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TOBY L. SEAY, PROBATE JUDGE, GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

The Geneva County Commission met in regular session on Monday, August 23, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. at the Geneva County Courthouse in Geneva, Alabama.

Commission Chairman Toby Seay called the meeting to order and welcomed guests present. Commissioner Brannon 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.

There were no citizens requesting to make public comment.

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; Sheriff, Tony Helms; EMA Director, Brian Smith; Solid Waste Director, Dawn Smith; Revenue Commissioner Mary Ann Ellison and County Administrator Cindy Williams were also present. The following business was transacted:

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approve Minutes of August 9, 2021. Commissioner Wilks made a motion to approve the minutes of August 9, 2021. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.
2. Proclamations/Resolutions: None
3. Bids: None
4. Board Appointments: Commissioner Wilks stated that Geneva Police Chief Tony Clemmons currently serves on the E911 Board but will be retiring at the end of the month and wishes to be removed from the Board. Commissioner Wilks has spoken to the incoming Police Chief Pepper Mock, and he is willing to serve on the board. Commissioner Wilks made a motion to appoint Pepper Mock to serve on the E911 Board. Commissioner Fulford seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Board Appointments – None
2. Bids – None
3. Spec Building – Chairman Seay stated that the building is basically complete. The asphalt and stripping for the parking lot are nearing completion. A walk

through will be scheduled and then it can be advertised for four (4) weeks in the newspaper.

4. Courtroom Renovation/Old Jail renovation – Chairman stated that he and Attorney Eldridge had met with the architect firm and the contractor for a punch list walk through. There is still a list of items that need to be addressed. Project should be completed in the next two weeks. A final review is scheduled for September 2, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. The old jail domes out back have been demolished and cleared. Construction on the rest of the project is just getting underway.

#### REPORTS OF STAFF:

**Sheriff:** Sheriff Helms stated that currently there are 105 inmates in the jail. There are three (3) Correction Officers out with Covid and five (5) inmates that have Covid. They did have one inmate to pass away last week but it was not Covid related. The final walk through of the jail was scheduled last week but has been postponed. Attorney Eldridge asked the Sheriff if he had reviewed the Tobacco License and the Sheriff stated he had, and they should have the tobacco in place for sale September 4, 2021.

**County Administrator:** Mrs. Williams stated she would be out of the office several days next week attending a financials workshop in Montgomery at the State Examiner's Office.

**County Engineer:** Engineer Barfield stated that he still has five (5) employees out due to Covid. He has worked with the Personnel Department and is advertising for Equipment Operator II positions. The Subdivision Guidelines were forwarded to Attorney Eldridge for verbiage review. The Rebuild Alabama projects for 2021 are scheduled to begin September 6, 2021. It will begin with N. County Road 49 and then move to Goose Hollow Road. There were 43 trees down during Tropical Storm Fred. The contracted right of way mowing began last Friday on the west end of the County. The Rebuild Alabama Project for 2022 must be approved at this meeting. The roads for consideration are based on traffic count and number of houses on the road which help to score the road. We are projected to spend \$1,655,000.00 on the road paving project next year with part of the money coming from the Rebuild Alabama gas tax part from the RRR Fund and the remainder from other funds. Commissioner Fulford made a motion that County Roads 10 and 38 be on the 2022 County Transportation Plan. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

**County Attorney:** Attorney Eldridge had nothing additional to report.

**Chairman Seay:** Chairman Seay stated that EMA Director Smith had approached him about a new vehicle for the EMA Department. The current vehicle could be sold and the State EMA gives a monthly stipend for a vehicle for this department which should offset the cost of the vehicle. The Chairman stated it would be purchased off the State Bid List and the EMA Director will furnish the Administrator with same. Commissioner Spivey made a motion to purchase a new pickup truck for the EMA Department. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

**Revenue Commissioner:** Nothing to report.

**EMA Director:** Mr. Smith had nothing to report.

**Solid Waste:** Director Smith reminded the Commission that last year the department had purchased two new garbage trucks and at the time the Commission said she should offset years of purchasing trucks. She has contacted several dealers and has quotes on new trucks. All state they are twelve (12) to eighteen (18) months out on delivery so it would possibly be in the FY2023 budget. The price of the trucks has gone up \$31,000.00 since last year when the other trucks were purchased. Currently her department has two new trucks and four old trucks. Two of four old trucks can be sold.

Mrs. Smith also stated that the customer count has increased by five hundred this year. She is also asking to have an allocation for new garbage cans in the FY2022 budget. Director Smith stated it would be purchased off the Co-op Bid List and she will furnish the Administrator with proof of this. Commissioner Wilks made a motion to purchase a new garbage truck. Commissioner Spivey seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

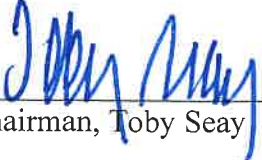
**E-911:** Mr. Jeremy Williams stated the new software is still on schedule for October. The radios were received last week.


**Auburn Extension:** Ms. Marks was not present.

**Commissioner's:** None of the Commissioners had anything further to add.

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

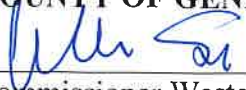
The above constitutes the minutes of the meeting of the Geneva County Commission held on Monday, August 23, 2021.

  
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Chairman, Toby Seay

  
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Cindy Williams  
County Administrator

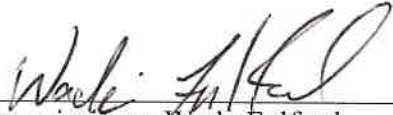
STATE OF ALABAMA  
COUNTY OF GENEVA

REGULAR SESSION  
August 23, 2021

  
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