

ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING OCTOBER 26, 2021

The St. Clair County Commission met in regular session on October 26, 2021, in the County Commission Chambers of the St. Clair County Courthouse in Pell City, Alabama.

Members Present: Paul Manning, Chairman
Jeff Brown, Commissioner District One
Ricky Parker, Commissioner District Two
Tommy Bowers, Commissioner District Three
Bob Mize, Commissioner District Four

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Tina Morgan, Administrator
Corey Phillips, Assistant Deputy Administrator
Dan Dahlke, Engineer
James Hill, County Attorney
Aislinn Campbell, E-911 Director
Patrice Kurzejeski, EMA Director
John McWaters, Sheriff's Dept.
Charity Mitcham, Soil & Water Conservation
Jason Goodgame, Construction Manager
Josie Howell, St. Clair Times
Don Smith, EDC
Jason Roberts, EDC
Lyman Lovejoy, Lovejoy Reality
LeeAnn Clark, Extension
Curtis Phippen, Veteran's Outreach
Mark Cisneros
Esmeralda Pena

CALL TO ORDER of REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Manning declared a quorum present at 9:05 a.m. and called the 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 Brown, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the regular meeting on October 12, 2021 be approved.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

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

The next item was to discuss adopting Resolution 2022-06 to make traffic control changes at Old Coal City Road & Florida Road Intersection, at the recommendation of the traffic study by Skipper Consulting. On a motion by

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Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that adopting Resolution 2022-06 to make traffic control changes at Old Coal City Road & Florida Road Intersection, at the recommendation of the traffic study by Skipper Consulting is approved. (Resolution to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #1)

The next item was to discuss approval for ADEM (Alabama Department of Environmental Management) permits for the Washington Valley Bridge project & the Nature Preserve project in Springville in the amount of \$1,385.00 each. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that ADEM (Alabama Department of Environmental Management) permits for the Washington Valley Bridge project & the Nature Preserve project in Springville in the amount of \$1,385.00 each are approved.

The next item was to discuss approval of the recommendation of Dan Dahlke, County Engineer, to award Bid #2022-04 for the Concrete Pipe Bid to Alcrete Industries, lowest responsible bidder. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the recommendation of Dan Dahlke, County Engineer, to award Bid #2022-04 for the Concrete Pipe Bid to Alcrete Industries, lowest responsible bidder, is approved. (Letter to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #1A)

The next item was to discuss approval of the recommendation of Dan Dahlke, County Engineer, to award Bid for the Kelly Creek Road Improvement Bid at the 1-20/Brompton Interchange to Wiregrass Construction, lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$1,112,332.96. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the recommendation of Dan Dahlke, County Engineer, to award Bid for the Kelly Creek Road Improvement Bid at the 1-20/Brompton Interchange to Wiregrass Construction, lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$1,112,332.96 is approved. (Letter to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #1B)

The next item was to discuss approval of the counteroffer on Track 2 of the Park Avenue & US 411 Intersection Project in the amount of \$80,000.00. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the counteroffer on Track 2 of the Park Avenue & US 411 Intersection Project in the amount of \$80,000.00 is approved. (Document to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #2)

The next item was to discuss approval for a Public Hearing on November 23, 2021, prior to the Commission meeting to consider vacation of a portion of Petty Road. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

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RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing on November 23, 2021, prior to the Commission meeting to consider vacation of a portion of Petty Road is approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The first item of the administrator's report 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. (List to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #3)

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

The first item of the County Attorney's report was to discuss ratifying & approving an agreement for one year with Jacksonville State University & St. Clair County Sheriff in the amount of \$5,000.00 to be paid from the Pistol Permit Fund. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that ratifying & approving an agreement for one year with Jacksonville State University & St. Clair County Sheriff in the amount of \$5,000.00 to be paid from the Pistol Permit Fund is approved. (Agreement to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #4)

The next item is an informational item to be recorded in the minutes: Approving an amendment to the Sheriff's handbook approving an 84 hour pay period/work schedule for deputies at the recommendation of Sheriff Billy Murray. The 84 hour pay period was approved in the FY2022 budget.

The next item was to discuss approval to accept an RFP (Request for Proposal) from Sain & Associates, the only proposal turned in, & ratifying the contract for the Broadband study. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that accepting an RFP (Request for Proposal) from Sain & Associates, the only proposal turned in, & ratifying the contract for the Broadband study is approved. (RFP to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #5)

The next item was to discuss approval of a real estate contract between St. Clair County and the City of Pell City on the old hospital property. The property is in the County's name, but it has been a joint partnership. City of Pell City will purchase the property. The county will pay \$2m and the City will pay \$2m of the \$4m warrant. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that a real estate contract between St. Clair County and the City of Pell City on the old hospital property is approved. (Agreement 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 231 Quick Package Store for approval of a 011 Lounge Retail Liquor Class II(Package) for SRK Package, LLC., located at 30635 US Highway 231 Ashville, AL tabled from last

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meeting on October 12, 2021. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of 231 Quick Package Store for approval of a 011 Lounge Retail Liquor Class II(Package) for SRK Package, LLC., located at 30635 US Highway 231 Ashville, AL tabled from last meeting on October 12, 2021 is approved.

The next item was to discuss the request of 231 Quick Stop for approval of 050 Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and 070 Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) for SRK Package LLC., located at 30637 US Highway 231 Ashville, AL 35953 tabled from last meeting on October 12, 2021. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of 231 Quick Stop for approval of 050 Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and 070 Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) for SRK Package LLC., located at 30637 US Highway 231 Ashville, AL 35953 tabled from last meeting on October 12, 2021 is approved.

The next item was to discuss the request of Y Package & Vape for approval of a 011-Lounge Retail Liquor-Class II (Package) for Pleasant Business, LLC., located at 1334 Old Coal City Road Pell City, AL 35125 tabled from last meeting on October 12, 2021. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of Y Package & Vape for approval of a 011-Lounge Retail Liquor-Class II (Package) for Pleasant Business, LLC., located at 1334 Old Coal City Road Pell City, AL 35125 tabled from last meeting on October 12, 2021 is approved.

NEW BUSINESS

The first item of New Business was to discuss adopting Resolution 2022-05 requesting an amendment to the CDBG-CARES Act application from 1 million to 1.3 million for the Friendship Fire Department project. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Parker, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that a is approved. (Resolution to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #7)

The next item was to discuss approval to send a letter to the State of Alabama to extend the Grant Funds for the Trails End Project for an additional year. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that sending a letter to the State of Alabama to extend the Grant Funds for the Trails End Project for an additional year is approved. (Letter to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #8)

The next item was to discuss approval to rescind the 9-14-21 request from the City of Moody for an additional appropriation of \$2,500.00 for the Oktoberfest seasonal event. The annual request was approved in the FY22 budget. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

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RESOLVED, that to rescind the 9-14-21 request from the City of Moody for an additional appropriation of \$2,500.00 for the Oktoberfest seasonal event, which was approved in the FY22 budget, is approved.

The next item was to discuss the approval of an EMA contract subscription with MostWanted Government Websites.com for one year in the amount of \$1,995.00. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that an EMA contract subscription with MostWanted Government Websites.com for one year in the amount of \$1,995.00 is approved. (Contract to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #9)

The next item was to discuss the extension of the contract with Auburn University/Alabama Cooperative Extension System through September 30, 2022, in the amount of \$35,000.00 for the Veteran's Outreach Program. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the extension of the contract with Auburn University/Alabama Cooperative Extension System through September 30, 2022, in the amount of \$35,000.00 for the Veteran's Outreach Program is approved. (Contract to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #10)

The next item was to discuss ratifying the request of EMA Director, Patrice Kurzejeski, for acceptance and approval of an application for an ADPH (Alabama Department of Public Health) Grant in the amount of \$33,222.00. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that ratifying the request of EMA Director, Patrice Kurzejeski, for acceptance and approval of an application for an ADPH (Alabama Department of Public Health) Grant in the amount of \$33,222.00 is approved.

The next item was to discuss the approval of the request of Sheriff Billy Murray to apply for ADPH (Alabama Department of Public Health) Grant for Detection & Mitigation of COVID-19 in Confinement Facilities. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of Sheriff Billy Murray to apply for ADPH (Alabama Department of Public Health) Grant for Detection & Mitigation of COVID-19 in Confinement Facilities is approved.

The next item was to discuss approval of the request of Adam Stocks with Stocks Broadcasting for St. Clair County High School Sports Media Day advertisement in the amount of \$1,000.00. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of Adam Stocks with Stocks Broadcasting for St. Clair County High School Sports Media Day advertisement in the amount of \$1,000.00 is approved. (Letter to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #11)

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The next item was to discuss the approval of a three-year agreement with KultureCity for the new Mental Health Officer's certification. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that a three-year agreement with KultureCity for the new Mental Health Officer's certification is approved. (Agreement to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #12)

The next item was to discuss approval of the recommendation of Probate Judge, Mike Bowling, to change Driver's License Clerk, April Griffin's, employment status from contract to regular, full-time county employee. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the recommendation of Probate Judge, Mike Bowling, to change Driver's License Clerk, April Griffin's, employment status from contract to regular, full-time county employee is approved.

The next item was to discuss the approval of the recommendation of Public Transportation Director, Janet Smith, to change Transportation Clerk, Sandy Simpson's, employment status from contract to regular, full-time county employee. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the recommendation of Public Transportation Director, Janet Smith, to change Transportation Clerk, Sandy Simpson's, employment status from contract to regular, full-time county employee is approved.

The next item was to discuss approval to rescind Resolution 2021-55 to enter a third-party Public Transportation contract with ARC for FY 2022. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that to rescind Resolution 2021-55 to enter a third-party Public Transportation contract with ARC for FY 2022 is approved.

The next item was to discuss approval of the request of Esmeralda G. Pena for a Private family cemetery. Approval has been obtained by the Health Department & St. Clair County Soil & Water Conservation. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of Esmeralda G. Pena for a Private family cemetery, with approval obtained by the Health Department & St. Clair County Soil & Water Conservation, is approved. (Documents to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #13)

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

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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 9:44 a.m. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye.

{SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW}

Paul Manning, Chairman

Jeff Brown, Commissioner

Ricky Parker, Commissioner

Tommy Bowers, Commissioner

Bob Mize, Commissioner