

ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING JULY 11, 2023

The St. Clair County Commission met in regular session on July 11, 2023, in the St. Clair County Commission Chambers of the St. Clair County Courthouse Annex #1 (Administrative Center) in Ashville, 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
Corey Phillips, Assistant Deputy Administrator
James Hill, County Attorney
Clay Phillips, Assistant Engineer
Gary Hanner, Compliance officer
Jimmy "Doc" Holladay, Visitor
Lyman Lovejoy, Realtor
Laura Nation, St. Clair Times
Hoke Graham, Visitor
Don Smith, EDC Director
Ken Crowe, Revenue Commissioner Crowe
Mike Mitchell, Waste Management
Brian Price, Mapping

PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS vacating a portion of right of way on Glory Lane. Chairman Stanley Batemon opened the Public Hearing at 9:12 a.m. to discuss vacating a portion of right of way on Glory Lane in Pell City. There was no opposition and there being no additional public comment, Chairman Stanley Batemon closed the Public Hearing at 9:14 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS a Project Development Agreement between the County and Brigman Truck Exchange, Inc. ("Developer"), under which the Developer will acquire property, construct, and operate a Sales Facility within unincorporated St. Clair County. Chairman Stanley Batemon opened the Public Hearing at 9:15 a.m. to discuss a Project Development Agreement between the County and Brigman Truck Exchange, Inc. ("Developer"), under which the Developer will acquire property, construct, and operate a Sales Facility within unincorporated St. Clair County. County Attorney, James Hill, recommended having another public hearing the first meeting in August due to changes that will require advertising. There was no opposition and there being no additional public comment, Chairman Stanley Batemon closed the Public Hearing at 9:21 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER of REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Batemon declared a quorum present at 9:21 a.m. and called the Regular meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

RESOLVED, that the agenda be approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the regular meeting on June 27, 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 approve paying an invoice without a purchase order to the ACCA (Association of County Commissions of Alabama) for an Ethics class in the amount of \$370.00. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that paying an invoice without a purchase order to the ACCA (Association of County Commissions of Alabama) for an Ethics class in the amount of \$370.00 is approved.

The next item was to discuss adopting Resolution 2023-59 to vacate a portion of the Right of way on Glory Lane in Pell City. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Resolution 2023-59 to vacate a portion of the Right of way on Glory Lane in Pell City is approved. (Resolution to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #1)

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Informational item to be recorded in minutes: One SRO position will be reclassified into a Sergeant position and one of the SRO Sergeant position will be reclassified into a Lieutenant position (These are part of the six full-time SROs approved on June 13, 2023). This will not require a budget amendment.

Informational item to be recorded in minutes: E-911 will purchase two additional workstations (VESTA seats) in the amount of \$32,394.16 for the expansion of the P25 radio system. The purchase will not require a budget amendment.

Informational item for record of the minutes. St. Clair County will participate in the Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday on July 21 - July 23, 2023 pursuant to Resolution 2017-31 and Act 2017-120.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

The first item of the County Attorney's report was to approve the transferring \$50,000 to the Town of Ragland for SRO (School Resource Officer) expense reimbursement. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that transferring \$50,000 to the Town of Ragland for SRO (School Resource Officer) expense reimbursement is approved.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

CHAIRMAN STAN BATEMON'S REPORT

Chairman Batemon discussed the Blackjack Road project and the Trail's End project in Moody that the road department crews are working on an access road to be used if the train is blocking the main access road. Discussed the completion of the jail and when the jail may be ready to move inmates into the facility with the Construction Manager. The Construction Manager, Jason Goodgame, said that it would be up to the Sheriff when the inmates will be moved into the new facility, but it may be ready the first week of August.

DISTRICT ONE, JEFF BROWN'S REPORT

Commissioner Brown attended meetings on the Chandler Mountain Pumped Storage Project with Commissioner Bowers and heard citizens voice their concerns to Alabama Power over the possibility of the project. Also talked about Blackjack road project that the road crew is working on and the Bhate proposal for Blackjack road.

DISTRICT TWO, RICKY PARKER'S REPORT

Commissioner Parker discussed the Trail's End project in Moody and stated that the road department crews are working on an access road to be used if the train is blocking the main access road. The new access road, when finished, will be a County maintained road in District Two.

DISTRICT THREE, TOMMY BOWER'S REPORT

Commissioner Bowers attended meetings on the Chandler Mountain Pumped Storage Project with Commissioner Brown and stated that many citizens were very emotional while voicing their concerns to Alabama Power over the possibility of the project.

DISTRICT FOUR, BOB MIZE'S REPORT

Commissioner Mize expressed his appreciation to County Attorney, James Hill, County Administrator, Tina Morgan, and the staff of the Commission office for their work on the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds for the County and ensuring that the funds were being expended properly.

JASON GOODGAME, JAIL & PANDEMIC CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

Mr. Goodgame updated the commission on the progress of the jail & the Pandemic Center project. Depending on the completion of the punch list items and the approval of the Sheriff, the jail may begin to move inmates the first full week of August. The Pandemic center concrete was poured last night, and the construction of the building should begin in about two weeks.

NEW BUSINESS

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

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

The next item was to discuss authorizing Tina Morgan, County Administrator, to send letters and agreements to the Municipalities for their FY24 Municipality fees. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

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RESOLVED, that Tina Morgan, County Administrator, is authorized to send letters and agreements to the Municipalities for their FY24 Municipality fees.

The next item was to discuss the recommendation of Revenue Commissioner, Ken Crowe, to award Sealed Bid # 2023-39 Reappraisal vehicle - 2023 4DR 4WD SUV to Town & Country Ford, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$37,800.00. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the recommendation of Revenue Commissioner, Ken Crowe, to award Sealed Bid # 2023-39 Reappraisal vehicle - 2023 4DR 4WD SUV to Town & Country Ford, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$37,800.00 is approved.

The next item was to discuss the request from Ashley Hay, Public Recreation Asset Manager, to reclassify and revise the part-time Event Maintenance position to a full-time Event Maintenance position at a paygrade 18 and request to post the position. The part-time position will be removed from the payroll records. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Parker, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request from Ashley Hay, Public Recreation Asset Manager, to reclassify and revise the part-time Event Maintenance position to a full-time Event Maintenance position at a paygrade 18 (The part-time position will be removed from the payroll records) and request to post the position is approved. (Job description to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #3)

The next item was to discuss the request from Ashley Hay, Public Recreation Asset Manager, to pay an invoice without a purchase order from Michael Joiner Plumbing Services for an emergency water leak repair in the amount of \$580.00. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request from Ashley Hay, Public Recreation Asset Manager, to pay an invoice without a purchase order from Michael Joiner Plumbing Services for an emergency water leak repair in the amount of \$580.00 is approved.

The next item was to discuss approval to renew the annual Johnson Controls maintenance agreements for fire protection at the Annex, Ashville & Pell City courthouses in the amount of \$675.00/each. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that renewing the annual Johnson Controls maintenance agreements for fire protection at the Annex, Ashville & Pell City courthouses in the amount of \$675.00/each are approved. (Agreements to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #4)

The next item was to discuss the request of The Springs Country Store for approval of a 050 Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and 070 Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) for Jay BHAVANI II, LLC., located at 98 Jones Road, Springville, AL 35146. Commissioner Brown made a motion to table

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per County policy, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of The Springs Country Store for approval of a 050 Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and 070 Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) for Jay BHAVANI II, LLC., located at 98 Jones Road, Springville, AL 35146 be tabled per County policy.

The next item was to discuss adopting Resolution 2023-57 for the Development agreement between the County and Brigman Truck Exchange, Inc. Commissioner Parker made a motion to table until the first meeting in August due to the need to advertise changes, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Resolution 2023-57 for the Development agreement between the County and Brigman Truck Exchange, Inc., be tabled until the first meeting in August due to advertising changes.

The next item was to discuss adopting Resolution 2023-58 authorizing the County to issue a Certificate of Indebtedness regarding the project development agreement between the County and Brigman Truck Exchange, Inc. Commissioner Parker made a motion to table until the first meeting in August due to the need to advertise changes, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Resolution 2023-58 authorizing the County to issue a Certificate of Indebtedness regarding the project development agreement between the County and Brigman Truck Exchange, Inc., be tabled until the first meeting in August due to advertising changes.

Board Appointments

The next item for discussion was board appointments. Commissioner Bowers made a motion to nominate James Ethridge, Jr., Drew Goolsby, and Josh Kell to the Board of Equalization, pending their acceptance of serving on the board for another term, seconded by Commissioner Brown and with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request to nominate James Ethridge, Jr., Drew Goolsby, and Josh Kell to the Board of Equalization, pending their acceptance of serving on the board for another term, be approved.

The next item for discussion was board appointments. Commissioner Parker made a motion to reappoint Commissioner Tommy Bowers to the ACCA Legislative Committee, seconded by Commissioner Brown and with all voting aye, except Commissioner Bowers, who abstained, it was

RESOLVED, that reappointing Commissioner Tommy Bowers to the ACCA Legislative Committee be 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

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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 10:13 a.m. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye.

{ SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW }

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Stanley D. Batemon, Chairman

Jeff Brown, Commissioner

Ricky Parker, Commissioner

Tommy Bowers, Commissioner

Bob Mize, Commissioner