

ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MARCH 28, 2017

The St. Clair County Commission met in regular session on March 28, 2017 in the County Commission Chambers of the St. Clair County Courthouse in Pell City, 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: Laura Lawley, Administrator
Donna Wood, CFO
Dan Dahlke, Engineer
James Pennington, Visitor
Gary Hanner, St. Clair Times
James E. Hill, County Attorney
Don Smith, EDC
Harold Hoyle, Property Manager

CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman declared a quorum present at 9:09 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 Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the regular meeting on March 14, 2017 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 to give an update on Canoe Creek Boat Launch project. He said they are finished with the dredging part of the project. He talked with the contractor with Double Diamond and let them know he is ready for them to start the driving of the piling that is necessary for the piers.

The next item was to give an update on a recent meeting that he attended in Cullman with USACE (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers). St. Clair County is a part of an Environmental Infrastructure group along with Cullman and Blount County. This was originally set up with just St. Clair County in it with \$5,000,000.00 to be used with water type projects. It could be used on treating raw water, water line projects, sewer projects, and storm projects. These projects would go through the USACE and it would be around a five year process before the projects actually take place. The group has been set up but there has never been any money actually put in it. It still stands to where they could put \$5,000,000.00 in it and the USACE thought it would get funded under this next budget. They wanted us to be aware and to be looking into projects. He said the USACE felt the more projects we get in

there, the better chance we would of getting more money put in it in the future. He said this would be a way to go for long term. The Engineer said this would be good for some of our water authorities and some of our towns that have some aging sewer treatment plants, etc. He said they have built some water retention type places in the Atlanta area. He said we might could have something like that in the future. He said they are supposed to send out an email with the needed information to get a project started. He said once he receives the email he will update the Commission with the information he receives.

The next item was an update on the corridor study for US Hwy 411. He said the State came back to him and the Federal Highway Administration thought the project needed to be broken down into something smaller. It had a million and half for a corridor study. The State came back and broke it down to a \$500,000.00 study. They have increased it. It was stopping at Kerr Road, but they are going to study it all the way to Sanie Road. It will be from Park Avenue to Sanie Rd.

The next item was an update on Kelly Creek Rd/I-20 interchange. He said Sain Associates has been working on this project. He said he does have the revisions made the State requested and the drawing have been submitted to the State for permits.

The next item was to discuss participating with the City of Argo on an APPLE Project (Advanced Planning, Programming and Logical Engineering) through the MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization). The City of Argo has some congestion, especially in the morning and afternoons around Highway 11 intersection. The City is asking the County to help participate in a 20% match up which would be up to \$6,000.00. On a motion by Commissioner Crowe, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that participating with the City of Argo on an APPLE Project through the MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) to solve some congestion around the Highway 11 intersection in the Argo and Margaret area wherein the County matches the City at 20% which would be up to \$6,000.00 is approved. (Contract to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #1)

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The first item of the Administrator's report was to discuss the travel requests. On a motion by Commissioner Crowe, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the travel requests that were presented are approved. (List to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #2)

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

The next item was to discuss the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Agreement and Application. The Act establishes districts throughout the State. It also promotes, supports, and encourages certain workforce initiatives. On a motion by Commissioner Crowe, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Agreement is approved. (Application & Agreement to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment 3 & 3A)

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The next item was to discuss the East Alabama Cooperative Purchasing Association. The County Attorney requested that we move to authorize the County to enter into an Agreement with McPherson Oil for the provision of our retail gas products for employees. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Crowe, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the County enter into an Agreement with McPherson Oil for retail gas products for employees is approved. (Agreement to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #4)

The next item was to discuss Resolution 2017-28 in support of M4A (Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging) who provides a service to Senior Citizens, including providing meals to the homebound in St. Clair County. They are having a fund raising event on May 11, 2017 called Feeding Frenzy BBQ Fundraiser and the Commission supports the M4A in all their efforts. On a motion by Commissioner Crowe, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Resolution 2017-28 in support of M4A (Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging) who provides services to Senior Citizens is approved. (Resolution to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #5)

The next item was to discuss Resolution 2017-27 asking the State to provide the State Aid that provides for the service area to be directed to the City of Ashville so the City can utilize the funds for the use of their library. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Crowe, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Resolution 2017-27 asking the State to provide the State Aid to the City of Ashville for the use of their library is approved. (Resolution to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #6)

OLD BUSINESS

There were no items of Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

The first item of New Business was to discuss approval of the County levies for alcohol licensing for 2017-2018. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Crowe, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that County levies for alcohol licensing for 2017-2018 is approved. (Levies to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #7)

The next item was to discuss the request of Janet Smith that the following names be added as occasional drivers to the record of minutes: William Griffith (“Bill”); Teresa Davis (“Jill”); James Boyanton (“Phil”). On a motion by Commissioner Crowe, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of Janet Smith to have the following names added as occasional drivers to the record of minutes: William Griffith (“Bill”); Teresa Davis (“Jill”); James Boyanton (“Phil”) is approved.

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The next item was to discuss Resolution 2017-26 declaring April 2017 as National County Government month. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Resolution 2017-26 declaring April 2017 as National County Government month is approved. (Resolution to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #8)

The next item was to discuss appointing Roger Haynes to the Wattsville Water Authority to fill the expired term of Dennis Bowman and reappointing Aislinn Campbell to the Wattsville Water Authority; reappointing John Golden to the Wolf Creek Water Sewer & Fire Protection Authority and appointing Sherry Reaves to the Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging (M4A) Board to fill the expired term of Ken Crowe. Roger Haynes, Aislinn Campbell and John Golden terms will expire March 1, 2023. Sherry Reaves term will be for one year or until a successor is designated. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Crowe, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Roger Haynes be appointed to the Wattsville Water Authority to fill the expired term of Dennis Bowman and Aislinn Campbell be reappointed to the Wattsville Water Authority; John Golden be reappointed to the Wolf Creek Water Sewer & Fire Protection Authority and Sherry Reaves be appointed to the Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging (M4A) Board to fill the expired term of Ken Crowe. Roger Haynes, Aislinn Campbell and John Golden terms will expire March 1, 2023. Sherry Reaves term will be for one year or until a successor is designated.

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

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned, subject to call, at approximately 9:33 a.m. on a motion by Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye.

Paul Manning, Chairman

Absent
Jeff Brown, Commissioner

Ken Crowe, Commissioner

Tommy Bowers, Commissioner

Jimmy Roberts, Commissioner