

ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING JULY 11, 2017

The St. Clair County Commission met in regular session on July 11, 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, Administrator
Tina Morgan, Deputy Administrator
Donna Wood, CFO
Dan Dahlke, Engineer
Gary Hanner, St. Clair Times
James E. Hill, III, County Attorney
Lyman Lovejoy, Lovejoy Realty
Elizabeth Mealer, Revenue Commissioner

CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman declared a quorum present at 9:15 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioner Brown, 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 June 27, 2017 and emergency meeting of June 29, 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 updates on various road projects. The Engineer said McCartney has finished the leveling work on Florida Rd, Old 231 Road, and Cherokee Road. McCarty will soon start leveling work on County Road 31 and Black Jack Road.

The next item was to discuss the request from the Engineer for Mike Wilson to be promoted into the vacant Operator I position effective the next pay period. This position is vacant due to Wayne Mealer being promoted to Foreman. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Crowe, with all voting aye, it was

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RESOLVED, that the request from the Engineer for Mike Wilson to be promoted into the vacant Operator I position is approved effective next pay period. This position is vacant due to Wayne Mealer being promoted to Foreman.

The next item was to discuss the vacant Assistant Sign Chief Position and post a Sign Crew Assistant Position. The County Attorney explained the Engineer is requesting that the County no longer fund the Assistant Sign Chief position but would fund a Sign Crew Assistant Position for the remainder of the fiscal year. The Engineer said the Sign Crew Assistant Position is a lower pay grade than the Assistant Sign Chief Position. On a motion by Commissioner Crowe, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of the Engineer to no longer fund an Assistant Sign Chief Position for the remainder of this fiscal year but to fund and post a Sign Crew Assistant Position is approved. Note: The Sign Crew Assistant Position is a lower pay grade than the Assistant Sign Chief Position, therefore no budget increase will be needed.

The next item was to discuss the sale of the used chip spreader to Henry County in the amount of \$50,000.00. On a motion by Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of the Engineer to sell the used chip spreader to Henry County in the amount of \$50,000.00 is approved. (List to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #1)

The next item was to discuss the request to vacate a right-of-way at Treadwell Island development. The Engineer said he received a petition from residents in the Treadwell Island area to vacate a right-of-way. Some property owners in the area had bought a block of property and it's an old right-of-way that was in the original subdivision plat. He said the County has never taken it in and they own the property all the way around the area. The Engineer said a Public Hearing will be needed and he would like to hold the Public Hearing September 26, 2017. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing be set for September 26, 2017 to vacate a right-of-way at Treadwell Island development is approved. (Petition of Vacation to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #2)

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The first item of the Administrator's report was to discuss the request of Janet Smith that the following drivers be approved for Part Time status for St. Clair County Public Transportation: Steven Bailey; Timothy Jacks; and Marcia Lewkutz. These are budgeted positions. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of Janet Smith that the following drivers be approved for Part Time status for St. Clair County Public Transportation: Steven Bailey; Timothy Jacks; and Marcia Lewkutz is approved. Note: These are budgeted positions.

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 #3)

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

The next item was an informational item. The County Attorney said EMA (Emergency Management Agency) has some concerns about the Outdoor Warning Sirens. EMA is in the process of preparing some Public Notices and the County Attorney expects to have the notices to the Commission soon for their consideration.

The next item was to discuss the HVAC at the Pell City Courthouse. He said the County has been in the process of renovating the Pell City Courthouse and the HVAC needs attention and recommended authorizing Chairman Manning and Commissioner Bowers to identify and engage and retain an expert to review and analyze and make a recommendation on how to improve the quality of the HVAC system in the Courthouse. On a motion by Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the recommendation of the County attorney to authorize Chairman Manning and Commissioner Bowers to identify and engage and retain an expert to review and analyze and make a recommendation regarding the quality of the air conditioning in the Courthouse 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 City of Pell City for additional contribution for \$10,950.00 pursuant to Section 11 of Animal Control/Shelter Agreement. This will 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 City of Pell City for an additional contribution for \$10,950.00 pursuant to Section 11 of Animal Control/Shelter Agreement is approved. Further, this also includes a budget amendment.

The next item was to discuss Resolution 2017-46 authorizing a one-time bonus for retirees as provided for in Act 2017-367 of the Alabama Legislature. On a motion by Commissioner Crowe, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, except Commissioner Brown who abstained, it was

RESOLVED, that Resolution 2017-46 authorizing a one-time bonus for retirees as provided for in Act 2017-367 of the Alabama Legislature is approved. (Resolution to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #4)

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The next item was to discuss Resolution 2017-47 authorizing the renewal of the \$4 million warrant with Metro Bank for one (1) additional year and authorizing the Chairman to execute any related documents. On a motion by Commissioner Crowe, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Resolution 2017-47 authorizing the renewal of the \$4 million warrant with Metro Bank for one (1) additional year and authorizing the Chairman to execute any related documents is approved. (Resolution to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #5)

The next item was to discuss Resolution 2017-45 authorizing a Special Election in the unincorporated areas of the County to determine whether alcoholic beverages may be sold on Sunday. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Crowe, with all voting aye except Commissioner Roberts who voted nay, it was

RESOLVED, that Resolution 2017-45 authorizing a Special Election in the unincorporated areas of the County to determine whether alcoholic beverages may be sold on Sunday is approved. (Resolution to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #6)

The next item was to discuss approval of the annual contract with S&W Minicomputers in the amount of \$9,245.00 for software maintenance. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the annual contract with S&W Minicomputers in the amount of \$9,245.00 for software maintenance is approved. (Contract to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #7)

The next item was to discuss reappointing Paul Manning to the Coosa Valley Resource Conservation and Development Council. The term is for FY2018-FY2019. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, with all voting aye

RESOLVED, that Paul Manning be reappointed to the Coosa Valley RC&D board. His term is for FY2018-2019.

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 9:43 a.m. on a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye.

Paul Manning, Chairman

Jeff Brown, Commissioner

Ken Crowe, Commissioner

Tommy Bowers, Commissioner

Jimmy Roberts, Commissioner