

ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING JANUARY 24, 2023

The St. Clair County Commission met in regular session on January 24, 2023, in the County Commission Chambers of the St. Clair County Courthouse in Pell City, Alabama.

Members Present: Stanley D. Batemon, Chairman  
Jeff Brown, Commissioner District One  
Ricky Parker, Commissioner District Two  
Tommy Bowers, Commissioner District Three  
Bob Mize, Commissioner District Four

Members Absent:

Others Present: Tina Morgan, Administrator  
James E. Hill, Attorney  
Dan Dahlke, Engineer  
Clay Phillips, Assistant Engineer  
Gary Hanner, License Inspector  
Patrice Kurzejeski, EMA Director  
Charity Mitcham, EMA  
Aislinn Campbell, E-911 Director  
Paul Monk, Jail Administrator  
David Atchison, St. Clair Times  
Jason Goodgame, Construction Manager  
Judge Phil Seay  
Judge Andrew Weathington, Probate  
Ken Crowe, Revenue Commissioner  
Kathy Burke, Circuit Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER of REGULAR MEETING**

Chairman Batemon declared a quorum present at 9:17 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

RESOLVED, that the agenda be approved as presented.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Commission meeting on January 10, 2023, be approved.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

The first item of the Engineer's report was an informational item updating the road crews.

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The next item of the Engineer's report was to discuss approval of a tri-axle dump truck rotation. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that a tri-axle dump truck rotation is approved.

The next item of the Engineer's report was to discuss approval for letting bid for a flatbed dump truck. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Parker, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that letting bid for a flatbed dump truck is approved.

The next item of the Engineer's report was to discuss approval of a variance for Copeland Subdivision. The speed limit will be 20 mph. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that a 20-mph variance for Copeland Subdivision is approved.  
(Document to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #1)

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Informational item to be recorded in the minutes: St. Clair County was awarded \$100,000.00 based on federal acreage within each unit of local government, as defined by the Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program and the Refuge Revenue Sharing program under the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

### **COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

The first item of the County Attorney's report was to discuss adopting Resolution 2023-23 authorizing Chairman Batemon to sign a bill of sale signing over personal property to the Town of Ragland. The county purchased kitchen equipment several years ago for Ragland's Senior Citizen Center. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Resolution 2023-23 authorizing Chairman Batemon to sign a bill of sale signing over personal property to the Town of Ragland is approved. (Resolution to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #2)

Informational item to be recorded in the minutes: Update on the Moody Landfill Fire. Mr. Hill said that the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) has taken over the site and they are in the process of extinguishing the fire. Mr. Hill said that everyone that has been involved to get us to this point has done a great job, including Chairman Batemon, the Commission, our County Engineer, and local municipalities.

### **COMMISSIONER JEFF BROWN'S REPORT**

Commissioner Brown said he appreciates everyone that has helped with the Moody Landfill fire.

### **COMMISSIONER RICKY PARKER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Parker said that Mr. Hill explained the situation with the Moody Landfill fire perfectly.

**COMMISSIONER TOMMY BOWER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Bowers said he appreciates Senator Lance Bell and everyone else that helped with the Moody Landfill fire from the local level to the State and Federal level.

**COMMISSIONER BOB MIZE'S REPORT**

Commissioner Mize said he appreciates everyone that has worked to help put out the Moody Landfill fire.

**OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

**NEW BUSINESS**

The next item was to discuss adopting Resolution 2023-21 allowing St. Clair County to enter into an agreement with the City of Moody for the new Moody Entertainment Center. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Resolution 2023-21 allowing St. Clair County to enter into an agreement with the City of Moody for the new Moody Entertainment Center is approved. (Resolution to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #3)

The next item was to discuss adopting Resolution 2023-22 to amend Policies 41, 49, 50, and 51 related to the counties safety, drug, and alcohol policies due to the changing laws and regulations related to prescription drugs and the continuing emphasis of St. Clair County to provide a drug free and safe workplace for its employees. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Resolution 2023-22 amending Policies 41, 49, 50, and 51 related to the counties safety, drug, and alcohol policies due to the changing laws and regulations related to prescription drugs and the continuing emphasis of St. Clair County to provide a drug free and safe workplace for its employees. (Resolution to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #4)

The next item was to discuss rescinding the quotes from Prime Disaster Specialists for Asbestos abatement in the amount of \$3,600.00 that was approved in the December 22, 2022, meeting and rescinding the amended amount of \$3,900.00 that was approved in the January 10, 2023, Commission Meeting. The quotes were for the pre-demolition asbestos survey at the former investigator's building located at 1616 Cogswell Ave. in Pell City, AL. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the quotes from Prime Disaster Specialists for Asbestos abatement in the amount of \$3,600.00 that was approved in the December 22, 2022, meeting and the amended amount of \$3,900.00 that was approved in the January 10, 2023, Commission Meeting for the pre-demolition asbestos survey at the former investigator's building located at 1616 Cogswell Ave. in Pell City, AL. be rescinded.

The next item was to discuss approval of a quote from Environmental Materials Consultants, Inc., for the pre-demolition asbestos survey in the amount of \$2,500.00 at the former investigator's building located at 1616 Cogswell Avenue

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in Pell City, AL. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that a quote from Environmental Materials Consultants, Inc., for the pre-demolition asbestos survey in the amount of \$2,500.00 at the former investigator's building located at 1616 Cogswell Avenue in Pell City, AL. is approved.

The next item was to discuss approval to authorize Chairman Batemon to execute a letter to be sent to Municipalities and Fire Departments, in St. Clair County, about grant programs for the new Motorola P25 radio system. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Parker, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that authorizing Chairman Batemon to execute a letter to be sent to the Municipalities and Fire Departments, in St. Clair County, about grant programs for the new Motorola P25 radio system is approved. (Letter to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #5)

The next item was to discuss approval to enter into a one-year agreement with HARGRAY in the amount of \$1,100.00 a month for dark fiber, for the new jail, pending the County Attorney's review. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that a one-year agreement with HARGRAY in the amount of \$1,100.00 a month for dark fiber, for the new jail, pending the County Attorney's review is approved. (Agreement to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #6)

The next item was to discuss approval of a budget amendment in the amount of \$11,500.00 to the St. Clair Soil & Water Conservation board. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that a budget amendment in the amount of \$11,500.00 to the St. Clair Soil & Water Conservation board is approved.

The next item was to discuss the request of Corrections Officer, Gill Hurst, for approval of Declaration of Emergency Sick leave. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Parker, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of Corrections Officer, Gill Hurst, for Declaration of Emergency Sick leave is approved.

**Board Appointments**

NONE

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

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned, subject to call, at approximately 9:50 a.m. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye.

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