

ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING JANUARY 10, 2023

The St. Clair County Commission met in regular session on January 10, 2023, in the County Commission Chambers of the St. Clair County Courthouse Annex #1 (Administrative Center) in Ashville, Alabama.

Members Present: Stan Batemon, Chairman
Jeff Brown, Commissioner District One
Ricky Parker, Commissioner District Two
Tommy Bowers, Commissioner District Three
Bob Mize, Commissioner District Four

Members Absent:

Others Present: Tina Morgan, Administrator
Susie Washburn, Deputy Administrator
Corey Phillips, Assistant Deputy Administrator
Dan Dahlke, Engineer
Clay Phillips, Assistant Engineer
James E. Hill, III, County Attorney
Gary Hanner, License Inspector
Aislinn Campbell, E911 Director
Patrice Kurzejeski, EMA Director
Charity Mitcham, EMA
Bryan Price, Revenue
Lovenia Layton, Revenue
Roddy Wolfe, Property Manager
Jason Goodgame, Construction Manager
Sheriff Billy Murray
James Mulkey, Moody Fire Chief
Larry McCullough
Jimmy Holladay
David Atchison, St. Clair Times
Mattie Davis, WVTM-13
Todd Eagle, WVTM-13
Zoe McDonald, ABC 33/40
Scott Swisher
Carrie Swisher
Sharon Stephens
Danny Stephens
Lorraine Davis
Sandy Smith
Lyman Lovejoy, Lovejoy Reality
Pat Shipp

CALL TO ORDER of Regular Meeting

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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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 December 22, 2022, and for the Emergency meeting of January 3, 2023, are approved.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

The first item of the Engineer's report was an informational item updating the road crews.

The next item was to discuss adopting Resolution 2023-18 to support ALDOT's (Alabama Department of Transportation) project to resurface a portion of SR-144 in Ragland. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Resolution 2023-18 to support ALDOT's (Alabama Department of Transportation) project to resurface a portion of SR-144 in Ragland is approved. (Resolution to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #1)

The next item was to discuss adopting Resolution 2023-19 and Funding Agreement with ALDOT for the Relocation of Hazelwood Drive. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Resolution 2023-19 and Funding Agreement with ALDOT for the Relocation of Hazelwood Drive is approved. (Resolution to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #2)

The next item was to discuss the recommendation of County Engineer, Dan Dahlke, to hire Justin Colley into the vacant Road Worker II position & Michael Wilson into the vacant Automotive Service Worker position. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the recommendation of County Engineer, Dan Dahlke, to hire Justin Colley into the vacant Road Worker II position & Michael Wilson into the vacant Automotive Service Worker position are approved. (Letter to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #3)

The next item was to discuss approval of the County Rebuild Alabama Annual Report (CRAAR). On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the County Rebuild Alabama Annual Report (CRAAR) is approved. (Report to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #4)

Informational item: Update on landfill fire in Moody on Annie Lee Road. Dan Dahlke, County Engineer, is gathering quotes, proposals, plans, and methods from contractors that have done this kind of work. Mr. Dahlke stated that he is still

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reviewing methods and is waiting on some methods to be turned in and will review once received. James Hill, County Attorney recommended that when Mr. Dahlke is finished with his analysis and has gathered the information needed then the County will turn this information over to the State of Alabama with a letter requesting the Governor's office implement a process to immediately address the ongoing emergency that is this fire.

The next item was to discuss approval to authorize Chairman Batemon to execute a letter to the State of Alabama for the State to take action to bring this emergency to an end once a proposal has been selected and to do this before another Commission meeting to make this process as efficient as possible. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that authorizing Chairman Batemon to execute a letter to the State of Alabama for the State to take action to bring this emergency to an end once a proposal has been selected and to do this before another Commission meeting to make this process as efficient as possible be approved. (Letter to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #5)

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Informational item to be recorded in the minutes: Ed Brasher, husband of former County employee Kathy Brasher, attended the January 5, 2023, work session requesting that the County Commission review the county's policy related to retirees' health insurance that retire before 25 years of service.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

The first item of the Attorney's report was to amend the resolution regarding retiree health insurance benefit. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the resolution regarding retiree health insurance benefit be amended. (Resolution to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #6)

The next item of the Attorney's report was to amend the proposal from Prime Disaster Specialists for asbestos abatement at the former Investigator's Building located at 1616 Cogswell Ave. Pell City, AL in the amount of \$3,900.00 On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that is approved. (Document to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #7) Note: Rescinded on the meeting of January 24, 2023.

COMMISSIONER JEFF BROWN'S REPORT

NONE

COMMISSIONER RICKY PARKER'S REPORT

Commissioner Parker said that the Moody Landfill fire is in his district, and he is receiving and returning phone calls about the fire.

COMMISSIONER TOMMY BOWER'S REPORT

Commissioner Bowers talked to the Mayor of Ragland recently about some new development going on in that area.

COMMISSIONER BOB MIZE'S REPORT

Commissioner Mize thanked the Elected Officials and employees for their hard work and said we have best Sheriff in the State.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

The first item of New Business was to discuss approval of the travel requests as presented in the work session. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that approving the travel requests as presented in the work session are approved. (Travel requests to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #8)

The next item was to discuss approval of a Franchise agreement with Comcast. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that a Franchise agreement with Comcast is approved. (Agreement to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #9)

The next item was to discuss approving an agreement with Graham & Sons Construction for the demolition of the former Investigator's Building located at 1616 Cogswell Ave. Pell City, AL. The bid was awarded on December 13, 2022. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that an agreement with Graham & Sons Construction for the bid awarded on December 13, 2022, for demolition of the former Investigator's Building located at 1616 Cogswell Avenue in Pell City is approved. (Agreement to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #10)

The next item was to discuss approval to increase the mileage rate from 62.5 cents to 65.5 cents per mile for County use of a personal vehicle effective January 1, 2023, in accordance with St. Clair County Policy No 2 (amended 1999), which bases the County mileage rate on the rate paid by the State of Alabama. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that increasing the mileage rate from 62.5 cents to 65.5 cents per mile for County use of a personal vehicle effective January 1, 2023, in accordance with St. Clair County Policy No 2 (amended 1999), which bases the County mileage rate on the rate paid by the State of Alabama is approved. (Document to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #11)

The next item was to discuss approval of the request of Roddy Wolfe, Property Manager, to change the employment status of housekeeping employee, Tina Martin, from contract to a regular, full-time employee. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Parker, with all voting aye, it was

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RESOLVED, that the request of Roddy Wolfe, Property Manager, to change the employment status of housekeeping employee, Tina Martin, from contract to a regular, full-time employee be approved.

The next item was to discuss approval of the request of Patrice Kurzejeski, EMA Director, (Exempt employee) for payment of overtime due to the weather event of December 22-26, 2022, per policy. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of Patrice Kurzejeski, EMA Director, (Exempt employee) for payment of overtime due to the weather event of December 22-26, 2022, per policy is approved.

The next item was to discuss approval of the request of Revenue Commissioner, Ken Crowe, to change job titles for two Personal Property Appraiser II positions & two Real Estate Appraiser II positions to Appraiser II and fill one vacant Appraiser II position. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of Revenue Commissioner, Ken Crowe, to change job titles for two Personal Property Appraiser II positions & two Real Estate Appraiser II positions to Appraiser II and fill one vacant Appraiser II position are approved. (Job Description to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #12)

The next item was to discuss approval of the request of Sheriff Billy Murray to create two, full-time deputy positions. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of Sheriff Billy Murray to create two, full-time deputy positions are approved.

The next item was to discuss approval of the contract with Holland & Seal, Inc., for the bid award of the Pandemic Center project on December 13, 2022, pending county attorney's review. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the contract with Holland & Seal, Inc., for the bid award of the Pandemic Center project on December 13, 2022, pending county attorney's review is approved. (Contract to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #13)

The next item was to discuss changing the February 9th work session time from 1 p.m. to 9 a.m. and changing the February 14th Commission Meeting to February 9th following the work session at the Ashville Commission Chambers On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that changing the February 9th work session time from 1 p.m. to 9 a.m. and changing the February 14th Commission Meeting to February 9th following the work session at the Ashville Commission Chambers are approved.

The next item was to discuss the approval of the request from the Springville Police Chief, Wayne Walton, to purchase uniforms in support of the Honor Guard in the amount of \$15,000.00 and approval to let bid for the uniforms. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Parker, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request from Springville Police Chief, Wayne Walton, to purchase uniforms in support of the Honor Guard in the amount of \$15,000.00 and approval to let bid for the uniforms are approved.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Bowers made a motion to appoint Chrystal Presley to the St. Clair County Library Board to fill the seat left vacant due to Sandi Maroney's resignation from the board. Her term will expire on October 1, 2027. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request to appoint Chrystal Presley to the St. Clair County Library Board, to fill the seat left vacant after Sandi Maroney's resignation, and Mrs. Presley's term expiring on October 1, 2027, is approved.

The next item for discussion was to approve payment of the monthly bills. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, 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 10:19 a.m. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye.

{ SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW }

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