

The Geneva County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. at the Geneva County Courthouse in Geneva, Alabama.

Commission Chairman Toby Seay called the meeting to order and welcomed guests present. Commissioner Wilks opened the meeting with prayer. Chairman Seay led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no elected officials requesting to make public comment.

Mr. Robert Michaels with the Geneva County Community Church Mobile Food Pantry was present to update the Commission on the first year of the food pantry and present a Certificate of Appreciation. Mr. Michaels thanked the Commission for allowing the Food Pantry to use the Geneva County Farm Center as the distribution site. He stated that they have 400 hundred families on the distribution list. Each family receives 90 -100 pounds of food per month from the Food Pantry. Over the course of this past year 400,000 pounds of food has been distributed to these families. Mr. Michaels also wanted to thank all the volunteers that continue to show up every month to hand out the food. He also wanted to thank Mr. David Hanks with the Wiregrass Food Bank for all his assistance, Mr. Cardwell with the Enterprise Food Bank, The Chandler Foundation, and all other business throughout the area that have assisted in one way or another to help the Food Pantry. Mr. Michaels then presented the Commission with a Certificate of Appreciation for their generosity in assisting the Geneva County Community Church Mobile Food Pantry in feeding needy citizens in Geneva County.

Commission Chairman Seay called the roll, and the following members were present: Commissioners Weston Spivey, Todd Brannon, Bart Wilks, and Wade Fulford. The County Attorney Phil Eldridge; County Engineer, Justin Barfield; Assistant County Engineer, Mike Shirah; Sheriff, Tony Helms; and County Administrator Cindy Williams were also present. The following business was transacted:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approve Minutes of April 12, 2021. Commissioner Spivey made a motion to approve the minutes of April 12, 2021. Commissioner Fulford seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.
2. Proclamations: None
3. Bids: None

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4. Board Appointments: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Board Appointments – Mr. Earl Johnson’s term on the Southeast Alabama Regional Solid Waste Disposal Authority ended on April 10, 2021. None of the Commissioners had anyone to fill this position and Chairman Seay has made some contacts in trying to fill this position but does not have any names to present at this time. Commissioner Spivey made a motion to table this appointment until a later date. Commissioner Wilks seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.
2. Bids – Bids for the Old Jail site improvements and the Sally Port were opened last week. There were two bids. First bid was from Working Properties II for \$368,333.00 and for the alternate (fencing) \$37,082.40. The second bid was from Sasser for \$488,00.00 and for the alternate (fencing) \$34,650.00. JMR+H has reviewed the bids and recommend to the Commission they accept the bid from Working Properties II. Commissioner Brannon, based on recommendation of JMR+H, made a motion to accept and award the bid, on the base bid and the alternate, to the lowest responsible bidder, which is Working Properties II of Hartford, Alabama. Commissioner Spivey seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0. Commissioner Brannon made a motion to authorize Chairman Seay to sign the contract with Working Properties II and any other documents after the County Attorney reviews these documents, the required insurance and performance and payment bonds. Commissioner Fulford seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.
3. Spec Building – Chairman Seay stated painting of the red iron has been completed and the sheeting of the building should begin this week.
4. Courtroom Renovation – Chairman Seay stated that the project is progressing and still on track. They are currently working on installing the flooring, lights, and chair rail. If progress continues on track, the project should be complete in the next three weeks.

REPORTS OF STAFF:

Sheriff: Sheriff Helms stated the auction date is set for May 20, 2021 at 11:00a.m. The Sheriff will act as auctioneer. The list of items to be auctioned has already been approved by the Commission and the auction is being advertised.

County Administrator: Nothing to report.

County Engineer: Mr. Barfield discussed the weather event that occurred Saturday. His department responded to call outs for nineteen downed trees, cleaned up other debris and checked for drainage problems throughout the County. He thanked the Sheriff and his department the assistance offered during the weather event. Currently his department has six (6) driveway pipes that are scheduled for installation and fourteen (14) that have been sized but not paid for.

Reminded the Commission of the Free Day at the Landfill which will be April 30 and May 1, 2021. The Solid Waste Authority has asked for an additional employee to work these days.

He advised the Commission that he has veteran employee retiring at the end of this week. Mr. Barfield has all the paperwork finalized with Trustmark on the new dump trucks.

County Attorney: Not present. Had sent the bid information on the jail site improvements and Sally Port with Administrator Williams for the Commission.

Chairman Seay: Chairman Seay stated that three people had been chosen for the Lead Wiregrass class with Wiregrass RC&D. The three individuals are Niki Dyess, Shelby Danley and Kim Gillespie. The County should be receiving the first monies from the American Rescue Plan by May 15, 2021.

He and Engineer Barfield will be attending a meeting on Thursday with the ACCA on the partnership the ACCA is offering for the American Rescue Plan.

There is a Rails to Trails field trip planned to visit a trail in North Alabama if any of the Commissioners are interested.

Chairman Seay met with ALDOT in Dothan for an update on the four-lane project for Highway 52 from Malvern to Hartford. There should begin to be monthly updates on this project. Also, the four-lane project for Highway 167 will begin a search for an engineering firm in June 2021.

The deadline for the CDBG grants is July 2021. One the County will apply for is a sidewalk improvement grant that would replace the sidewalk in front of the Courthouse. The current sidewalk is busted in several areas from tree roots. The second grant is the one that Ms. VanScyoc with Southeast Regional Planning & Development discussed a few meetings back about the grant, which required no matching funds, for paving a road in a low-income area. Chairman Seay and Engineer Justin Barfield will meet with Emily VanScyoc on this grant project.

Revenue Commissioner: Not present.

EMA Director: Sheriff Helms gave information regarding the weather event on Saturday and thanked the Road & Bridge department for their work on clean up.

Solid Waste: Not present.

E-911: Mr. Williams stated that on any normal day the center receives 40 – 50 calls but Saturday during the weather event they had 80 calls related to the weather.

He also said that Attorney Eldridge should have an email on the radio upgrade regarding the reassigning of some radio frequencies. This requires a ten (10) day wait time.

Auburn Extension: Not present.


Commissioner's: Commissioners thanked all involved in the Saturday weather event.

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Commissioner Fulford made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

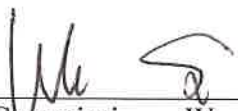
The above constitutes the minutes of the meeting of the Geneva County Commission held on Tuesday, April 27, 2021.



Chairman, Toby Seay



Cindy Williams
County Administrator




Commissioner Weston Spivey



Commissioner Todd Brannon



Commissioner Bart Wilks



Commissioner Wade Fulford

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