

ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING APRIL 25, 2017

The St. Clair County Commission met in regular session and as the E911 Board on April 25, 2017 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: Laura Lawley, Administrator
Tina Morgan, Deputy Administrator
Donna Wood, CFO
Dan Dahlke, Engineer
Gary Hanner, St. Clair Times
James E. Hill, III, County Attorney
Bill Richvalsky, E911 Director
Janet Smith, Public Transportation Director
Gentry Shows, Advanced Disposal
James Pennington, Visitor
Wayne Johnson, Veterans Outreach Agent
Charles Anderson, Assistant E911 Director

Prior to calling the meeting to order the St. Clair County Commission along with Gentry Shows of Advanced Disposal Services presented \$500.00 scholarships to 12 high school seniors.

CALL TO ORDER OF E911 BOARD MEETING

The Chairman declared a quorum of the E911 Board present at 9:07 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

NEW BUSINESS

The item of New Business was to discuss the recommendation of the E911 Director Bill Richvalsky for approval to hire Charles Anderson into the Assistant E911 Director's position effective April 24, 2017. Note: The E911 Director recommended Aaron Hosford in the E911 Board meeting of April 11, 2017 but Mr. Hosford declined the position. On a motion by Commissioner Crowe, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was.

RESOLVED, that the recommendation of the E911 Director Bill Richvalsky for Charles Anderson to be hired into the Assistant E911 Director's position effective April 24, 2017 be approved. (Note: The E911 Director recommended Aaron Hosford be hired into the position in the E911 Board meeting of April 11, 2017 but Mr. Hosford declined the position).

There being no further business of the E911 Board, the meeting adjourned, subject to call at approximately 9:10 a.m. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Brown, will all voting aye.

PUBLIC HEARING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Chairman Manning opened the public hearing at 9:10 a.m. introducing Public Transportation Director Janet Smith who conducted the public hearing. Mrs. Smith stated St. Clair County Public Transportation, together with The St. Clair County Commission, is re-applying for the annual 5311 grant to ALDOT (Alabama Department of Transportation) for the upcoming 2018 fiscal year. This will cover the period from October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018. The grant helps to continue to fund the operations, administration, and capital expenses of the transportation system in order to provide services to all St. Clair county residents. This grant also includes the JARC (Job Access and Reverse Commute) program (formerly 5316). It provides financial assistance to those residents who qualify through our local DHR (Department of Human Resource) to receive transportation to and from their jobs.

St. Clair County Public Transportation will continue to be contracted out with M4A (Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging); 3 local senior centers: Moody, Odenville, Springville; and the ARC of St. Clair County.

We also service several day program students and the alternative school in Ashville. These rides are prepaid every month and some are court ordered.

Some of the passengers include Dialysis patients, physical therapy, veterans, students, workers, as well as the general public.

Mrs. Smith stated the hours of operations are 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and the fees are \$2.00 every 5 miles for a 1 way trip, \$1 each additional stop and the caregivers ride free.

Public Transportation currently has 14 vehicles. 11-- 17 passenger buses, and 3 minivans. This number will soon increase to 15 with the addition of one more 17 passenger bus this year. They currently have 17 drivers; 10 Part-time and 7 Occasional (on as-needed basis).

She said they average 3,010 passenger trips per month, that's coming and going.

Tickets can be purchased through the Public Transportation office or from the drivers of the buses. The tickets are \$10 and \$20 each.

They also have brochures and business cards available upon request.

There being no additional public comment, Chairman Manning closed the public hearing.

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION

The Chairman declared a quorum present at 9:14 a.m. and called the meeting to order

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the regular meeting on April 11, 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 discuss the request of the Engineer to post and hire (9) Seasonal Road Workers I. Note: These employees will work from May 2017 to October 2017. This will require a budget amendment. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Crowe, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the recommendation of the Engineer to post and hire (9) Seasonal Road Workers I is approved. Further, this will require a budget amendment. Note: These employees will work from May 2017 to October 2017.

The next item of the Engineers report was an informational item on the Corridor Study for US Hwy 411. The Engineer stated they are moving forward with the project. He went to a meeting last Friday and he said they are getting Sain Associates to do the Corridor Study. Sain Associates will soon turn in the fee proposal.

The next item was to discuss approving an Agreement with the City of Riverside pending receiving the signed contract back from the City of Riverside for installation of pipes on Sugar Farm Road. The County is responsible for part of the road and the City is responsible for part of the road. The part of the road where the pipes need to be replaced is a couple hundred feet inside the City limits but most of the corrosion happened during the time the County owned that part of the road. The County will replace the pipes and will also cover the estimated cost of \$23,112.50. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the Agreement with the City of Riverside for installation of pipes on Sugar Farm Road is approved pending receiving the signed contract back from the City of Riverside.
(Agreement to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #1)

The next item was an informational item. The Engineer gave an update on the ATRIP project on Double Bridge Road. The contractor has put down the Surface Treatment sealing the cracks. He said they hope to be putting down the Wearing Surface sometime this week. He said then the only work left to be done will be the concrete work, Sidewalks, and Guardrails which will be soon be completed.

The next item was an informational item. The Engineer said Hudson Construction who is contracted to do our Micro-Surfacing work will start work on the roads the week after July 4, 2017.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The first item of the Administrator's report was to discuss the request of Revenue Commission employee Teresa Sanders for approval of Declaration of Emergency Sick Leave. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Crowe, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of Revenue Commission employee Teresa Sanders for approval of Declaration of Emergency Sick Leave is approved.

The next item was to discuss the request of Central Dispatch employee Shannon Elise Hyatt to purchase military service credit of five (5) months under the

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Uniformed Services Employment Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 at a cost to the County of \$1,851.95. On a motion by Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Crowe, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of Central Dispatch employee Shannon Elise Hyatt to purchase military service credit of five (5) months under the Uniformed Services Employment Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 at a cost to the County of \$1,851.95 is approved.

The next item was to discuss the request of the Revenue Commissioner to hire a Provisional Employee for 14 days. This will require a budget amendment. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of Revenue Commissioner to hire a Provisional Employee for 14 days is approved. Further, this will require a budget amendment.

The next item was to discuss the request of the Kelley Group for payment in the amount of \$2,086.00 on the Canoe Creek Marina project. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Crowe, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of Kelley Group for payment in the amount of \$2,086.00 on the Canoe Creek project is approved.

The next item was to discuss travel requests. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Brown, 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)

The next item was an informational item. The Administrator informed everyone that there would be a Pre-Bid Meeting in the Lobby of the Pell City Courthouse at 10:00 am today (April 25th) for the Pell City Courthouse Lobby Expansion.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

There were no items of Business

OLD BUSINESS

There were no items of Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

The first item of New Business was to discuss Resolution 2017-32 approving 5316 Public Transportation grant application and authorizing the Chairman to execute the application and agreement with Alabama Dept. of Transportation. On a motion by Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Resolution 2017-32 approving 5316 Public Transportation grant application and authorizing the Chairman to execute the application and agreement with Alabama Department of Transportation is approved. (Note: Janet Smith advised that this resolution is no longer needed since the JARC (5316) grant has been rolled into the 5311 grant application per her e-mail dated 5-1-17.)

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The next item was to discuss Resolution 2017-33 authorizing the Chairman to execute and submit the 5311 Public Transportation/JARC Grant application for FY18 as well as all related agreements and documents in connection with the grant program. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Resolution 2017-33 authorizing the Chairman to execute and submit the 5311 Public Transportation/JARC Grant application for FY18 as well as all related agreements and documents in connection with the grant program is approved. (Resolution to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #3)

The next item was to discuss Resolution 2017-34 authorizing local match funds in the amount of \$220,114.00 for capital, administrative, and operational expenses for the 5311 Public Transportation Grant for FY18. On a motion by Commissioner Crowe, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Resolution 2017-34 authorizing local match funds in the amount of \$220,114.00 for capital, administrative, and operational expenses for the 5311 Public Transportation Grant for FY18 is approved. (Resolution to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #4)

The next item was to discuss the request of City of Pell City for the County to split the cost of a host fee in the amount \$10,000.00 for Alabama Bass Trail Championship. The City will pay \$5,000.00 and the County will pay \$5000.00. On a motion by Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of the City of Pell City to split with the Cost the host fee in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the Alabama Bass Trail Championship is approved. The City of Pell City will pay \$5,000.00 and the County will pay \$5,000.00.

The next item was to discuss Resolution 2017-31 providing for St. Clair County's participation in the "Sales Tax Holiday" as authorized by Act No. 2017-120. (Act 2017-120 changed the dates of Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday from the first full weekend of August to the third full weekend of July.) On a motion by Commissioner Crowe, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Resolution 2017-31 providing for St. Clair County's participation in the "Sales Tax Holiday" as authorized by Act No. 2017-120 is approved. (Act 2017-120 changed the dates of Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday from the first full weekend of August to the third full weekend of July.) (Resolution to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #5)

There were no board appointments.

The next item for discussion was to approve payment of the monthly bills. On a motion by Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

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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 9:26 a.m. on a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Crowe, with all voting aye.

Paul Manning, Chairman

Jeff Brown, Commissioner

Ken Crowe, Commissioner

Tommy Bowers, Commissioner

Jimmy Roberts, Commissioner