

ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING JANUARY 10, 2017

The St. Clair County Commission met in regular session on January 10, 2017 in the County Commission Chambers of the St. Clair County Courthouse Annex #1 (Administrative Center) in Ashville, 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: Laura Lawley, Deputy Administrator
Donna Wood, CFO
Dan Dahlke, Engineer
Gary Hanner, St. Clair Times
Wayne Johnson, Veterans Outreach
James E. Hill, III, County Attorney
Elizabeth Mealer, Revenue Commissioner

CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman declared a quorum present at 9:12 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioner Crowe, seconded by Commissioner Brown, 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 December 27, 2016 be approved with the exception of those that are questioned by any Commissioner before the close of business today.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

The first item of the Engineer's report was informational items-The County is helping the city with a project on resurfacing Tenth Street in Ashville. They started yesterday working on the sidewalks. They had to be made A.D.A. (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant where they intersect the adjoining roads. They are supposed to be pouring that this morning and then will come in and resurface as soon as it is cured and the weather permits. At the Boat Launch at Canoe Creek Marina there were some changes made with updating the permit with the Corp of Engineers. It could take up to three weeks for the update. Double Diamond construction can begin on some other items they have. There was a storm water project on Double Bridge Road. It will be April or May before it can begin. On the MPO Project there is an Agreement that is supposed to be in Montgomery on the Corridor Study for Hwy 411 so as soon as that is worked out, then they can go back in and get the intersection improvement project worked out. The plans are still being developed this year and it will be 2018 before any construction will be done.

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The next item was to discuss Resolution 2017-17 to initiate a Resurfacing Project on County Road 10. It will start at the Jefferson/St. Clair County Line and run to Lambert Circle. The Road Department will be seeking the regular federal funds that they receive through County transportation in Montgomery. The refined estimate of this project is in the neighborhood of about \$1,500,000.00 and the County will have to pay 20-percent. The estimated time to begin the project will be around fall of 2017, and could be spring of 2018 before everything goes through. On a motion by Commissioner Crowe, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Resolution 2017-17 to initiate a Resurfacing and striping Project on County Road 10 from the Jefferson/St. Clair County line and running southeast to Lambert Circle, a distance of 4.024 miles for an estimated total cost of \$1,500,000.00 wherein the County will pay 20-percent is approved. (Resolution to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #1)

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The first item was to discuss the request of Chief Greg Watson for approval of two Temporary full-time employees while two employees are on extended sick leave. This does require a budget amendment. The Chairman stated that there was no way around this and they have been looking closely at this for the last week. There are just so many out with injuries and sickness. On a motion by Commissioner Crowe, seconded by Commissioner Brown with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of Chief Greg Watson for approval of two Temporary full-time employees while two employees are on extended sick leave including a budget amendment is approved.

The next item was to discuss the travel requests. There have been two additional requests added since the work session. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the travel requests be approved as presented. (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 an informational item-The County's Bicentennial Anniversary will be coming up in 2018. Judge Alan Furr has suggested that we try to gather some people together to take charge of planning the events that will be necessary to celebrate appropriately that anniversary. This Commission has been in contact with numerous people, all of these which are willing to serve on that group. This isn't an authority or board or any sort of statutorily mandated group. The County Attorney wanted to identify and recognize the individuals that will serve on this group. To the extent that anyone else desires to serve on this group, certainly this is not intended to be an exclusive or exhausted list. The County is happy to get all the help it can get. The following people have agreed to serve on this committee; Judge Furr, Robert Detter, Joe Whitten, Gay Austin, Linda Crowe, Charlene Simpson, Rena Brown, Sherry Bowers, Marie Manning, Danny Stewart, Deanna Lawley, Shirley Phillips, Pat Ford, Dr. Robert Harris, Gwen Looney, Nancy Tucker, Patsy Spradley, Carol Wade, Jerry Bunt, and Sandi Maroney. There are about twenty people that have already agreed. This group represents people from all across the County and some people we know that are very much interested in the history of St. Clair County. There will be a good set

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of events that we can look forward to in about a year. The County Attorney appreciates their help and he knows the Commissioners do as well. The Chairman stated that the Commissioners like participation in events like this because he wants these functions and celebrations to reach people County wide. If you have anyone that would like to be active in this, please let the Commission know.

The next item was to discuss the long term care of the employees in the County that have been provided this benefit by Med-America. About two months ago Med-America contacted the County and where as we had a group payment plan with individual policies but paid them in one single payment, they have refused to allow that to continue. It has created great problems from the County's perspective both accounting and benefit wise. It is no longer something the County can pay for. This situation was created for the County not by the County. The County Attorney stated that Mrs. Sandra Wolfe has reached out to many long term care providers and has identified one by the name of LifeSecure. They have agreed to allow the County employees that are currently provided this benefit by Med-America to apply for long term care coverage with their company. The cost of this is dependent upon whether or not they were to accept 100-percent of those employees. If they were to accept all of the employees which would be approximately one-hundred and ten, then the total monthly premium would be \$1,000.00 a month more than what was currently budgeted and would be approximately \$3,100.00 per month. It would be the County Attorney's recommendation that the County go ahead and engage LifeSecure to begin taking applications to the extent the County is able continue to provide this benefit for the employees that the County has provided it for to date. Commissioner Roberts asked if it will have to go through underwriting again and the County Attorney's answer was yes and there is no guarantee that it will transfer because it is out of the County's hands. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the County engage LifeSecure to begin taking applications to the extent the County is able continue to provide the Long Term Care benefit for the employees that the County has provided it for to date with a premium of \$3,100.00 per month.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no items of Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

The first item of New Business was to discuss approval of Resolution 2017-14 honoring Austin Nash at his retirement. On a motion by Commissioner Crowe, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Resolution 2017-14 honoring Austin Nash at his retirement is approved. (Resolution to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #3)

The next item was to discuss the request from the Department of Conservation & Natural Resources for an amendment to the Lease Construction and Maintenance Agreement for Canoe Creek Marina which extends the original agreement to September 30, 2017. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Crowe, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request from the Department of Conservation & Natural Resources for an amendment to the Lease Construction and

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Maintenance Agreement for Canoe Creek Marina which extends the original agreement to September 30, 2017 is approved. (Amendment to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #4)

The next item was to discuss approval of Resolution 2017-13 honoring Donna Womack at her retirement. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Resolution 2017-13 honoring Donna Womack at her retirement is approved. (Resolution to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #5)

The next item was to discuss the request of EMA for approval of OCV apps Annual Support Fee in the amount of \$1,495.00 to maintain app and upgrade to current iOS and Android standards and provide customer support. On a motion by Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of EMA for approval of OCV apps Annual Support Fee in the amount of \$1,495.00 to maintain app and upgrade to current iOS and Android standards and provide customer support is approved.

APPOINTMENTS

During discussion of board appointments, Chairman Manning stated that John Garrison from Garrison Steele would like to serve on the Industrial Development Board in light of Lyman Lovejoy's recent resignation. He stated that he does a lot of work at Jeff State and research for employees and youth. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that John Garrison be appointed to the Industrial Development Board to complete Lyman Lovejoy's term. His appointment will expire December 12, 2021.

The next item for discussion was to approve payment of the monthly bills. On a motion by Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Crowe, 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 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