

ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING AUGUST 8, 2023

The St. Clair County Commission met in regular session on August 8, 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
Jason Goodgame, Construction Manager
Gary Hanner, Compliance officer
Jimmy "Doc" Holladay, Visitor
Lovenia Layton, Revenue Dept.
Patty Harison, Revenue Dept.
Tony Rich, Revenue Dept.
Kay McGinnis, Revenue Dept.
Ashley Hay, Asset Manager
Roddy Wolfe, Property Manager
Sheriff Billy Murray
Lynn Crow, Maintenance Division
Kathy Burke, Circuit Clerk
Elizabeth Mealer, Citizen
Matt Torticci, City of Margaret
Don Smith, EDC Director
Ken Crowe, Revenue Commissioner Crowe
Aislinn Campbell, E911 Director
Brian Price, Mapping Dept.
David Atchison, St. Clair Times

CALL TO ORDER of REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Batemon declared a quorum present at 9:22 a.m. and called the Regular meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-Amended the agenda under New business to add a travel request.

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

RESOLVED, that the agenda and amendment to add a travel request be approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the regular meeting on July 18, 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 a letter of concurrence CMAQ-0025(559) for the Intersection Project at Park Avenue and US 411 Intersection to accept Taylor Corporation, lowest responsible bidder. Total Cost \$1,988262.83. County's 20% \$397,652.57. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that a letter of concurrence CMAQ-0025(559) for the Intersection Project at Park Avenue and US 411 Intersection to accept Taylor Corporation, lowest responsible bidder, with the County's portion (20%) \$397,652.57 and the total cost \$1,988262.83 is approved. (Letter to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #1)

The next item was to discuss approval to let bid #2023-43 for a single-axle pull truck. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that letting bid #2023-43 for a single-axle pull truck is approved.

The next item was to discuss an agreement and an invoice from the RPCGB (Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham) for match on an APPLE Study at Kelly Creek Road Bridge over I-20. The County's portion (10%) \$11,997.46. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that an agreement and an invoice from the RPCGB (Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham) for match on APPLE Study at Kelly Creek Road Bridge over I-20 with the County's portion (10%) \$11,997.46 be approved. (Agreement to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #2)

The next item was to discuss approval of a Letter of Support to Norfolk Southern Railroad for their Safety grant application for improvements at the Railroad crossing on the Argo/Margaret Road near US Hwy 11. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that a Letter of Support to Norfolk Southern Railroad for their Safety grant application for improvements at the Railroad crossing on Argo/Margaret Road near US Hwy 11 is approved. (Letter to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #3)

The next item was to discuss approval of the recommendation of County engineer, Dan Dahlke, to hire Brandon Paulk as a Seasonal Road Worker. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the recommendation of County engineer, Dan Dahlke, to hire Brandon Paulk as a Seasonal Road Worker is approved. (Letter to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #4)

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Informational item: Whorton Engineering will have the bid opening for the HVAC controls at 2pm in Ashville on Wednesday, August 9, 2023. Note: The bid opening was moved to Wednesday, August 30, 2023.

Informational item: The next work session/commission meeting will be in Pell City at 9am on Thursday, August 17, 2023.

Informational item: Tentative meeting dates at the Arena/Pandemic Center for the Landscape Architects Master plan, see below:

- * Thursday, 8/10 – Target for meeting to review initial concept options
- * Friday, 8/25 –Target for refined conceptual master plan review/draft of Cost Estimate
- * Tuesday 9/5 – Final Master Plan Deliverable

COUNTY ATTORNEY’S REPORT

The first item of the County Attorney’s report was to rescind the Resolution for a territory amendment of Cook Springs and Wattsville Water Authority that was approved on June 27, 2023. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the Resolution for a territory amendment of Cook Springs and Wattsville Water Authority that was approved on June 27, 2023, be rescinded.

The next item was to discuss approval of the territory amendment of Cook Springs and Wattsville Water Authority. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the territory amendment of Cook Springs and Wattsville Water Authority is approved. (Document to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #5)

The next item was to discuss approval of Mortgage and Assignment of Rents Satisfaction re Moody CDA. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the Mortgage and Assignment of Rents Satisfaction re Moody CDA is approved. (Document to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #6)

OLD BUSINESS

The first item of Old business 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 tabled at the July 11, 2023, commission meeting per policy. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Parker, 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 tabled from the July 11, 2023, commission meeting is approved.

CHAIRMAN STAN BATEMON’S REPORT

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Chairman Batemon discussed the Landscape Master Plan dates from Macknally Land Design and asked to spread the dates out for the County to have more time to do more research and planning for the sporting activities at the new Arena/Pandemic center.

DISTRICT ONE, JEFF BROWN'S REPORT

Commissioner Brown Commented on the Springville Mountain Slope project coming to completion.

DISTRICT TWO, RICKY PARKER'S REPORT

Commissioner Parker discussed Annie Lee Road improvements.

DISTRICT THREE, TOMMY BOWER'S REPORT

Commissioner Bowers attended the NACo Convention in Austin, Texas and talked about discussing ideas and other things with other Counties across the Nation. Discussed the Chandler Mountain Pumped Storage Project and the concerns from citizens at the recent meetings. The County will be able to voice their concerns about the project to Alabama Power later.

DISTRICT FOUR, BOB MIZE'S REPORT

Commissioner Mize thanked Dan Dahlke, County Engineer, and his team for their work. He also thanked the Sheriff, commented on the jail tour, and stated that have the nicest jail in the State.

NEW BUSINESS

The first item of new business was to discuss adopting Resolution 2023-57 for the Development agreement between the County and Brigman Truck Exchange, Inc., tabled from the July 11, 2023, and tabled again today August 8, 2023, until the August 17, 2023, Commission Meeting. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Parker, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Resolution 2023-57 for the Development agreement between the County and Brigman Truck Exchange, Inc., tabled from the July 11, 2023, and tabled again today August 8, 2023, until the August 17, 2023, Commission Meeting is approved.

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., tabled from the July 11, 2023, and tabled again today August 8, 2023, until the August 17, 2023, Commission Meeting. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Mize, 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., tabled from the July 11, 2023, and tabled again today August 8, 2023, until the August 17, 2023, Commission Meeting is approved.

The next item was to discuss amending the request of an appropriation to the City of Odenville to the St. Clair County Board of Education for tourism in the amount of \$2,500.00. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

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RESOLVED, that the request of an appropriation to the City of Odenville to the St. Clair County Board of Education for tourism in the amount of \$2,500.00 be amended. (Letter to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #7)

The next item was to discuss revising Resolution 2023-60 to create a cooperative program between St. Clair County and the Municipalities of St. Clair County approved on July 18, 2023, be effective beginning FY24 budget. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that revising Resolution 2023-60 to create a cooperative program between St. Clair County and the Municipalities of St. Clair County approved on July 18, 2023, be effective beginning FY24 budget. (Resolution to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #8)

The next item was to discuss approval to renew the BC/BS health & dental contract for FY24. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that renewing the BC/BS health & dental contract for FY24 is approved. (Contract to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #9)

The next item was to discuss approval to renew the FY24 Alabama Department of Youth Services Long Term Detention Subsidy Contract (Coosa Valley Detention Center). On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that renewing the FY24 Alabama Department of Youth Services Long Term Detention Subsidy Contract (Coosa Valley Detention Center) is approved. (Contract to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #10)

The next item was to discuss adopting Resolution 2023-62 honoring Patti Harrison, Revenue employee, on her retirement. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Resolution 2023-62 honoring Patti Harrison, Revenue employee, on her retirement is approved. (Resolution to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #11)

The next item was to discuss approval of a quote from Daikin to replace a coil in the HVAC unit at the Ashville Courthouse in the amount of \$5,405.69. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that a quote from Daikin to replace a coil in the HVAC unit at the Ashville Courthouse in the amount of \$5,405.69 is approved.

The next item was to discuss approval of the request from Freddie Turrentine, Operations Administrator, for payment of an invoice without a

purchase order from Rich Electric to connect circuits to petition walls to two workstations in Central dispatch in the amount of \$7,186.20. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request from Freddie Turrentine, Operations Administrator, for payment of an invoice without a purchase order from Rich Electric to connect circuits to petition walls to two workstations in Central dispatch in the amount of \$7,186.20 is approved.

The next item was to discuss approval of the request of Patrice Kurzejeski, EMA Director, to rebid the Safe/Storm Shelter for the Coal City area. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of Patrice Kurzejeski, EMA Director, to rebid the Safe/Storm Shelter for the Coal City area is approved.

The next item was to discuss (ratifying) a budget amendment for the Sheriff department vehicles purchased from the State bid. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that a budget amendment for the Sheriff department vehicles purchased from the State bid be ratified.

The next item was to discuss approval of the request of Ashley Hay, Asset Manager, to hire Stephen Horsely into the vacant, full-time Event Maintenance position. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Parker, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of Ashley Hay, Asset Manager, to hire Stephen Horsely into the vacant, full-time Event Maintenance position is approved.

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

RESOLVED, that the travel requests are approved. (Requests to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #12)

The next item was to discuss Chairman Stan Batemon's request to amend the agenda to add a travel request. Mr. Batemon would like for someone on the Commission attend the Alabama Governor's Tourism Conference at Point Clear, AL on August 26-29, 2023. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Chairman Stan Batemon's request to amend the agenda to add a travel request for someone on the Commission attend the Alabama Governor's Tourism Conference at Point Clear, AL on August 26-29, 2023, is approved.

Board Appointments

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The next item for discussion was board appointments. Commissioner Bowers made a recommendation to appoint Dee Dee Edge to the Industrial Development board to fill the vacant seat after Richard Waid's resignation. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Commissioner Bowers recommendation to appoint Dee Dee Edge to the Industrial Development board to fill the vacant seat after Richard Waid's resignation is approved.

The next board appointment was to appoint Paulette Kelly to the St. Clair Historic Development Commission to fill the remainder of Betty Corley's term due to Mrs. Corley's resignation. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that appointing Paulette Kelly to the St. Clair Historic Development Commission to fill the remainder of Betty Corley's term due to Mrs. Corley's resignation is approved.

The next board appointment was to reappoint Sherry Bowers and Danny Stewart to the St. Clair Historic Development Commission. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Parker, with all voting aye, except Commissioner Bowers, who abstained, it was

RESOLVED, that reappointing Sherry Bowers and Danny Stewart to the St. Clair Historic Development Commission 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 10:44 a.m. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Mize, 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