

ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MARCH 22, 2016

The St. Clair County Commission met in regular session on March 22, 2016 in the County Commission Chambers of the St. Clair County Courthouse in Pell City, Alabama.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Kellie Graff, Administrator
Dan Dahlke, Engineer
James E. Hill, County Attorney
Gary Hanner, Daily Home/St. Clair Times
Laura Lawley, Deputy Administrator
Donna Wood, Chief Financial Officer
Lyman Lovejoy, Visitor
Daniel Kerber, Corrective Asphalt Materials, LLC
Harold Hoyle, Property Manager

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

RESOLVED, that the Agenda be approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the regular meeting on March 8, 2016 be approved.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

The first item of the Engineer's report was an update on current projects. Engineer Dan Dahlke stated the slope failure issue at the Rivercrest Bridge project has been fixed after a meeting with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT), the contractor, and consultant. Dahlke said the repairs could not be paid for from the Alabama Transportation Rehabilitation and Improvement Program (ATRIP) therefore he is keeping up with the expenses associated with the repair separately. He added there may be an issue with who will be responsible for these additional costs.

Dahlke also provided information on ATRIP projects in Steele and on Double Bridge Road. He stated both of these project roads have railroad tracks crossing them at one point, and ALDOT requires an agreement with the railroad before the work can be done. Both of the tracks in question belong to Norfolk Southern Railroad and ALDOT is having difficulty getting a response from the company on any of the projects that cross railroad tracks. Dahlke stated one option for Double

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Bridge Road is to go ahead and move forward with the resurfacing project but only carry it up to the railroad tracks and then resurface the remaining 300 feet on the other side of the tracks at a later time. Chairman Manning stated this option is not what the Commission wants but they are trying to meet the need for the resurfacing to move forward. A motion was made by Commissioner Brown to proceed with the ATRIP project on Double Bridge Road but not to cross the railroad tracks, seconded by Commissioner Crowe, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the engineer proceed with the ATRIP project on Double Bridge Road but not to cross the railroad track.

The next item was to discuss the renewal of the annual bids for FY16 effective October 1, 2015. They are:

- Bid #2 (Asphalt) to Ergon
- Bid #3 (Box Culverts) to Hanson Pipe
- Bid #4 (Concrete Pipe) to Hanson Pipe
- Bid #5 (Metal Pipe) to Wells Septic
- Bid #6 (Petroleum Products) to W.H. Thomas Oil
- Bid #9 (Traffic Signs) to Traffic Signs, Inc.
- Bid #10 (Traffic Striping) to Highway Management
- Bid #11 (Uniforms) to Cintas
- Bid #18 (Heavy Equipment Rental) to Warrior Tractor, Cowin Equipment, and Tractor and Equipment
- Bid #21 (Rubber Tire Loader rental) to Warrior Tractor

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

RESOLVED, that the annual bids for FY16 effective October 1, 2015 are approved.

The next item was to discuss Bid #24 (Milling Attachment for Skid Steer). Engineer Dahlke recommended the bid be awarded to Cowin Equipment in the amount of \$18,570.45. On a motion by Commissioner Crowe, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Bid #24 (Milling Attachment for Skid Steer) be awarded to Cowin Equipment in the amount of \$18,570.45.

The next item was to discuss Bid #25 (15-foot Rotary Cutter). Engineer Dahlke recommended the bid be awarded to Snead Ag in the amount of \$15,350.00. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Crowe, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Bid #25 (15-foot Rotary Cutter) be awarded to Snead Ag in the amount of \$15,350.00.

The next item was to discuss a pilot project on County Road 24 with Corrective Asphalt Materials, LLC to apply CRF Maltene Based Restorative Seal to seal road cracks and prolong the life of the pavement. The pilot project will start at the intersection of CR 24 and US 411 near the county line and go down CR 24 for about 4,100 feet. Engineer Dahlke stated the process seals and mends the cracks in the road, and he feels like it can be utilized in the future on several of the county's roads. The cost is approximately \$1.30 per square yard and could be a significant

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cost savings in the future. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that a pilot project on County Road 24 with Corrective Asphalt Materials, LLC to apply CRF Maltene Based Restorative Seal to seal road cracks and prolong the life of the pavement is approved.

The next item was to discuss an agreement with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) to remove scrap tires from rights of way. On a motion by Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Crowe, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that an agreement with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) to remove scrap tires from rights of way is approved. (Agreement to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #1)

The next item was to discuss participation in the annual Spring Clean-up on Fridays in April to allow residents a chance to bring scrap tires to the road department for disposal. Engineer Dahlke stated residents are allowed to bring a maximum of eight (8) tires per person. They will be accepted every Friday in April from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. On a motion by Commissioner Crowe, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the County will participate in the annual spring clean-up wherein residents can bring a maximum of eight (8) scrap tires to the road department for disposal on Fridays during the month of April.

The next item was to discuss letting paving project for portions of Old Coal City Road and Center Star Road to bid. Engineer Dahlke stated the majority of these roads will be included in an Alabama Transportation Rehabilitation and Improvement Program (ATRIP) project however there are certain sections the Commission elected to remove from the ATRIP project. The section of Old Coal City Road from US 231 to just past the Pell City Steakhouse was removed from the project so that parking and sidewalks could be spared. The County and city will resurface the section of road outside the ATRIP-funded project. Dahlke said the ATRIP project will be let to bid in June, therefore the County could let the bid at the same time and potentially the same contractor could be awarded both bids and save the County money. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the recommendation to let a paving bid for certain portions of Old Coal City Road and Center Star Road to bid in June is approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The first item of the Administrator's report was to discuss Resolution 2016-13 declaring April 2016 as National County Government Month. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Resolution 2016-13 declaring April 2016 as National County Government Month is approved. (Resolution to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #2)

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The next item was to discuss the request from the St. Clair County Archives Board for the County to pay the security monitoring invoice for the Archives building in the amount of \$1,072.92 and also a General Fund budget amendment in this amount. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request from the St. Clair County Archives Board for the County to pay the security monitoring invoice for the Archives building in the amount of \$1,072.92 and also a General Fund budget amendment in this amount is approved.

The next item was to discuss the travel requests as submitted in the work session of March 17, 2016. 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 of March 17, 2016 are approved. (Requests to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #3)

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

County Attorney James Hill reported to the Commission regarding the entity purchasing the lessee interest in the physician's medical office building at St. Vincent's St. Clair Hospital. He stated there is an agreement that if the lease on the property is to be sold that the Health Care Authority gets the first right of purchase. The Health Care Authority has determined not to purchase but to allow the third party to move forward with pursuant to their contract. This is only a change of lessee for the ground lease.

The next item Attorney Hill discussed was an agreement between the St. Clair County Extension Service for the use of the County's new color copier. The agreement provides that the Extension Service will continue to produce the bi-monthly Extension newsletter for the residents of St. Clair County in return for the use of the copier. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the agreement with the St. Clair County Extension Service wherein they will continue to produce the bi-monthly Extension newsletter for residents in return for use of the County's color copier is approved. (Agreement to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #4)

OLD BUSINESS

There were no items of Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

The first item under New Business was to discuss a General Fund Budget Amendment in the amount of \$28,600.00 as 10-percent matching funds for the Wolf Creek Water, Sewer, and Fire Protection Authority to aid in the construction of a new 6-inch water line and fire hydrant installation in various locations in the system. On a motion by Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

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RESOLVED, that a General Fund Budget Amendment in the amount of \$28,600.00 as 10-percent matching funds for the Wolf Creek Water, Sewer, and Fire Protection Authority to aid in the construction of a new 6-inch water line and fire hydrant installation in various locations in the system is approved.

The next item was to discuss a General Fund Budget Amendment in the amount of \$27,517.50 to reimburse the Gas Tax Fund for work on the new fire station site and a portion of Herb Collette Road in Steele. Commissioner Brown said these projects have been going on for at least two years now, and he is very excited to see them finished. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Crowe, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that a General Fund Budget Amendment in the amount of \$27,517.50 to reimburse the Gas Tax Fund for work on the new fire station site and a portion of Herb Collette Road in Steele is approved.

The next item was to discuss appointing Ann Garner to the Wolf Creek Water, Sewer, and Fire Authority to replace Bob Griffin. On a motion by Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Ann Garner is appointed to the Wolf Creek Water, Sewer, and Fire Authority to replace Bob Griffin. Her term will expire March 1, 2021.

The next item for discussion was to approve payment of the regular bills. On a motion by Commissioner Crowe, seconded by Commissioner Brown, 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 at approximately 9:35 a.m. on a motion by Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye.

Paul Manning, Chairman

Jeff Brown, Commissioner

Ken Crowe, Commissioner

Tommy Bowers, Commissioner

Jimmy Roberts, Commissioner

