

## ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING JANUARY 25, 2022

The St. Clair County Commission met in regular session on January 25, 2022, 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  
Ricky Parker, Commissioner District Two  
Tommy Bowers, Commissioner District Three  
Bob Mize, Commissioner District Four

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Tina Morgan, Administrator  
Dan Dahlke, Engineer  
James Hill, County Attorney  
Gary Hanner, License Inspector  
Sheriff Billy Murray  
Freddie Turrentine, Operations  
Patrice Kurzejeski, EMA Director  
Aislinn Campbell, E-911 Director  
Judge Phil Seay  
Jason Goodgame, Construction Manager  
Don Smith, EDC  
Brad Cherry  
Jasleen Judge  
Lyman Lovejoy  
Lance Bell  
Josie Howell, St. Clair Times

### **CALL TO ORDER OF THE PUBLIC HEARING**

Chairman Paul Manning called the Public Hearing to order at 9:06 a.m. and turned the meeting over to County Attorney, James Hill, to discuss the refunding of St. Vincent Hospital debt by way of the issuance of General Obligations Warrants, Series 2022-A and Taxable General Obligations Warrants, Series 2022-B. Mr. Hill stated that this is the debt associated with the development & construction of St. Vincent's St. Clair, which has been a very successful project for St. Clair County for our citizens & a project that this body in particular has put in tremendous time, effort & resources into. Due to the nature of that debt, it has come to a point that we can refund it or refinance it & receive a not insufficient amount of savings without doing anything than other just refunding the debt. That debt was initially issued pursuant to Amendment 772, which we are familiar with & provides that the project itself serves as a commercial or economic development purpose. Notwithstanding any incidental benefit to an individual or entity serves a valid & sufficient public purpose. We made those findings several years ago because it's the same debt we would want to go through the same process today. Brad Cherry is with us today. Brad serves as our bond council on several different projects. Brad does an excellent job. Mr. Hill appreciated him coming here today in case there are any bond specific questions. In order to facilitate this particular type of obligation we have to have a Public Hearing. From the perspective of the County, that the development has absolutely increased the finances & revenues of both the City of Pell City & St. Clair County, has provided tremendous quality of life benefits having a hospital of that quality & caliber & has without question driven more business & added additional businesses into that part of the County. When we did this ten years ago or so, we expected all of those things to happen, now we can

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look back & recognize, in fact, that they have all happened in reality. So, all that being said, certainly, I would like to open the floor to any comments that anyone may have. Our economic development chairman, Don Smith, is here with us today & he was instrumental in that process in the beginning & certainly has seen these developments as well. Commissioner Tommy Bowers said the benefits that the hospital being where it is has been tremendous for St. Clair County. I get good comments all the time. Chairman Paul Manning said that the hospital does a good job & is above any that you could attend. Mr. Hill said that we will validate these obligations during the Commission meeting & I want to say one other thing, St. Vincent itself has been a tremendous partner with the County. There will be some savings to the hospital, but the vast majority of savings are to the County. St. Vincent has been a partner with St. Clair County Commission to a variety of projects, they are a friend to St. Clair County & have been for the last decade or so. There was no opposition and there being no additional public comment, Chairman Paul Manning closed the Public Hearing at 9:11 a.m.

**CALL TO ORDER of REGULAR MEETING**

Chairman Manning declared a quorum present at 9:11 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the regular meeting on January 11, 2022, be 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 approval of a revised agreement from Long Engineering for a hydraulic study for a bridge replacement on Beulah Circle in the amount of \$58,356.00, the original agreement was approved on the November 23, 2021, meeting in the amount of \$53,056.00. The original surveyor could not fulfill duties, so another surveyor will have to be used. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that a revised agreement from Long Engineering for a hydraulic study for a bridge replacement on Beulah Circle in the amount of \$58,356.00 is approved. (Agreement to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #1)

The next item was to discuss approval to let bid on a used bucket truck for use in various departments. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that to let bid on a used bucket truck for use in various departments is approved.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

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

RESOLVED, that the travel requests as presented in the work session are approved. (List to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #2)

**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

The first item of the County Attorney's report was to discuss adopting Resolution 2022-28 for local legislation to add one registrar to the Board of Registrars for St. Clair County. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that adopting Resolution 2022-28 for local legislation to add one registrar to the Board of Registrars for St. Clair County is approved. (Resolution to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #3)

The next item was to discuss the request of Nikki Major, Commission Office employee, for approval of Declaration of Emergency Sick leave. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of Nikki Major, Commission Office employee, for Declaration of Emergency Sick leave be approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The first item of Old business was to discuss the Safety & Operations Manager Contract position that was tabled from the Dec. 28, 2021 & January 11, 2022 Commission meetings. The position will be kept on the books, but the position will not be filled at this time.

Consider not filling the Safety & Operations Manager Contract position. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the Safety & Operations Manager Contract position that was tabled from Dec. 28, 2021 & January 11, 2022 Commission meetings be kept on the books, but not be filled at this time is approve.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The first item of New Business was to discuss adopting Resolution 2022-24 & Order Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligations Warrants, Series 2022-A. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Parker, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that adopting Resolution 2022-24 & Order Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligations Warrants, Series 2022-A is approved. (Resolution to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #4)

The next item was to discuss adopting Resolution 2022-25 & Order Authorizing the Issuance of Taxable General Obligations Warrants, Series 2022-B. On a motion

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by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that adopting Resolution 2022-25 & Order Authorizing the Issuance of Taxable General Obligations Warrants, Series 2022-B is approved. (Resolution to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #5)

The next item was to discuss approval adopting Resolution 2022-27 and agreement moving Precinct 16 from Cook Springs VFD to Cook Springs Baptist Church. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Parker, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that adopting Resolution 2022-27 moving Precinct 16 from Cook Springs VFD to Cook Springs Baptist Church is approved. (Resolution to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #6)

The next item was to discuss approval of a quote from Leeds-Stained Glass to replace flooring at the Juvenile Detention Office & Juvenile Detention hallway of the Pell City Courthouse in the estimated amount of \$8,150.00. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that a quote from Leeds-Stained Glass to replace flooring at the Juvenile Detention Office & Juvenile Detention hallway of the Pell City Courthouse in the estimated amount of \$8,150.00 is approved.

The next item was to discuss ratifying the purchase of 1000 COVID tests from Lawmen Supply Company for use in the jail in the estimated amount of \$13,120.00 using American Rescue Funds. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that ratifying the purchase of 1000 COVID tests from Lawmen Supply Company for use in the jail in the estimated amount of \$13,120.00 using American Rescue Funds is approved. (Invoice to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #7)

The next item was to discuss approval to renew Tina Martin's employment contract for one year. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that renewing Tina Martin's employment contract for one year is approved. (Contract to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #8)

The next item was to discuss approval of the request of Jason Goodgame, Construction Manager, to pay an invoice without a P.O. to Allen Service Company in the amount of \$3,263.84 for work at the Operations Center that wasn't included in the bid. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of Jason Goodgame, Construction Manager, to pay an invoice without a P.O. to Allen Service Company in the amount of \$3,263.84 for work at the Operations Center is approved.

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The next item was to discuss the request of Patrice Kurzejeski, EMA Director, to purchase 250 weather radios to distribute before the Spring weather season in the estimated amount of \$6,225.00, which includes batteries. This will require a budget amendment. 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, to purchase 250 weather radios to distribute before the Spring weather season in the estimated amount of \$6,225.00, which includes batteries & this will require a budget amendment is approved.

The next item was to discuss adopting Resolution 2022-26 appointing Roddy Wolfe as the new Safety Coordinator. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye except Commissioner Brown, who abstained, it was

RESOLVED, that adopting Resolution 2022-26 appointing Roddy Wolfe as the new Safety Coordinator be approved. (Resolution to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #9)

The next item was to discuss approval creating & posting a new Maintenance Building & Grounds position. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that creating & posting a new Maintenance Building & Grounds position is approved. (Job description to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #10)

The next item was to discuss approval to renew the Gorrie-Regan contract for three years. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that renewing the Gorrie-Regan contract for three years is approved. (Contract to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #11)

The next item was to discuss approval to renew the Smartfusion contract for three years. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that renewing the Smartfusion contract for three year is approved. (Contract to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #12)

The next item was to discuss approval to renew the Vulcan contract for boilers at the Pell City Courthouse for one year. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Parker, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that renewing the Vulcan contract for boilers at the Pell City Courthouse for one year is approved. (Contract to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #13)

The next item was to discuss approval of the request of Property Manager, Roddy Wolfe, to declare a 2005 Ford F550 Bucket Truck as surplus and sell on Gov.deals.com. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of Property Manager, Roddy Wolfe, to declare a 2005 Ford F550 Bucket Truck as surplus and sell on Gov.deals.com. is approved. (Document to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #14)

The next item was to discuss an amendment to the Auburn University/Alabama Cooperative Extension agreement changing the amount from \$339,825.00 to \$331,825.00. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that an amendment to the Auburn University/Alabama Cooperative Extension agreement changing the amount from \$339,825.00 to \$331,825.00 be approved. (Contract to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #15)

The next item was to discuss approval to ratify Chairman Paul Manning's signature on a proposal from Daikin to repair the HVAC system in the Ashville Courthouse in the estimated amount of \$6,839.32. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that ratifying Chairman Paul Manning's signature on a proposal from Daikin to repair the HVAC system in the Ashville Courthouse in the estimated amount of \$6,839.32 is approved.

### **Board Appointments**

The next item was to discuss board appointments. Commissioner Brown made a motion to appoint Tammy Huey to the St. Clair County Department of Human Resources Board (DHR) with her term expiring January 25, 2028. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request to appoint Tammy Huey to the St. Clair DHR Board with her term expiring January 25, 2028 is approved.

The next item for discussion was to approve payment of the monthly bills. On a motion by Commissioner Mize seconded by Commissioner Brown, 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 9:26 a.m. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye.

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Paul Manning, Chairman

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Tommy Bowers, Commissioner

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