

ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

The St. Clair County Commission met in regular session on September 12, 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  
Gary Hanner, Compliance officer  
Jimmy "Doc" Holladay, Visitor  
Larry McCullough  
Roddy Wolfe, Property Manager  
Elizabeth Mealer, Citizen  
Don Smith, EDC Director  
Ken Crowe, Revenue Commissioner Crowe  
Aislinn Campbell, 911 Director  
Patrice Kurzejeski, EMA Director  
David Atchison, St. Clair Times

**CALL TO ORDER of REGULAR MEETING**

Chairman Batemon declared a quorum present at 9:10 a.m. and called the Regular meeting to order.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the regular meeting on August 17, 2023, be approved.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

The first item of the Engineer's report was an informational items on the road crews and projects.

The next item of the Engineer's report was to rescind the agreement to take in Grandbabies Place from the Commission meeting of December 12, 2021. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

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RESOLVED, that the agreement to take in Grandbabies Place from the Commission meeting of December 12, 2021, be rescinded.

The next item was to discuss approval to renew the agreement with Diversified DCS for CIMIS in the amount of \$8,400.00. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that renewing the agreement with Diversified DCS for CIMIS in the amount of \$8,400.00 is approved. (Agreement to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #1)

The next item was to discuss a proposal from Sain Associates to perform CE&I Services for project CMAQ-0025(559) for Intersection Improvement on US Hwy 411/CR-10 in the amount of \$223,600. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that a proposal from Sain Associates to perform CE&I Services for project CMAQ-0025(559) for Intersection Improvement on US Hwy 411/CR-10 in the amount of \$223,600 is approved. (Proposal to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #2)

The next item was to discuss approval to enter two dump trucks and one CAT excavator in JM Wood Auction. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Parker, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that entering two dump trucks and one CAT excavator in the JM Wood Auction are approved.

The next item was to discuss recommendations from County Engineer, Dan Dahlke, for Bid 2024-02 Asphalt/Emulsion award to Ergon Asphalt & Emulsion and Bid 2024-08 Plant Mix award to Wiregrass Construction Co., Vulcan Materials Co., Dunn Construction Co., and Midsouth Paving Co. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Parker, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that recommendations from County Engineer, Dahlke, to award Bid 2023-02 Asphalt/Emulsion to Ergon Asphalt & Emulsion and to award Bid 2023-08 plant Mix to Wiregrass Construction Co., Vulcan Construction Co., Dunn Construction Co., and Midsouth Paving Co., are approved. (Letter to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #3)

Informational item: The County received an invoice from The City of Springville for the County's portion of an ATRIP II project (Intersection) in the amount of \$577,566.67.

#### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

None

#### **COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

The first item of the County Attorney's report was to revise the lease agreement for the pandemic center. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

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RESOLVED, that revising the lease agreement for the pandemic center is approved. (Document to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #4)

The next item was to discuss adopting Resolution 2023-67 and an agreement with the Children's Policy Council for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Resolution 2023-67 and an agreement with the Children's Policy Council for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library are approved. (Resolution & agreement to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #5 & 5A)

The next item was to discuss adopting Resolution 2023-68 in support of the new grant program with the Economic Development Council (EDC). On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Resolution 2023-68 in support of the new grant program with the EDC is approved. (Resolution to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #6)

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**CHAIRMAN STAN BATEMON'S REPORT**

1. Chairman Batemon said that he has received a lot of positive comments from citizens on the work done on Annie Lee Road in Moody. The Sheriff began moving inmates to the new jail last week.

**DISTRICT ONE, JEFF BROWN'S REPORT**

None

**DISTRICT TWO, RICKY PARKER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Parker discussed Annie Lee Road completion and stated that the Trails End project is waiting on some agreements to come back to the County.

**DISTRICT THREE, TOMMY BOWER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Bowers Stated that he and Dan Dahlke, County Engineer, looked at roads on Chandler Mountain and some work will begin soon and some of the work will go into next year.

**DISTRICT FOUR, BOB MIZE'S REPORT**

Commissioner Mize stated that he was present when the Sheriff began moving inmates to the new jail in Pell City last week and that everything went well and was successful.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The first item of new business was to discuss the request to surplus various items from county inventory from the District Attorney's office. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request to surplus various items from county inventory from the District Attorney's office is approved. (Document

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to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #7)

The next item was to discuss renewing the Avenu Insights & Analytics, LLC., agreement for auditing sales tax for three years, pending County Attorney's review. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that renewing the Avenu Insights & Analytics, LLC., agreement for auditing sales tax for three years, pending County Attorney's review is approved. (Agreement to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #8) **Note- rescinded the three agreement and changed to one year at the 9/26/2023 Commission Meeting.**

The next item was to discuss the recommendation from Patrice Kurzejeski, EMA Director, to award the Safe Shelter bid to Safe-T-Shelter in the amount of \$149,795.00, this was the only bid received. This storm shelter will be in the Canoe Creek community near the marina. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the recommendation from Patrice Kurzejeski, EMA Director, to award the Safe Shelter bid to Safe-T-Shelter in the amount of \$149,795.00, which was the only bid received, is approved.

The next item was to discuss the request of the IT Manager, Glenn Morgan, to renew the Mitel Telephone System Customer Support agreement (Blueviolet) for one year in the amount of \$14,400.00. This will take the place of a Windstream (Mitel) software support contract. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Parker, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of the IT Manager, Glenn Morgan, to renew the Mitel Telephone System Customer Support agreement (Blueviolet) for one year in the amount of \$14,400.00 is approved. (Agreement to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #9)

The next item was to discuss approval of the request of Freddie Turrentine, Operations Administrator, to pay an invoice without a purchase order to Badgepass in the amount of \$272.80 for work on the front door of the Sheriff's office. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of Freddie Turrentine, Operations Administrator, to pay an invoice without a purchase order to Badgepass in the amount of \$272.80 for work on the front door of the Sheriff's office is approved.

The next item was to discuss approval of the request of the City of Odenville for an appropriation in the amount of \$12,000.00 for lighting at their baseball fields. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Parker, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of the City of Odenville for an appropriation in the amount of \$12,000.00 for lighting at their baseball fields is approved. (Letter to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #10)

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The next item was to discuss the request from Ken Crowe, Revenue Commissioner, to surplus a range finder and sell on Gov.deals.com. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request from Ken Crowe, Revenue Commissioner, to surplus a range finder and sell on Gov.deals.com is approved. (Document to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #11)

The next item was to discuss approval of the request of Sheriff Murray to let bid for law enforcement uniforms. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of Sheriff Murray to let bid for law enforcement uniforms is approved.

The next item was to discuss approval of the request from Nancy Miller-Borg, Farm-City Committee, to adopt Resolution 2023-66 to recognize Farm City week. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request from Nancy Miller-Borg, Farm-City Committee, to adopt Resolution 2023-66 to recognize Farm City week is approved. (Resolution to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #12)

The next item was to discuss ratifying the request from the ACCA to apply for the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP). On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request from the ACCA to apply for the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) be ratified. (Document to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #13)

The next item was to discuss ratifying a letter of support for Spectrum's application for an Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) broadband grant. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the letter of support for Spectrum's application for an Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) broadband grant be ratified. (Document to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #14)

The next item was to discuss approval of the request of Ken Crowe, Revenue Commissioner, to revise the Office Manager and the Redemption Clerk job descriptions. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of Ken Crowe, Revenue Commissioner, to revise the Office Manager and the Redemption Clerk job descriptions are approved. (Job descriptions to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #15)

The next item was to discuss approval of St. Clair County Board of Education (BOE) request to reallocate the Tunes Around Town and Careers on Wheels funds (\$2,500/each) to Fine Arts in the amount of \$5,000.00. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the St. Clair County BOE's request to reallocate the Tunes Around Town and Careers on Wheels funds (\$2,500/each) to Fine Arts in the amount of \$5,000.00 is approved. (Letter to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #16)

The next item to discuss was travel requests. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the travel requests are approved. (Travel requests to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #17)

### **Board Appointments**

The next item for discussion was board appointments. Commissioner Tommy Bowers made a recommendation to reappoint John Wesley McHugh and Rusty Jessup to the St. Clair County Health Care Authority. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Parker, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Commissioner Bowers recommendation to reappoint John Wesley McHugh and Rusty Jessup to the St. Clair County Health Care Authority is approved.

The next board appointment was the recommendation of Commissioner Tommy Bowers to appoint Matthew Payne to the Wattsville Water Authority to fill the remainder of Aislinn Campbell's term due to Mrs. Campbell's resignation. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that appointing Matthew Payne to the Wattsville Water Authority to fill the remainder of Aislinn Campbell's term due to Mrs. Campbell's resignation 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.

The next item of business was to convene into Executive Session. The County Attorney, James Hill, said that the purpose of the Executive Session is to discuss matters regarding trade or commerce, and he anticipates the Commission being in Executive Session for a period of about 15-20 minutes. Also, no action will be taken while the Commission is in Executive Session. Mr. Hill presented his opinion letter to be made a part of the minutes in accordance with the act that he gives as reasons and justification for the session.

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Chairman Batemon requested the commission to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters related to trade or commerce at 10:09 a.m. Commissioner Parker made a motion for approval and motion was seconded by Commissioner Bowers. The motion was regularly put, and upon roll call, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes:                    Chairman Stan Batemon  
                              Commissioner Jeff Brown  
                              Commissioner Ricky Parker  
                              Commissioner Tommy Bowers  
                              Commissioner Bob Mize

Nays:                    None

RESOLVED, that the Commission enter into Executive Session. (Opinion Letter to be made as part of these minutes as Attachment #18)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned, subject to call, at approximately 10:45 a.m. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye.

{SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW}

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