

ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING APRIL 25, 2023

The St. Clair County Commission met in regular session on April 25, 2023, in the County Commission Chambers of the St. Clair County Courthouse in Pell City, Alabama.

Members Present: Stanley D. 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  
James E. Hill, Attorney  
Dan Dahlke, Engineer  
Michelle Layfield, CFO  
Corey Phillips, Assistant Deputy Administrator  
Gary Hanner, License Inspector  
Roddy Wolfe, Maintenance  
Sheriff Billy Murray  
David Atchison, St. Clair Times  
Jason Goodgame, Construction Manager  
Pat Shipp, Citizen  
Matt Tortorice, Citizen

**CALL TO ORDER THE PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS County Commission Single-Member Districts.**

Chairman Stan Batemon opened the Public Hearing at 11:46 a.m. related to the County Commission Single-Member Districts. There were not any public comments and not any opposition, Chairman Stanley D. Batemon closed the Public Hearing at 11:47 a.m.

**CALL TO ORDER of REGULAR MEETING**

Chairman Batemon declared a quorum present at 11:47 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

RESOLVED, that the agenda be approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Commission meeting on April 11, 2023, be approved.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

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

The next item of the Engineer's report was to discuss approval of an agreement from Bhate Geoscience to perform geotechnical work on Blackjack Road & Annie Lee Road, not to exceed \$72,000.00. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the Bhate Geoscience proposal to perform geotechnical work on Blackjack Road & Annie Lee Road, not to exceed \$72,000.00 is approved. (Agreement to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #1) *Note: This work is considered a professional service & does not require to be let for Bid.*

The next item of the Engineer's report was to discuss approval to prepare specs and to let bid for a new fuel card software and fuel pumps at the Road Department/County Shop. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that specs will be prepared for the new fuel card software and fuel pumps at the County Road Department/County Shop and let for bid are approved.

The next item of the Engineer's report was to discuss approval to begin condemnation proceedings on Tract #5 of the Trails end project. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that to begin condemnation proceedings on Tract #5 of the Trails end project is approved.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

NONE

**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

The first item of the County Attorney's report was to discuss approval of an agreement with the Coca-Cola Bottling Company United related to certain vending products available to jail employees to promote public safety by encouraging corrections officers to remain on staff during the totality of his/her employment shift. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that an agreement with Coca-Cola Bottling Company United related to certain vending products available to jail employees to promote public safety by encouraging corrections officers to remain on staff during the totality of his/her employment shift is approved. (Agreement to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #2)

**CHAIRMAN STAN BATEMON'S REPORT**

NONE

**COMMISSIONER JEFF BROWN'S REPORT**

NONE

**COMMISSIONER RICKY PARKER'S REPORT**

NONE

**COMMISSIONER TOMMY BOWER'S REPORT**

NONE

**COMMISSIONER BOB MIZE'S REPORT**

NONE

**OLD BUSINESS**

Consider the request of The Store for approval of a 050 Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and 070 Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) for Asquare Two, Inc., located at 13895 Greensport Road Ashville, AL, 35953, tabled from the meeting on 4-11-2023. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of The Store for a 050 Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and 070 Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) for Asquare Two, Inc., located at 13895 Greensport Road Ashville, AL, 35953, tabled from the meeting on 4-11-2023 is approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The next item was to discuss approving travel requests as presented in the work session. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Brown, 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 #3)

The next item was to discuss adopting Resolution 2023-47 re-affirming and pledging 1% sales tax to the St. Clair County Board of Education. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Parker, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Resolution 2023-47 re-affirming and pledging 1% sales tax to the St. Clair County Board of Education is approved. (Resolution to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #4)

The next item was to discuss approval of the request of Patrice Kurzejeski, EMA Director, to revise the job title of the Public Information/Training Officer position, pay grade 17 approved in the FY23 Budget and has not been filled, to EMA Planner/Operations Coordinator at a pay grade 17-18, depending on certification. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Parker, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that revising the job title of the Public Information/Training Officer position, pay grade 17 approved in the FY23 Budget, but has not been filled, to EMA Planner/Operations Coordinator at a pay grade 17-18, depending on certification is approved. (Job description to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #5)

The next item was to discuss the acceptance of an Emergency Management Grant in the amount of \$2,654.00. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that accepting an Emergency Management Grant in the amount of \$2,654.00 is approved.

The next item was to discuss revising the vacant AP/AR Accounting clerk position by adding the development and implementation of an accounting system to track certain projects, particularly the four-cent fuel tax. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that revising the vacant AP/AR Accounting clerk position by adding the development and implementation of an accounting system to track certain projects, particularly the four-cent fuel tax is approved. (Job description to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #6)

The next item was to discuss approval to promote Nikki Major into the revised, vacant AP/AR Accounting clerk position in the Commission office. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that promoting Nikki Major into the revised, vacant AP/AR Accounting clerk position in the Commission office is approved.

The next item was to discuss adopting Resolution 2023-46 for commission districts. Commission Bowers made a motion to table until the Commission meeting on June 13, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Parker, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Resolution 2023-46 for commission districts be tabled until the Commission meeting on June 13, 2023.

The next item was to discuss approval of the request of Freddie Turrentine, Operations Center Administrator, for approval of a Home Depot Pro quote a State of Alabama approved Omnia Partners Cooperative for three generators for the radio towers/radio system at the Chandler Mountain, Simmons Mountain, and Beaver Mountain locations in the estimated amount of \$17,119.95. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Parker, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of Freddie Turrentine, Operations Center Administrator, for a Home Depot Pro quote a State of Alabama approved Omnia Partners Cooperative for three generators for the radio towers/radio system at the Chandler Mountain, Simmons Mountain, and the Beaver Mountain locations in the estimated amount of \$17,119.95 is approved.

The next item was to discuss approval of the request of Aislinn Campbell, E911 Director, to pay an invoice to Siemens without a PO in the amount of \$3,233.16 and to pay an invoice to MCA without a PO in the amount of \$2,690.00, due to emergency repairs. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Parker, with all voting aye, it was

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and to pay an invoice to MCA without a PO in the amount of \$2,690.00, due to emergency repairs are approved.

The next item was to discuss approval of a two-year Inmate Communications General Service agreement with CPC (Combined Public Communications) for the Inmate Phone bid, pending the County Attorney's review. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that a two-year Inmate Communications General Service agreement with CPC (Combined Public Communications) for the Inmate Phone bid, pending the County Attorney's review is approved. (Agreement to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #7)

The next item was to discuss approval of a two-year Inmate Messaging Service agreement with Cyberpath Services, LLC for the Inmate Phone bid, pending the County Attorney's review. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Parker, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that approval of a two-year Inmate Messaging Service agreement with Cyberpath Services, LLC for the Inmate Phone bid, pending the County Attorney's review is approved. (Agreement to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #8)

The next item was to discuss approval from the Piedmont Door Solutions quote to add glass in two doors in the commission office in the estimated amount of \$2,778.51. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the Piedmont Door Solutions quote to add glass in two doors in the commission office in the estimated amount of \$2,778.51 is approved.

The next item was to discuss approval of the request from the City of Ragland for an appropriation of \$200,000.00 to go toward the construction of the First Responders Building/Ragland Fire & Police Building. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Parker, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request from the City of Ragland for an appropriation of \$200,000.00 to go toward the construction of the First Responders Building/Ragland Fire & Police Building is approved. (Letter to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #9)

**Board Appointments**

NONE

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.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned, subject to call, at approximately 11:57 a.m. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye.

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