

ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING OCTOBER 25, 2016

The St. Clair County Commission met in regular session on October 25, 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

Members Absent: Jimmy Roberts, Commissioner District Four

Others Present: Laura Lawley, Administrator
Donna Wood, CFO
Dan Dahlke, County Engineer
Lyman Lovejoy, Real Estate
Matt Adams, Raymond James
Larry Ward, Raymond James
James Hill, County Attorney
Don Smith, EDC
Jason Roberts, EDC
Frank McPhillips, Bond Attorney
Gary Hanner, St. Clair Times
Harold Hoyle, Maintenance

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 Crowe, 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 of October 11, 2016 be approved as presented.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

The first item on the Engineers report were informational items-updates on road projects. The contractor is on Old Coal City Road working on the guardrails and finishing up on striping. On County Road 26, he finished the turnouts will start on the guardrails and permanent striping afterward. Preconstruction is scheduled for Double Bridge Road but will have to be put off due to seasonal limitations on surface treatments. The contractor is supposed to be coming and moving in equipment today for the local funded project, the micro-surfacing. They will be moving in and getting everything calibrated. They are exactly a week off from what was told to be done. The equipment was moved in on October 20, 2016 but there has not been any kind of paving done. Surface treatment paving on Black

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Jack Road and Waldrup Road is completed. Bowman Circle is being paved today and should be complete soon.

The next item on the Engineer's report was to discuss the chip spreader that has been giving several problems. There was a consensus around the office and road department shop and it would be better to keep the excavator for another year, but send out bids on a new chip spreader. It will be fairly close in comparison to the cost of the chip spreader so there shouldn't be a big change. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Crowe, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that bids be sent out for a new chip spreader for the road department.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The first item on the Administrator's report is to discuss the request of Central Dispatch employee Rachel Topping for approval of emergency sick leave. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of emergency sick leave for Central Dispatch employee Rachel Topping is approved.

The next item was to discuss joining the National IPA (Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance) Cooperative and utilizing their bid for fuel cards. On a motion by Commissioner Crowe, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that joining the National IPA (Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance) Cooperative and utilizing their bid for fuel cards is approved. (Agreement to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #1)

The next item to discuss was a letter of request from Austin Nash to pay an invoice without a purchase order from Central Paper Company in the amount of \$1,499.00. On a motion by Commissioner Crowe, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the letter of request from Austin Nash to pay an invoice without a purchase order from Central Paper Company in the amount of \$1,499.00 is approved.

The next item to discuss was changing the status of Michelle Layfield in the County Commission office from contract to a regular employee. On a motion by Commissioner Crowe, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that changing the status of Michelle Layfield in the County Commission office from contract to a regular employee is approved.

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The next item to discuss was the travel requests discussed in the work session of October 20, 2016. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Crowe, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the travel requests discussed in the work session of October 20, 2016 is approved. (List to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #2)

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

The first item on the County Attorney's report was to discuss an operational policy related to an assembly policy. When it was passed the County was under a request to establish a policy and set up area in Ashville. This Amendment would place the assembly area for the courthouse in Pell City on the grassy areas in front of the courthouse, so which someone could exercise their right to assemble and speak without interfering with the day to day operations of the Courthouse. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Crowe, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the Amendment to place an assembly area for the Courthouse in Pell City on the grassy areas in front of the Courthouse for individuals to exercise their right to assemble and speak without interfering with the day to day operations of the Courthouse is approved. (Amendment to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #3)

The next item on the County Attorney's report was to discuss Procurement Procedures for the St. Clair County Public Transportation Department. The County Attorney stated when they receive federal transit authority grant monies they have to comply with state bid law and federal bid law requirements and this governs the way we procure things if they are procured with Federal Transit Authority monies through our Department of Public Transportation. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the Procurement Procedures for the St. Clair County Public Transportation Department is approved. (Procurement Procedures to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #4)

The last item the County Attorney wanted to mention was the County passed Resolutions regarding some proposed statewide Constitutional Amendments, three of those which are very important. The three Amendments are 3, 4, and 14, with 14 being extremely important to St. Clair County and statewide counties as a whole. Particularly those three Amendments to the extent that we have the ability to encourage people to favorably consider those Amendments. It will create a tremendous problem if those are not passed. The Chairman also noted that it was very important to all local people if these Amendments were not passed.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

The first item of New Business is to discuss considering Resolution 2017-07 authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Warrants, Series 2016 and entrance into the Warrant Purchase Agreement for the same. Matt Adams from Raymond

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James stated the total savings on this was \$294,593.00 on present value basis of \$267,713.00 so overall that is 6-percent of the issue of refunding debt. The interest rate on 2006 bonds was 4.02-percent and we lowered that to 1.66-percent. The interest rate on the 2007A debt was 3.85-percent and we are lowering that to 1.64-percent. Overall the two issues combined, the combined interest rate on this issue is 1.64-percent. County Attorney also stated that we aren't extending debt terms, not increasing the debt that is on the books, but simply refunding existing debt at the same period of time at a lower interest rate, and saving the County citizens a whole lot of money. On a motion by Commissioner Crowe, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the Resolution 2017-07 authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Warrants, Series 2016 and entrance into the Warrant Purchase Agreement for the same is approved. (Resolution & Warrant Purchase Agreement to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #5 and #5A)

The next item to discuss is the Construction Management proposal from BD Welch Construction for the roof repair project at the Administrative building and a budget amendment in the amount of \$18,812.50. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the Construction Management proposal from BD Welch Construction for the roof repair project at the Administrative building and a budget amendment in the amount of \$18,812.50 is approved.

The next item to discuss was Change Order #1 (Bid Package 6) in an amount not to exceed \$4,349.00 to modify the desk wall in the Commission Chambers by 4". Also, discuss Change Order #6 (Bid Package 10) to replace the 4" PVC drain pipe in the Commission Work Session room with 4" cast iron pipe, plus insulation in the amount of \$1,905.73. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Crowe, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Change Order #1 (Bid Package 6) in an amount not to exceed \$4,349.00 to modify the desk wall in the Commission Chambers by 4" and Change Order #6 (Bid Package 10) to replace the 4" PVC drain pipe in the Commission Work Session room with 4" cast iron pipe, plus insulation in the amount of \$1,905.73 is approved. (Change Orders to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #6)

The next item to discuss was the request of Bill Richvalsky for approval of a maintenance contract with Allcom Wireless in the amount of \$40,788.00. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Crowe, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of Bill Richvalsky for approval of a maintenance contract with Allcom Wireless in the amount of \$40,788.00 is approved. (Contract to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #7)

The next item to discuss was the request of Ashville Area Chamber of Commerce to use the Courthouse Square for Ashville Area Fall Fest 2016 on October 29, 2016

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and also Ashville Christmas Parade and decorated Christmas trees on December 2, 2016. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Crowe, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of Ashville Area Chamber of Commerce to use the Courthouse Square for Ashville Area Fall Fest 2016 on October 29, 2016 and also Ashville Christmas Parade and decorated Christmas trees on December 2, 2016 is approved.

The next item to discuss was the grant agreement with the Alabama Department of Youth Services in the amount of \$290,500.00 for the Day Program. On a motion by Commissioner Crowe, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the grant agreement with the Alabama Department of Youth Services in the amount of \$290,500.00 for the Day Program is approved. (Grant Agreement to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #8)

The next item to discuss was the approval and acceptance of grant award from Alabama Department of Public Health for FY17 in the amount of \$18,200.00. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the approval and acceptance of grant award from Alabama Department of Public Health for FY17 in the amount of \$18,200.00 is approved. (Grant Agreement to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #9)

The next item to discuss was Resolution 2017-09 declaring November 18-24, 2016 as National Farm-City week. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Resolution 2017-09 declaring November 18-24, 2016 as National Farm-City week is approved. (Resolution to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #10)

The next item to discuss was the request of EMA (Emergency Management Agency) for renewal of Allcom Wireless service contracts for VHF/UHF and Siren Infrastructure in the amount of \$5,328.00. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of EMA for renewal of Allcom Wireless service contracts for VHF/UHF and Siren Infrastructure in the amount of \$5,328.00 is approved. (Contracts to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #11)

The next item to discuss was the request of EMA for renewal of a contract with Airbus DS (Defense & Space) Communications for Calldown service agreement in the amount of \$7,880.00 pending approval by the County Attorney. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of EMA for renewal of a contract with Airbus DS Communications for Calldown service agreement in the

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amount of \$7,880.00 pending approval by the County Attorney is approved. (Contract to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #12)

APPOINTMENTS

The first item under Appointments was to discuss Michael C. Nix being reappointed to Pinedale Shores Water, Sewer, & Fire Board. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Michael C. Nix is reappointed to Pinedale Shores, Water, Sewer, and Fire Board. His appointment will expire March 1, 2021.

The second item under board appointments was to discuss reappointing representatives of the MPO Committees. Commissioner Crowe made a motion to re-appoint the following to the MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization): Cletus Beard and David Jones to the Policy Committee; Clyde Rice to represent Public Transportation on the Policy Committee; David Jones to the Advisory Committee; and Clyde Rice to represent Public Transportation on the Advisory Committee. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bowers and with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the following be re-appointed to the MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization): Cletus Beard and David Jones to the Policy Committee; Clyde Rice to represent Public Transportation on the Policy Committee; David Jones to the Advisory Committee; and Clyde Rice to represent Public Transportation on the Advisory Committee. These appointments expire December 31, 2017.

The last item for discussion was to approve the monthly bills. On a motion by Commissioner Crowe, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the monthly 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 9:40 a.m. on a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye.

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Paul Manning, Chairman

Jeff Brown, Commissioner

Ken Crowe, Commissioner

Paul Manning, Commissioner

Absent

Jimmy Roberts, Commissioner