

ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING FEBRUARY 9, 2016

The St. Clair County Commission met in regular session on February 9, 2016 in the County Commission Chambers of the St. Clair County Courthouse Annex #1 (Administrative Center) in Ashville, Alabama.

Members Present: Paul Manning, Chairman
Ken Crowe, Commissioner District Two
Tommy Bowers, Commissioner District Three
Jimmy Roberts, Commissioner District Four

Members Absent: Jeff Brown, Commissioner District One

Others Present: Kellie L. Graff, Administrator
Dan Dahlke, Engineer
Gary Hanner, St. Clair Times
Elizabeth Mealer, Revenue Commissioner
Donna Wood, CFO
Laura Lawley, Deputy Administrator
James E. Hill, County Attorney
Candace Lindsey – Visitor
Darryl Farmer – Visitor
Marie Manning – St. Clair County BOE
Jenny Seals – St. Clair Schools Superintendent
Robert Minor – District Attorney
Chester Green – Visitor

CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman declared a quorum present at 9:10 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the Agenda be approved as presented.

At this time Chairman Manning recognized Administrator Kellie Graff who addressed the Commission and guests with the State of the County 2016 address. (Copy of the address is made a part of these minutes as Attachment #1)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Commissioner Crowe, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the regular meeting on January 26, 2016 be approved.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

The first item of the Engineer's report was an update on the Rivercrest Bridge project. Engineer Dahlke stated the contractor is making good progress as the footings are poured and polyurethane has been injected into the soil underneath. He expects the bridge arch to be completed by the end of the day. He also noted the project is currently ahead of schedule.

Commissioner Roberts commented that the engineer has been working this project four years. He said it has taken a lot of trouble to get this project this far and would

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like everyone know that the engineer is appreciated and has done a good job on this project.

The engineer added Rivercrest is a unique project of trying to build a bridge while keeping traffic moving.

The next item was to discuss an agreement with Bhate Geosciences Corp. for “on-call” geotechnical work at the Canoe Creek boat launch. On a motion by Commissioner Crowe, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that an agreement with Bhate Geosciences Corp. for “on-call” geotechnical work at the Canoe Creek boat launch is approved. (Agreement to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #2)

The final item of the Engineer’s Report was to discuss naming Kerry Cole to fill the Road Worker II position left vacant when Robert McClung was promoted to Operator I. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commission Roberts, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Kerry Cole be named to fill the Road Worker II position left vacant when Robert McClung was promoted to Operator I.

Commissioner Bowers asked Engineer Dahlke to elaborate on what the timeline is for Phase II. The Engineer stated the last two ATRIP projects will depend on the weather – most likely some time in spring. He stated the weather dictates a lot of the schedule since the resurfacing can’t be done until temperatures remain above 50-degrees at night and it will probably be April before we see this type of weather.

He added crews were already clipping shoulders and checking pipe along the 24 miles of Phase II roads. There will need to be levelling in some areas and put our own surface treatment down. It will probably be toward March timeframe for hot mix. We are looking to have our part done by mid-July so the contractor can come in to do their work. Commission Bowers added that citizens will see what looks like road patching but it will actually be levelling of the road in preparation for resurfacing.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

The first item of the Administrator’s report was to discuss a General Fund budget amendment in the amount of \$36,667 to equip new Sheriff’s patrol vehicles. On a motion by Commission Crowe, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that a General Fund budget amendment in the amount of \$36,667 to equip new Sheriff’s patrol vehicles is approved.

The next item was to discuss the requests from St. Clair County Soil & Water Conservation District for an appropriation in the amount of \$1,000 for the annual Water Festival and a \$1,000 appropriation for the Future Farmers of America. Funds are to be paid from the youth portion of the Bingo Fund. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, with all voting aye, it was

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RESOLVED, that the requests from St. Clair County Soil & Water Conservation District for an appropriation in the amount of \$1,000 for the annual Water Festival and a \$1,000 appropriation for the Future Farmers of America is approved.

The next item was to discuss the request of Jail Administrator Austin Nash for one (1) temporary full-time Detention Officer to fill in for an employee on extended sick leave. On a motion by Commissioner Crowe, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of Jail Administrator Austin Nash for one (1) temporary full-time Detention Officer to fill in for an employee on extended sick leave is approved.

The next item was to discuss posting the vacant Sales Tax Coordinator position in-house. On a motion by Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the vacant Sales Tax Coordinator position be posted in-house.

The final item on the Administrator's Report was to discuss the travel requests as submitted in the work session. On a motion by Commissioner Crowe, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the travel requests as submitted in the work session are approved. (Travel requests to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #3)

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

County Attorney James Hill gave an update on the Prescott Community Center property. When the Commission authorized him to take the steps necessary to get clear title to the property he stated he was concerned it would take some litigation because some of the original grantees have passed away. After going through some of the title issues and engaging the title company it looks like the County is going to be able to perfect that transfer. All the documents are drafted and should be executed this week then we'll have clear title with a title opinion for that piece of property. Attorney Hill stated this is good news because it will save the County a lot of time and money and the County would get title to the property much more efficiently than was first anticipated.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no items of Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

The first item of New Business was to discuss Resolution 2016-11 amending voting precincts 11, 22, and 2. On a motion by Commissioner Crowe, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Resolution 2016-11 amending voting precincts 11, 22, and 2 is approved. (Resolution to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #4)

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The next item was to discuss was renewal of employment contracts with Glenn Morgan and John Myers for one (1) year. Chairman Manning said he would like to discuss making them regular County employees instead of contract, and he requested the item be continued. A motion to table the item until the next meeting was made by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that renewal of employment contracts with Glenn Morgan and John Myers is tabled until the next Commission meeting.

The next item was to discuss sale of a modular trailer at the old hospital to Modular Resources in the amount of \$15,000. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the sale of a modular trailer at the old hospital to Modular Resources in the amount of \$15,000 is approved.

The next item was to discuss the request from the Public Park and Recreation Board of St. Clair County for an appropriation in the amount of \$7,000 and also a General Fund budget amendment in this amount. On a motion by Commissioner Crowe, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request from the Public Park and Recreation Board of St. Clair County for an appropriation in the amount of \$7,000 and also a General Fund budget amendment in this amount is approved.

There were no board appointments.

The next item for discussion was to approve payment of the regular bills. On a motion by Commissioner Crowe, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the regular bills be approved for payment with the exception of those that are questioned by the Commission before the close of business today.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned, subject to call, at approximately 9:40 a.m. on a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Crowe, with all voting aye.

Paul Manning, Chairman

Jeff Brown, Commissioner

Ken Crowe, Commissioner

Tommy Bowers, Commissioner

Jimmy Roberts, Commissioner

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