

ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING JULY 26, 2016

The St. Clair County Commission met in regular session on July 26, 2016 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: Tina Morgan, Sales Tax Coordinator
Dan Dahlke, Engineer
James E. Hill, County Attorney
Gary Hanner, Daily Home/St. Clair Times
Rachel Bowling, Administrative Assistant
Harold Hoyle, Property Manager
Wayne Johnson, Veterans Outreach Officer
Donna Wood, CFO
Joe Kelley, EDC Chairman

CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman declared a quorum present at 9:10 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC HEARING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Chairman Manning opened the public hearing at 9:11 a.m. introducing Public Transportation Assistant Director Janet Peoples who conducted the public hearing. Peoples stated the St. Clair County Public Transportation and the St. Clair County Commission are re-applying for the annual 5311 public transportation grant from the Alabama Department of Transportation for the upcoming fiscal year 2017. The funding will cover the period of October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017. The grant helps to fund the operations, administration, and capital expenses of the transportation program in order to provide services to the citizens of St. Clair County. The 5311 grant now also includes funding from the JARC (Job Access and Reverse Commute) grant, formerly known as 5316. It provides financial assistance for those who qualify through DHR (Department of Human Resources) for transportation to and from their job. The Public Transportation Office now has 17 drivers, 13 buses, and two staff members. We service approximately 250 people each week.

Chairman Manning opened the floor for public comment.

Chairman Manning commented that the program is a good one and there would definitely be more room for expansion if everyone knew it was available. Commissioner Brown asked if there were any new prospects for contracts. Janet Peoples stated they still contract with M4A and the ARC. They are also working with the Day Program transporting students. They have also been in touch with the Pell City School System.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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County Attorney James Hill asked for a motion to add the request of the Public Park & Recreation Board of St. Clair County for the County to pay their insurance premium. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of the Public Park & Recreation Board of St. Clair County for the County for an appropriation to pay their insurance premium is added to the agenda.

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

RESOLVED, that the Agenda be approved with the addition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the regular meeting on July 12, 2016 are approved.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

The first item of the Engineer's report was to discuss Resolution 2016-29 and agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation for intersection improvements on U.S. 411 in the Moody area including Park Ave., Washington Drive, Verbena Drive, Kerr Road, and James Taylor Road. Total amount of funding is \$2,215,147.15 with the County's 20-percent match of \$443,029.43. On a motion by Commissioner Crowe, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Resolution 2016-29 and agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation for intersection improvements on U.S. 411 in the Moody area including Park Ave., Washington Drive, Verbena Drive, Kerr Road, and James Taylor Road wherein the County will pay a 20-percent match of \$443,029.43 is approved. (Resolution and agreement to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #1a and #1b)

The next item was to discuss Resolution 2016-30 and agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation for preliminary engineering for the intersection improvements on U.S. 411 at Park Ave., Washington Drive, Verbena Drive, Kerr Road and James Taylor Road. The estimated cost is \$200,000.00 with the County match approximately \$40,000.00. Commissioner Crowe asked for clarification on the previous match amount of \$443,029.43. Dahlke said the amount would be spread out over more than one fiscal year. On a motion by Commissioner Crowe, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Resolution 2016-30 and agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation for preliminary engineering for the intersection improvements on U.S. 411 at Park Ave., Washington Drive, Verbena Drive, Kerr Road, and James Taylor Road in the estimated cost of \$200,000.00 with the County's match being approximately \$40,000.00 is approved. (Resolution and

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agreement to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #2a and #2b)

The next item to discuss was an agreement with the Town of Odenville for drainage work on Sycamore Lane wherein the cost for the town is \$1,496.10, and the cost for the County is \$1,100.50 for a total cost of \$2,596.60. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Crowe, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the agreement with the Town of Odenville for drainage work on Sycamore Lane wherein the cost for the town is \$1,496.10, and the cost for the County is \$1,100.50 for a total cost of \$2,596.60 is approved. (Agreement to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #3)

The last item on the Engineer's Report is an agreement with Norfolk Southern Railroad for preliminary engineering services in the amount of \$11,599.00 for the widening of the railroad crossing at Sweatt Road. Commissioner Roberts questioned why a previous agreement for preliminary engineering services had an estimate of \$4,000.00. He does not understand how it could go from \$4,000.00 to \$11,599.00. On a motion by Commissioner Jeff Brown, seconded by Commissioner Crowe, with all voting aye except Commissioner Roberts who voted nay, it was

RESOLVED, that the agreement with Norfolk Southern Railroad for preliminary engineering services in the amount of \$11,599.00 for the railroad crossing at Sweatt Road is approved. (Agreement to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #4)

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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

RESOLVED, that the travel requests as presented in the work session are approved. (Travel requests to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #5)

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

The first item on the County Attorney's report is to discuss authorizing Property Manager Harold Hoyle to begin engaging professional services necessary to provide the County Commission with "biddable" documents to move forward with the renovation of the Courthouse in Pell City to address security matters. This will, of course, include architectural engineering services and perhaps construction management services. On a motion by Commissioner Crowe, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Property Manager Harold Hoyle is authorized to begin engaging professional services necessary to provide "biddable" documents to move forward with the renovation of the Courthouse in Pell City to address security matters. These services to include architectural engineering services and perhaps construction management services.

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The next item was to discuss Resolution 2016-34 to participate in the income tax set-off program allowing St. Clair County to set-off against state income tax of individuals who owe the County money for certain specific obligations. It is created by statute through the Legislature and managed by the Association of County Commissions of Alabama. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Resolution 2016-34 to participate in the income tax set-off program allowing St. Clair County to set-off against state income tax of individuals who owe the County money for certain specific obligations is approved. (Resolution to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #6)

The next item of business was to discuss engaging Raymond James to move forward with creating documents necessary, including an official statement, to move forward with the refunding of the 2006-2007 General Obligation Warrants. This does not bind us to any process or action but allows them to begin the process to give us something to consider at a future date. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Raymond James be engaged to move forward with creating documents necessary, including an official statement, to move forward with the refunding of the 2006-2007 General Obligation Warrants.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no items of Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

The first item under new business was the architect's recommendation that bid packages 2, 5, 7 and 9 for Annex remodel Phase II be awarded to Boatner Construction in the amount of \$211,000.00; Bid package 6 (millwork) to Southern Woodworks in the amount of \$47,100.00; Bid package 10 (mechanical/plumbing) to AT Mechanical in the amount of \$68,000.00. There were no bids received for roofing or electrical work. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Crowe, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the architect's recommendation that bid packages 2, 5, 7 and 9 for Annex remodel Phase II be awarded to Boatner Construction in the amount of \$211,000.00; Bid package 6 (millwork) be awarded to Southern Woodworks in the amount of \$47,100.00; and Bid package 10 (mechanical/plumbing) be awarded to AT Mechanical in the amount of \$68,000.00 is approved.

The next item was to discuss the recommendation of the architect to proceed with Jeff Phillips Electrical Construction for electrical work for the Annex Phase II project in the amount of \$16,500.00 with additional \$2,500.00 if engineered drawings are required. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the recommendation of the architect to proceed with Jeff Phillips Electrical Construction for electrical work for the Annex Phase II project in the amount of \$16,500.00 with additional \$2,500.00 if engineered drawings are required is approved.

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The next item was to discuss a Resolution 2016-28 approving the public transportation 5311 grant application, pending review of the County Attorney. On a motion by Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that a resolution approving the public transportation 5311 grant application is approved, pending the review of the County Attorney. (Resolution to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #7)

The next item for discussion was the request of the Public Park & Recreation Board of St. Clair County for an appropriation in the amount of \$2,779.00 to pay premium for liability insurance. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of the Public Park & Recreation Board of St. Clair County for an appropriation in the amount of \$2,779.00 to pay premium for liability insurance is approved.

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

RESOLVED, that the regular bills be approved for payment with the exception of those that are questioned by the Commission before the close of business today.

Chairman Manning requested that the agenda be amended to add the Engineer's request to surplus five (5) vehicles/work trucks. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the agenda be amended to add the Engineer's request to surplus five (5) vehicles/work trucks.

The final item added to the agenda was the Engineer's request to surplus five (5) vehicles/work trucks. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the Engineer's request to surplus five (5) vehicles/work trucks is approved. (List of surplus vehicles to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #8)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned, subject to call, at approximately 9:35 a.m. on a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, with all voting aye.

Paul Manning, Chairman

Jeff Brown, Commissioner

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Ken Crowe, Commissioner

Tommy Bowers, Commissioner

Jimmy Roberts, Commissioner