

ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MAY 23, 2023

The St. Clair County Commission met in regular session on May 23, 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
Clay Phillips, Assistant Engineer
Gary Hanner, License Inspector
Aislinn Campbell, E911 Director
Judge Andrew Weathington, Probate
Freddie Turrentine, Operations Director
David Atchison, St. Clair Times
Jason Goodgame, Construction Manager
Lyman Lovejoy, Realtor
Kathy Burke, Circuit Clerk
Pat Shipp, Citizen
Matt Tortorice, Citizen
Brenda Hamby, Citizen
Doc Holiday, Citizen
Wade Reich, Citizen
Brian Chatman, Citizen

CALL TO ORDER of REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Batemon declared a quorum present at 9:17 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

RESOLVED, that amended agenda be approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Commission meeting on May 4, 2023, be approved.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

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

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The next item of the Engineer's report was to discuss approval for a public hearing on July 11, 2023, to vacate ROW (Right of Way) on a portion of Glory Lane. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request for a public hearing on July 11, 2023, to vacate ROW on a portion of Glory Lane is approved.

The next item of the Engineer's report was to approve the County Road Department Employees to go on a schedule of ten hour a day for four days (Monday through Thursday) during the paving season and if a holiday falls within the work week, the Road Department will follow the regular eight hour a day schedule. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the County Road Department Employees will go on a schedule of ten hour a day for four days (Monday through Thursday) during the paving season and if a holiday falls within the work week, the Road Department will follow the regular eight hour a day schedule.

The next item of the Engineer's report was to approve a change order for the Kelly Creek/I-20 project to Wiregrass Construction in the amount of \$7,549.75. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that a change order for the Kelly Creek/I-20 project to Wiregrass Construction in the amount of \$7,549.75 is approved. (Change order to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #1)

The next item of the Engineer's report was to approve a proposal from Sain & Associates for a traffic study at the Kelly Creek Road/I-20 Interchange in the amount of \$8,700.00. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that a proposal from Sain & Associates for a traffic study at the Kelly Creek Road/I-20 Interchange in the amount of \$8,700.00 is approved. (Proposal to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #2)

The next item of the Engineer's report was to approve the recommendation of Dan Dahlke, County Engineer, to promote Brad Davies into the vacant RWII position. On a motion by Commissioner Brown seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the recommendation of Dan Dahlke, County Engineer, to promote Brad Davies into the vacant RWII position is approved. (Letter to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #3)

The next item of the Engineer's report was to authorize Dan Dahlke, County Engineer, to hire the vacant seasonal RWI positions as they apply and interview and provide the names of the new hires at the next commission meeting. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

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RESOLVED, that Dan Dahlke, County Engineer, may hire the vacant seasonal RWI positions as they apply and interview and provide the names of the new hires at the next commission meeting.

The next item of the Engineer's report was to approve a scrap tire drop-off on Mondays in the month of June at the County Road Department, limit is eight per person. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that a scrap tire drop-off program on Mondays in the month of June at the County Road Department (limit is eight per person) is approved.

The next item of the Engineer's report was to approve the recommendation of Dan Dahlke, County Engineer, for a proposal from Long Engineering to perform a hydraulic study for a bridge replacement on Depot Street in Riverside in the amount of \$41,350.00. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the recommendation of Dan Dahlke, County Engineer, for a proposal from Long Engineering to perform a hydraulic study for a bridge replacement on Depot Street in Riverside in the amount of \$41,350.00 is approved. (Proposal to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #4)

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Informational item

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

The first item of the County Attorney's report was to discuss adopting Resolution 2023-50, amending the St. Clair County Employee Handbook Section 705, Security. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Resolution 2023-50, amending the St. Clair County Employee Handbook Section 705, Security be changed to read as follows: The County wishes to maintain a work environment that is free of illegal drugs, alcohol, firearms, (except authorized personnel such as law enforcement, etc.) explosives, or other improper materials. To this end, the County prohibits the possession, transfer, sale, or use of such materials on its premises. The County requires the cooperation of all employees in administering this policy. (Resolution to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #5)

CHAIRMAN STAN BATEMON'S REPORT

NONE

COMMISSIONER JEFF BROWN'S REPORT

Commissioner Brown reported that Alabama Power has applied for a Pre-application for the Chandler Mountain Pumped Storage Project. He stated that he and the other Commissioners are looking at maps & they will be involved with future meetings with Alabama Power and citizens.

COMMISSIONER RICKY PARKER'S REPORT

NONE

COMMISSIONER TOMMY BOWER'S REPORT

NONE

COMMISSIONER BOB MIZE'S REPORT

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

The first item of Old Business was to discuss the request of 231 Package Store for approval of a 011 Lounge Retail Liquor-Class II (Package) and 990 Tobacco only for ARJ Package LLC, located at 30635 US Highway 231, Ashville, AL 35953 tabled from the meeting on May 4, 2023. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Parker, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of 231 Package Store for a 011 Lounge Retail Liquor-Class II (Package) and 990 Tobacco only for ARJ Package LLC, located at 30635 US Highway 231, Ashville, AL 35953 tabled from the meeting on May 4, 2023 is approved.

The next item of Old Business was to discuss the request of 231 Quick Stop for approval of a 050 Retail Beer (off premises only) and 070 Retail Table Wine (off premises only) for ARJ Package LLC, located at 30637 US Highway 231, Ashville, AL 35953 tabled from the meeting on May 4, 2023. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Parker, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of 231 Quick Stop for a 050 Retail Beer (off premises only) and 070 Retail Table Wine (off premises only) for ARJ Package LLC, located at 30637 US Highway 231, Ashville, AL 35953 tabled from the meeting on May 4, 2023 is approved.

NEW BUSINESS

The next item was to discuss approval of travel requests as presented in the work session. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Mize, 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 #6)

The next item was to discuss approval to reschedule the July 20th work session to Tuesday, July 18th at 9am in Pell City and reschedule the July 25th commission meeting to July 18th to follow the 9am work session due to the NACo Annual Conference On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that rescheduling the July 20th work session to Tuesday, July 18th at 9am in Pell City and reschedule the July 25th commission meeting to July 18th to follow the 9am work session due to the NACo Annual Conference are approved.

The next item was to discuss approval to reschedule the August 17th work session to 9am in Pell City and reschedule the August 22nd commission meeting to August 17th to follow the 9am work session due to the ACCA Annual Conference. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

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RESOLVED, that rescheduling the August 17th work session to 9am in Pell City and reschedule the August 22nd commission meeting to August 17th to follow the 9am work session due to the ACCA Annual Conference are approved.

The next item was to discuss ratifying the execution of Chairman Batemon's signature on the FY22 Insolvents, Errors, and Taxes in Litigation and uncollected insolvents and taxes in litigation for previous years. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the execution of Chairman Batemon's signature on the FY22 Insolvents, Errors, and Taxes in Litigation and uncollected insolvents and taxes in litigation for previous years be ratified. (Document to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #7)

The next item was to discuss the request of CCS Tobacco and Package 2 for approval of a 050-Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and 070-retail Table Wine (Off premises Only) for Busy Bee Food and Fuel, Inc., located at 21403 US Highway 231, Ragland, AL 35131. Commissioner Bowers made a motion to table, per policy, seconded by Commissioner Mize, and with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of CCS Tobacco and Package 2 for a 050-Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and 070-retail Table Wine (Off premises Only) for Busy Bee Food and Fuel, Inc., located at 21403 US Highway 231, Ragland, AL 35131 be tabled until the next meeting per policy.

The next item was to discuss the request of CCS Tobacco and Package 2 for approval of a 011-Lounge Retail Liquor-Class II (Package) and 990 Tobacco only for Busy Bee Food and Fuel, Inc., located at 21403A US Highway 231, Ragland, AL 35131. Commissioner Bowers made a motion to table, per policy, seconded by Commissioner Mize, and with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of CCS Tobacco and Package 2 for approval of a 011-Lounge Retail Liquor-Class II (Package) and 990 Tobacco only for Busy Bee Food and Fuel, Inc., located at 21403A US Highway 231, Ragland, AL 35131 be tabled until the next meeting per policy.

The next item was to discuss the request of The Grill for approval of a 020-Restaurant Retail Liquor for The Farm at St. Clair, LLC., located at 230 Hamby Road, Cropwell, AL 35054. Commissioner Mize made a motion to table, per policy, seconded by Commissioner Parker, and with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of The Grill for a 020-Restaurant Retail Liquor for The Farm at St. Clair, LLC., located at 230 Hamby Road, Cropwell, AL 35054 be tabled until the next meeting per policy.

The next item was to discuss approval of the request of Andrew Weathington, Probate Judge, to reclassify one Recording Clerk to an Advanced Clerk II position. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Parker, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of Andrew Weathington, Probate Judge, to reclassify one Recording Clerk to an Advanced Clerk II position be approved.

The next item was to discuss the request of Haley Nelson, Probate Employee, for approval of Declaration of Emergency Sick leave. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of Haley Nelson, Probate Employee, for approval of Declaration of Emergency Sick leave is approved.

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.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned, subject to call, at approximately 10:10 a.m. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye.

{SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW}

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