

ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MAY 4, 2017

The St. Clair County Commission met in regular session on May 4, 2017 in the County Commission Chambers of the St. Clair County Courthouse Annex #1 (Administrative Center) in Ashville, 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  
Tina Morgan, Deputy Administrator  
Donna Wood, CFO  
Dan Dahlke, Engineer  
James E. Hill, III, County Attorney

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairman declared a quorum present at 4:18 p.m. and called the meeting to order.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the regular meeting on April 25, 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 having the tire drop off at the Road Department for the month of June on Fridays. On a motion by Commissioner Crowe, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that having a tire drop off at the Road Department every Friday in the month of June is approved.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

The first item of the Administrator's report was to discuss the request of Sheriff Surles to declare various items as surplus and to sell them on Govdeals.com. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of Sheriff Surles to declare various items as surplus and to sell them on Govdeals.com is approved. (List to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #1)

ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MAY 4, 2017

The next item 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 are 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 entering into an Agreement with Government Services & Associates LLC related to audits of personal property tax. Selection of the entities to be audited will be determined by Government Services & Associates. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Crowe, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the Agreement with Government Services & Associates is approved pending review of the County Attorney. (Agreement to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #3)

The next item was to discuss awarding contract for the Pell City Courthouse Lobby Renovations to B.D. Welch in the amount of \$229,510.00 with alternate of \$7,700.00 subject to final review of Chairman, Trevor Matchett, and the County Attorney and authorizing the Chairman to sign the contract. On a motion by Commissioner Crowe, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that awarding the contract for the Pell City Courthouse Lobby Renovations to B.D. Welch in the amount of \$229,510.00 with alternate of \$7,700.00 subject to final review of Chairman, Trevor Matchett, and the County Attorney and authorizing the Chairman to sign the contract. (Contract to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #4)

The next item was to discuss Resolution 2017-35 related to the library systems and services through St. Clair County. The County attorney described the provisions of the Resolution. He explained a portion of the Beer Tax was earmarked for libraries within St. Clair County. This portion totals approximately \$50,000 annually and is only being distributed to "member-libraries." The Resolution requests the Board distribute these monies equally to all libraries within the County and the Commission agrees to add monies to said Beer Tax proceeds so that each library within the County will receive \$10,000 annually. The Resolution contemplates the County delivering the \$10,000 to each library in the beginning of the fiscal year and being partially reimbursed by the Beer Tax proceeds as the libraries within the County are likely better served by the receipt of \$10,000 in the beginning of a fiscal year than receiving \$833.33 per month throughout the year. The Resolution will also carry the appointment of five individuals from across the County to the Library Board: Patsy Spradley (Moody), Sandi Maroney (Ragland), Julie Funderburg (Pell City), Paula Ballard (Ashville), and Jamie Twenty (Springville). The Resolution will cause the Commission to cease funding the County library facility beginning October 1, 2018 as the City of Ashville provides library services to patrons in the area. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Resolution 2017-35 related to the library systems and services through St. Clair County is approved. (Resolution to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #5)

ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MAY 4, 2017

The last item was to discuss the request from the Airport Authority for the \$10,000.00 that was budgeted in FY17. The use of these monies will essentially be matching grant funds for improvements to their runway and taxi facilities. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Crowe, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request from the Airport Authority for the \$10,000.00 that was budgeted in FY17 and the use of these monies will be matching grant funds for the improvements to their runway and taxi facilities is approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There were no items of Old Business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The first item of New Business was to discuss the request of the City of Pell City for funds in the amount of \$2,500.00 to help sponsor the Pell City Hometown Block Party. This amount is budgeted. On a motion by Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of the City of Pell City for funds in the amount of \$2,500.00 to help sponsor the Pell City Hometown Block Party is approved.

The next item was to discuss the request of USAmeribank for implementation of Positive Pay on accounts payable and payroll accounts for fraud prevention and detection at no cost for the County. An Agreement and Implementation sheet will be forwarded to the County Attorney for review. On a motion by Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Crowe, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the Agreement with USAmeribank for implementation of positive pay on accounts payable and payroll accounts for fraud prevention and detection at no cost for the County is approved. (Agreement to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #6)

The next item was to discuss the request of the Pell City School System for funding to help students attend the National Beta Club Convention in Orlando for \$1,000.00. This will not require a Budget Amendment. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Crowe, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of the Pell City School System for funding to help students attend the National Beta Club Convention in Orlando for \$1,000.00 is approved.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

The first item of Board Appointments was to discuss appointing Ken Crowe to the Coosa Valley Water Supply District. On a motion by Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye except Commissioner Crowe who abstained, it was

RESOLVED, that appointing Ken Crowe to the Coosa Valley Water Supply District is approved.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MAY 4, 2017

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.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned, subject to call, at approximately 4:30 p.m. on a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, with all voting aye.

---

Paul Manning, Chairman

---

Jeff Brown, Commissioner (ABSENT)

---

Ken Crowe, Commissioner

---

Tommy Bowers, Commissioner

---

Jimmy Roberts, Commissioner