2, 2025, bills as presented by County C.F.O.
3. Approved Resolution for expenditure of 287(g) funds in the amount of \$17,300.00 for the purchase of a new X-ray security scanner for the Courthouse.
4. Approved request from the City of Tuscumbia for the County's assistance with installation cost for a new HVAC unit in the female detention area of the Tuscumbia City Jail. The Commission approves the request and agrees to pay one-half of the installation cost up to \$5,852.50.
5. Approved the recommendation of the County Engineer to set the maximum speed for Helena Drive, a Colbert County Road, to 25 mph. The County Engineer, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to post signs setting the speed limit along the right of way of Helena Drive in such places and in such manner as he deems to be in the best interests of the citizens of Colbert County..
6. Approved request from Ruby Richardson for payment of unused accrued annual leave in the amount of \$7,876.99.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Chairman Bendall 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 made the following reports. From the Road Department: William Pinkleton was hired as a HMT I effective December 1 with a starting salary of \$30,721.60. Michael Gray was hired at the Water Department as Water Tech I, effective December 1 with a beginning salary of \$50,752.00. Dustin Todd was also hired at the Road Department as an HMT I effective December 1 with a beginning salary of \$30,721.60. From the Household Garbage Department: Jadarion Hampton has been hired as FT helper beginning November 25 with hourly pay of \$14.74; Amanda Lindsey has successfully completed all requirements to reach Grade 6, and as such is entitled to receive a 5% raise effective December 1.

At the request of Household Garbage Manager Jake Flannagan Creekmore announced proposed dumpster placements to collect additional trash from citizens during the Christmas Holidays. The locations are: Ford City Shelter, Co Line Rd & Second St., New Bethel School, Old City Hall in Cherokee, Cherokee High School, Colbert Heights High School, Colbert County Road Dept, Gattman Park behind the Highland Park Elementary School, Faith Church on Hwy 72 and Hickerson Ave. in Littleville.

County CFO:

In CFO April Eaton's absence, Administrator Roger Creekmore reported that the audit of the County's financial statements is complete and the final report has been received from the Alabama Department of Public Examiners. It was a clean audit with no findings or comments to the report.

County Attorney:

Absent

E-911/EMA Director:

No Report

County Engineer:

Engineer Robison reminded Commissioners about the L. O. Bishop luncheon to be held at the Road Department office on December 19th at noon. All Commissioners are invited to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Isom informed the Commission about an issue with attendees of events at Hawk Pride Off Road depositing large amounts of Mud onto the County Roads in the area. Isom asked the County Engineer to discuss the issue with the County Attorney and the Sheriff to research the Code of Alabama for any laws that could apply.

Commissioner Barnes reminded Engineer Robison about reflectors on County Roads and removal of large stumps from Right of Ways.

Commissioner Mansell informed the Commission that the City of Muscle Shoals passed a resolution joining with the Alabama Department of Revenue and each Alabama County in the SSUT lawsuit pending in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Alabama. Administrator Creekmore added that the cities of Littleville and Tuscumbia also passed similar resolutions on Monday, December 1, 2025.

Commissioner Bailey stated that she is pleased to report that construction of the pavilion at the Leighton Training School is well underway. The flooring has been poured, and other components are ordered and en route. Commissioner Bailey especially thanked Commissioner Bendall and Jody Hitt for their help with the project.

Commissioner Bailey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was duly seconded and there was no discussion. Chairman Bendall called for a voice vote of the Commission and the same was had. Chairman Bendall announced the motion had carried and the meeting was adjourned at 5:19 P.M.

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 1

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 2

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 3

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 4

CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 6