

ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING OCTOBER 8, 2019

The St. Clair County Commission met in regular session on October 8, 2019 in the County Commission Chambers of the St. Clair County Courthouse Annex #1 (Administrative Center) in Ashville, Alabama.

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

Members Absent:

Others Present: Tina Morgan, Administrator
Sandra Wolfe, Deputy Administrator
Donna Wood, CFO
Dan Dahlke, Engineer
James E. Hill, III, County Attorney
Gary Hanner, St. Clair Times
Lyman Lovejoy, Lovejoy Reality
David Clayton, Pinedale Visitor
Deborah Burch, Visitor
Patrice Kurzejeski, EMA Director
Tommy White, Public Hearing
Sibyl White, Public Hearing
Steve Muese, Visitor
Bob Mize, Visitor

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING VACATION OF AN UNIMPROVED PORTION OF 5TH STREET IN THE ST. CLAIR SPRINGS SUBDIVISION-Dan Dahlke, Engineer

Chairman Manning opened the public hearing at 9:05am.

Dan Dahlke, Engineer began the hearing to request the vacation of a portion of right-of way of Fifth Street in the St. Clair Springs Subdivision. A petition was filed with the St. Clair County Commission by landowners Jeff Beason, Vallie Beason, Lauren Beason, Tommy White and Sibyl White, requesting the St. Clair County Commission to vacate said portion of Fifth Street. Mr. Dahlke, stated that this portion of road has never been the property of the county and in order to return the property to the owners, there has to be a public hearing through the County Commission. He stated that the center line would be used as a dividing point and the right-of-way would go to the adjoining property. All the proper notices have been mailed out to announce the hearing and his recommendation is for the commission to approve the request. There being no additional public comment, Chairman Manning closed the public hearing at 9:07a.m.

CALL TO ORDER of Regular Meeting

Chairman Manning declared a quorum present at 9:08 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

RESOLVED, that the Agenda be approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the regular meeting on September 24, 2019 be approved.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

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

The next item to discuss an Agreement with Terracon for Geotechnical Engineering Services at Walker Branch Bridge Site. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that an Agreement with Terracon for Geotechnical Engineering Services at Walker Branch Bridge Site is approved. (Agreement to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #1)

The next item to discuss sending out a bid for a used Asphalt Zipper with attachments. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that sending out a bid for a used Asphalt Zipper with attachments is approved.

The next item was to discuss Resolution 2020-01 to vacate an unimproved road know as 5th Street in the St. Clair Springs Subdivision. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Resolution 2020-01 to vacate an unimproved road known as 5th Street in the St. Clair Springs Subdivision is approved. (Resolution 2020-01 to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #2&2A)

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The first item of the administrators report was to discuss hiring Gary Hanner into the vacant Director of Business Compliance/License Inspection and Public Correspondent position. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the hiring of Gary Hanner into the vacant Director of Business Compliance/License Inspection and Public Correspondent position is approved. (Contract to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #3)

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

RESOLVED, that travel requests are approved. (List to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #4)

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

The first item of the County Attorney's report was to discuss considering law enforcement payment period. Mr. Hill stated that the Sheriff recently adopted a new handbook that is addressed to law enforcement employees only. The County Attorney recommended approving Pursuant to the Fair Labor Standard Act adopting a two week 80 hour pay period for law enforcement employees. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that adopting a two week 80 hour pay period for law enforcement employees Pursuant to the Fair Labor Standard Act is approved. (Handbook to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #5)

The next item was to discuss obtaining quotes to remove non-functional alert sirens. County Attorney, James Hill, stated that the sirens were never meant to be weather sirens and were installed about thirty years ago for a chemical spill at the Anniston Army Depot. The sirens are outdated, unreliable and they are misconstrued by the public as weather sirens. It is imperative to the safety of the public that these sirens be removed. Patrice Kurzejeski, Emergency Management Director, agrees with the decision to remove the sirens and stated that she gets numerous calls from the public during Tornado warnings that the sirens aren't working. After the warning the sirens are tested and are working but, the residents cannot hear them during the wind and rain of the storm. She said they are on a solar based system and the batteries could fail at any time making them very unreliable. She stated that the best way to receive notifications are through cellular phones, landlines and NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) weather radios. She has applied for a grant to receive more NOAA weather radios to provide to the public. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that obtaining quotes to remove non-functional alert sirens is approved.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no items of Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

The first item of New Business was to discuss approval of County Holidays for 2020. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that County Holidays for the year 2020 are approved. (List to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #6)

The next item was to discuss approving the FY20 annual contract with Jefferson-Blount-St. Clair Mental Health for case manager services in the amount of \$15,000.00 to be paid from Juvenile Court Service Fund. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Parker, with all voting aye, it was

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RESOLVED, that the FY20 annual contract with Jefferson-Blount-St. Clair Mental Health for case manager services in the amount of \$15,000.00 to be paid from Juvenile Court Service Fund is approved. (Contract to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #7)

The next item was to discuss approval and acceptance of FY19 Supplemental EMPG (Emergency Management Performance Grant) in the amount of \$41,325.00. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that FY19 Supplemental EMPG (Emergency Management Performance Grant) in the amount of \$41,325.00 is approved.

The next item was to discuss paying an invoice in the amount of \$150.00 to Edwards Chevrolet without a purchase order. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that paying an invoice in the amount of \$150.00 to Edwards Chevrolet without a purchase order is approved.

The next item was to discuss the request of Sheriff Murray to apply and accept if awarded for ADECA (Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs) Grant in the amount of \$23,536.00. Note: 100% grant not matching. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of Sheriff Murray to apply and accept if awarded ADECA (Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs) Grant in the amount of \$23,536.00 is approved.

The next item was to discuss the request of Sheriff Murray to apply and accept if awarded a Walmart Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00. Note: 100% grant not matching. On a motion by Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Parker, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of Sheriff Murray to apply and accept if awarded a Walmart Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 is approved.

The next item was to discuss the request of Trade name: Even Odds Food and Spirits: Applicant: BTTL LLC located at 10191 Hwy 231 S Cropwell, Al 35054 for Type of License 020 Restaurant Retail Liquor. Commissioner Bowers made a motion to table for two weeks, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of Trade name: Even Odds Food and Spirits: Applicant: BTTL LLC located at 10191 Hwy 231 S Cropwell, Al 35054 for Type of License 020 Restaurant Retail Liquor be tabled for two weeks per policy.

The next item was to discuss rescheduling the December 5, 2019 Work Session to December 10, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. prior to the Commission meeting due to ACCA (Association of County Commissions of Alabama) Legislative Conference in December. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that rescheduling the December 5, 2019 Work Session to December 10, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. prior to the Commission meeting due to ACCA Legislative Conference is approved.

The next item was to discuss rescheduling the December 24th County Commission Meeting to December 19th directly after the work session. Work Session and County Commission meeting will be held in Pell City. On a motion by Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that rescheduling the December 24th County Commission Meeting to December 19th directly after the work session is approved.

Board Appointments

The first item was to discuss reappointing Maranda Nolen to the RPC (Reginal Planning Commission Board). On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that reappointing Maranda Nolen to the RPC (Reginal Planning Commission Board) is approved.

The next item was to discuss reappointing Paul Manning to the East Central Alabama Industrial Development Authority. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Parker, with all voting aye, except Chairman Manning who abstained, it was

RESOLVED, that reappointing Paul Manning the East Central Alabama Industrial Development Authority is approved.

The next item was to discuss appointing Chris Huffstutler to the ReMAP Pine Mountain Water Authority to fill vacant seat of Mark Eddy who resigned. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that appointing Chris Huffstutler to the ReMAP Pine Mountain Water Authority to fill vacant seat of Mark Eddy who resigned is approved.

Informational item to be recorded in the minutes. The Sheriff's Dept. was awarded the JAG (Justice Assistance Grant) in the amount of \$17,069.00.

Informational Item to be recorded in the minutes: The County Commission will follow the State Holiday schedule and close the Courthouse December 24, 2019.

The next item for discussion was to approve payment of the monthly bills. On a motion by Commissioner Roberts, 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.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned, subject to call, at approximately 9:38 a.m. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye

Paul Manning, Chairman

Jeff Brown, Commissioner

Ricky Parker, Commissioner

Tommy Bowers, Commissioner

Jimmy Roberts, Commissioner