

STATE OF ALABAMA )  
COLBERT COUNTY )

Minutes of a Regular Meeting  
of the  
Colbert County Commission  
06/2/26

The Colbert County Commission met today in regular session at the Colbert County Courthouse. Chairman Isom called the work session to order at 5:00 p.m. with the regular meeting following at 6:02 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, with the exception of Commissioner Gardiner who was absent. Commissioner Barnes offered the prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Isom declared that a quorum was present for the purpose of the transaction of business.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bonita McCay spoke about the Leighton Community Clinic. McCay stated that it is a nonprofit health care clinic with no geographic qualifications to be seen at the clinic and will begin seeing patients this month. They partner with the United Way, UNA’s Nursing program & Tri County Dental Society Study Group where Commissioner Dr. Jimmy Gardiner acts as a liaison and helps to get volunteer dentists for the program. The Florence Housing Authorities provide their facilities as well as the town of Leighton. It is through the strong partnerships that they have built up through the years that makes them to be sustainable and offers a Dr. visit for \$20.00. The Clinic tries to keep it affordable because the patients are generally low income and in the sandwich generation, taking care of their kids and their parents. There is not a lot available to help them with their health care needs. If they do not have insurance, they are paying for treatment out of their pockets. Being treated is something they put off for other pressing budgetary needs and end up in the emergency room. Keeping them out of the ER is the focus of their mission and to keep people healthy so they do not have to miss work because maybe they do not qualify for Medicaid, Medicare or insurance through their place of business. This is important to their employers that have Part-time workers or temporary workers or smaller organizations that can’t afford insurance programs for their employees. This will provide them with a place to go. Also, in the places that do provide insurance for their employees, there is usually a period of time the employee can qualify for it. This way the clinic can screen them and provide them with medical assistance and help curb the cost of insurance. They have a high level of care and dedication to their patients. The ribbon cutting will be on June 12.

Kelly Aday with the Colbert County Fire Department Association spoke about a state wide event coming up June 12 and June 13 at the Fairgrounds. There are over 100 exhibits available and 70 different vendors. There will be a state competition which will be held Saturday morning. Kelly thanked the commission for what they do for the association.

## BOARD APPOINTEE REPORTS

None

## AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

None

## PUBLIC HEARING

None

## CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Isom announced that the business before the Commission was the approval of the consent agenda. Commissioner Bailey 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 Gardiner. Chairman Isom 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 adoption of May 19, 2026, meeting minutes and waived reading of same with necessary changes.
2. Approved June 2, 2026, bills as presented by County C F O.
3. Approved Request Payment for Supplies for Absentee Election in the amount of \$137.09.
4. Approved Request Payment, Absentee Election Management, Jordan Thompson; \$400, Lydia Haygood; \$350, Blakely Green \$350.
5. Approved Request Payment, Absentee Election Manager Mark Eady \$8,050.
6. Approved Funding Agreement, MPO Paving Project.
7. Approved Property Acquisition, Rose Trail for \$35,000.
8. Approved Appropriation Request, Sheffield Library for Mental Health & Adiction September 26 for \$500.00.
9. Approved Resolution, Expenditure of 287g Funds to repair radios.
10. Approved Requested for payment from the probate judge for his services certifying the voters list to be used for the absentee clerk for the runoff election in the amount of \$2,262.45.

## REPORTS FROM STAFF

Chairman Isom 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:

County Administrator Creekmore informed the commission that he will present appointments for the hospital board after verifying expiration dates.

### County CFO:

CFO April Eaton reported that the auditors have started the county's FY25 federal audits. Admin Creekmore has copies that will need to be filled out and returned to April.

### County Attorney:

Absent

### E-911/EMA Director:

No Report

### County Engineer:

Engineer Robison informed the Commission Colbert County Road Department and the Lauderdale County Road Department are doing a joint "Save Streets for all" grant for NACOLG using Garver Engineers. First Friday in Florence is this Friday night, Garver Engineers will have a booth set up where you can go by and scan a QR code to inform them of the projects that you would like to see done in the area.

The QR codes were shared to the county's FB pages and Comm Tori Bailey will announce it on her radio station, WZZA. Robison also reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of herbicide has started. The weather has affected the time finishing the pavement markers. Hopefully they will be done by the end of the week. Robison also addressed issues that Chairman Isom had regarding trees weighing heavy and hanging over roads. Isom wanted to know what we plan on doing to stay on top of it. Robison informed Isom that he only has abt. 17 employees at the Road Department and does not have a tree cutting crew. So, if you see a low hanging limb or if you get a report of one, let him know and they will get it.

## NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Commissioner Mansell and seconded by Commissioner Bendall for the approval of the Times Daily Living Here Ad request at \$877. The Chair stated that the matter before the Commission was for 250<sup>th</sup> ad insertion into the Times Daily and called for any discussion. There being no further discussion, Chairperson Isom asked the County Administrator to call the roll, and a roll call vote was had as follows:

District 1	No
District 2	Yes
District 3	Absent
District 4	No
District 5	Abstained
District 6	Abstained

The Chair stated the result of the roll call vote failed.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Barnes informed of what he read in the wastewater magazine stating that PFAS, PFOA and PFOS have a .4 limit. It is still expected for it to stay at that number/trillion. This means that at some point we may have to maneuver ourselves to be in compliance at some point. This is something for us to listen out for.

Saturday 8 A.M to 11 A.M., we have a Keep the Shoals Beautiful Litter Pick up in Ford City and will met at ACE Hardware. The trailer and all supplies will be supplied. Barnes thanked the Commission for its support.

Commissioner Mansell thanked the Commission for its support with the ACCA board. He has decided to run for Vice President of the ACCA Board. Roger has the nomination list and would appreciate their support for that. Mansell is willing to commit on the state level and would appreciate prayers and votes of confidence. Isom thanked Mansell for representing us. Isom stated that I think you have the votes of this committee and the county.

Bailey stated that we lost a Colbert County Icon and legendary singer Jimmy Hughs. This is someone who is known worldwide and was an inspiration to the Rolling Stones. She encouraged everyone to make a trip to Leighton and listen to the memorial recording on the wall.

With no further business to be conducted, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:03 P.M.

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COMMISSIONER BARNES, DIST. 1

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COMMISSIONER MANSELL, DIST. 2

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COMMISSIONER GARDINER, DIST. 3

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COMMISSIONER BAILEY, DIST. 4

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COMMISSIONER BENDALL, DIST. 5

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CHAIRMAN ISOM, DIST. 6