

The Geneva County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, 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 Spivey 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. County Attorney, Phil Eldridge; County Engineer, Justin Barfield; Assistant County Engineer, Mike Shirah; Sheriff, Tony Helms; Revenue Commissioner, Mary Ann Ellison; EMA Director, Brian Smith and County Administrator, Cindy Williams was also present. The following business was transacted:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approve Minutes of April 11, 2022. Commissioner Spivey stated he had read the minutes and he made a motion to approve the minutes of April 11, 2022. Commissioner Wilks seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.
2. Board Appointments: Commissioner Spivey made a motion to appoint Mrs. Shannon Hall to the DHR Board. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.
3. Bids/Quotes: None

Sheriff: The Sheriff stated he had safety concerns in the corridor from the Sallyport leading to the stairwell and asked the Commission to take a walk though with him so he could point out the concerns. Commissioner Fulford asked if it they could do the walk through today after the meeting. All Commissioners agreed.

Sheriff Helms stated that the current position of Road Crew Supervisor is a part-time position, and he is having difficulty filling the position due to its part-time status. He is currently using Correctional Officers to fill the position. This is creating overtime for those employees. He does have one Correctional Officer that has expressed interest in filling the position if it is a full-time position. The Sheriff has had no success in filling the position from the outside.

There are currently 107 inmates in the jail. Since moving to the new jail the lowest count has been ninety-five (95).

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The new trucks are in Dothan to be equipped. All the equipment is not currently in stock, and it will be several weeks before they will be ready to put on the road.

His department will be working to bring vehicles over from the impound lot to the back parking lot of the Courthouse so they can strip the equipment out of them and get them cleaned up for auction.

The Sheriff is working with EMA Director Brian Smith on the 1033 program, and they have located a forklift that would be useful in his department. It will cost \$1,600.00 to haul it here and he will pay for it out of his funds.

The Sheriff stated he had previously requested a Mobile Command vehicle from the American Rescue Plan funds, but a citizen has donated an RV to be converted and used for a Mobile Command Unit.

County Administrator: Mrs. Williams again reminded all present that are subject to the Statement of Economic Interest to go online to complete the form by the deadline of April 30, 2022. The Administrator also informed the Commissioners that Mr. Josh Tindell with Foxhill Systems has been working on the telephone and internet lines and is close to having them all completed. The work he has been doing should result in significant savings for the County.

County Engineer: The Engineer stated that his department continues to work on the FEMA projects and are down to six. This is in addition to the three bridge projects remaining from Hurricane Sally.

They have started surveying at the Industrial Park for the Access Grant project. Assistant Engineer Mike Shirah has been working with ALDOT.

The public is responding favorably to the new Pipe Policy.

The department had all six (6) motor graders operating last Friday blading roads.

He has assisted Solid Waste Director Dawn Smith and listed two garbage trucks for sale on Gov Deals.

Free Day at the Landfill this past weekend had 5.1 tons from customers on Friday and 9.89 tons from customers on Saturday for a total of 14.99 tons.

The sidewalk grant project at the Courthouse will create a loss of three (3) parking spaces. The sidewalk will narrow to five (5) feet at the curve on the jail side so there will be no interference at the storm drain. Mr. Barfield and Mr. Shirah collaborated with Chairman Seay on the design before working with the design firm making these changes prior to the final plan in an effort to avoid having change orders on the project.

The department has been working on completing projects on Grove Road and O Ashley Road.

Mr. Barfield stated the department would be doing one more round of herbicide spraying before doing any right of way mowing.

Mr. Barfield thanked the Sheriff for the lawn work they had completed at Road & Bridge.

County Attorney: Attorney Eldridge stated that he is requesting that the Commission go into an executive session as the very last item on the agenda to discuss with him controversies where litigation is imminently likely if the Commission pursues a proposed course of action. Mr. Eldridge stated he is a licensed attorney in the State of Alabama and the planned discussion fits in this category.

Commission Chairman: Chairman Seay stated that the street lighting has been installed at the Industrial Park and asked the Sheriff to have the Road Crew weed eat at the Industrial Park.

JMR+H will be on site May 10, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. for a meeting at the Jail. They will also be conducting a site visit and discussing cost estimation on projects at the Farm Center and Courthouse.

Mr. Rufus McNeill with JMR+H was here last week and stated that he had spoken with Working Properties II and the Sallyport and parking lot project should be completed in the next two weeks.

Chairman Seay stated that at a previous meeting the Commission had approved an expenditure from the American Rescue Plan Funds for radios for the volunteer fire departments and EMS services. At the time County departments were not included in the discussion but now it has come to his attention that the Road & Bridge department needs seven (7), the Sheriff's department needs ten (10) to fifteen (15), and the Solid Waste department needs six (6). Commissioner Fulford asked if the Commissioners might also need radios. E911 Director Mr. Jeremy Williams stated it would not be necessary unless the Commissioners wanted their own channel. The Commissioners could not be on channels with the other agencies like fire and rescue. The Road & Bridge, Sheriff, and Solid Waste Departments could allow the Commissioners to be on their channels, but access would have to be granted by that department. That was one purpose in the new radios, to eliminate so many people being on the same channel. The Chairman is requesting the radios for the County departments be added to the previous request so it can be submitted in one order. Commissioner Brannon made a motion to include the radios needed by the County departments to the previous request from the Volunteer Fire Departments and EMS services. Commissioner Spivey seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

Mr. Matt Parker had contacted the Chairman and stated the State agreement for the project at the Industrial Park should be completed tomorrow and after completion an event could be planned to make the formal announcement of the new business venture at the Industrial Park.

EMA Director: Mr. Smith had nothing to report but Commissioner Fulford inquired about Mr. Smith's new gadget and its capabilities. It is a Plum box that is a portable cellular Wi-Fi for when land lines are unavailable or inoperable and 180 people can connect to the device. At this point he is He is evaluating it at this point.

Revenue Commissioner: Ms. Ellison stated the department had held the tax sale last Tuesday and the property owners that had property auctioned off will have five days to come in and redeem their property before it is

Solid Waste Director: Mrs. Smith was not present.

E-911: Mr. Williams had nothing additional to report.

Auburn Extension: Ms. Marks was not present.

Commissioner's: Commissioner Fulford stated he had a citizen contact him about landfill use. He is volunteering to demolish and remove the old dining hall at Camp Victory and is asking for a waiver of the fee for dumping at the Landfill. After discussion, the Commission decided to table the request awaiting further information.

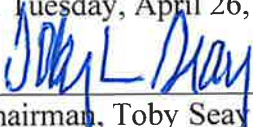
Chairman Seay polled the Commission to go into executive session. Commissioner Spivey – yes, Commissioner Brannon – yes, Commissioner Wilks – yes, Commissioner Fulford – yes.

The Commissioners were polled to enter back into regular session. Commissioner Spivey – yes, Commissioner Brannon – yes, Commissioner Wilks – yes, Commissioner Fulford – yes.

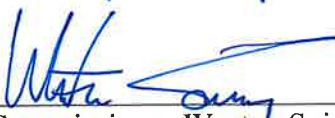
After the discussion with the attorney, Commissioner Brannon made a motion to recommend to The Public Building Authority that they approve the execution of the Quitclaim deed to the Campbell's, in return for the Campbell's executing the easement to the Public Building Authority for all its facilities located on the property in question. Commissioner Spivey seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

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 26, 2022.




Chairman, Toby Seay




Commissioner Weston Spivey



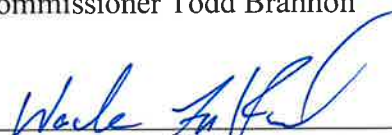
Commissioner Bart Wilks



Cindy Williams
County Administrator



Commissioner Todd Brannon



Commissioner Wade Fulford