

The Geneva County Commission met in regular session on Monday, June 13, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. at the Geneva County Courthouse in Geneva, Alabama.

Chairman Toby Seay called the meeting to order and welcomed guests present. Commissioner Fulford 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; Solid Waste Director, Dawn Smith and County Administrator, Cindy Williams was also present. The following business was transacted:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approve Minutes of May 23, 2022. Commissioner Wilks made a motion to approve the minutes of May 23, 2022. Commissioner Spivey seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.
2. Board Appointments: Commissioner Fulford made a motion to appoint Mr. Ed Janasky to serve on the Southeast Alabama Community Action Partnership (SEACAP) Board. Commissioner Wilks seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0. Chairman Seay reminded the Commission that there was still a vacancy on the Wiregrass Food Bank Board and asked the Commission to seek out someone to serve on this board.
3. Bids/Quotes: None

Sheriff: The Sheriff stated that he is running into roadblocks in his attempts to get quotes for vehicles. The current pricing from vendors on the State Bid List is expiring and he is told by all that he has contacted that they do not have vehicles or are between model years and at this time they are not quoting. He will continue to try and get quotes because he is in desperate need of new vehicles in his department. He has received notice that some of the equipment for the last four vehicles ordered should be arriving this week. He is not certain if all the remaining equipment ordered will be arriving or if it will be only a few items.

The insurance company had visited the jail in late December and had three (3) recommendations. The first recommendation was that the procedures be updated on the knives in the kitchen to include an appropriate time sensitive log in reference to the inventory of the edged utensils and tools contained in the kitchen security lock box/container. In response to the recommendations, a log in/out sheet has been created. The second recommendation was about the Automatic Electronic Defibrillators (AED) devices, and the lack of training for the staff. All Corrections Officers have been trained to safely use the AED devices. The last recommendation was to have two-way communication in the special needs' cells. The Sheriff has obtained a quote from Montgomery Technology Systems, the company that installed the system in the new jail and it will cost \$13,800.00 to install intercoms in the eleven (11) cells. Chairman Seay advised the Commission that these are recommendations from the insurance carrier after there visit and the Commission does not have to act upon the recommendations however no action could affect future claims. After discussion and review of the quote Commissioner Spivey made a motion to approve the quote from MTS for installation of eleven (11) intercoms in the special needs' cells in the jail. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

The grant through the Alabama Department of Public Health for Detection and Mitigation of COVID19 in Confinement Facilities has finally been fully executed and purchases of items applied for can begin.

The Sheriff has been working closely with EMA Director, Brian Smith on acquiring items through the 1033 program. They have been successful in obtaining needed supplies and equipment and he wanted to thank Mr. Smith for all his efforts.

County Administrator: Mrs. Williams told the Commission that funds in the amount of \$64,834.37 from the State for Coronavirus relief for State inmates housed in the County Jail from March through December 2021 had been received and deposited. She does not have final explanation on how the funds can be spent but will work with the Sheriff and Jail Commander once notice is received on how the funds can be expended.

Mrs. Williams stated she had received a Longevity Bonus based on the 2020-2021 Workers Compensation premium and also a premium return of the Liability coverage for 2020-2021.

Mrs. Williams explained to the Commission that a change is required in the Commission meeting list for 2022. The Monday, November 14, 2022 meeting must be moved to Wednesday, November 9, 2022. This is due to it is an election year and per Alabama statutes, the first County Commission meeting held following an election of County Commissioners must be on Wednesday. Commissioner Fulford made a motion to move the Monday, November 14, 2022 Commission meeting to Wednesday, November 9, 2022. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

County Engineer: The Engineer stated that his department has hired one new Equipment Operator II.

They have five (5) driveway pipes to be installed this week.

The department has continued surveying for projects at the Industrial Park and for the three bridges with the FEMA project.

There are five remaining FEMA projects not including the three bridges. The department is working on two of those projects this week. He has received another questionnaire from FEMA regarding the bridge replacements.

Mr. Barfield has been communicating with Ms. Emily VanScyoc with Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development regarding the street paving project in Bellwood. Last year the application was not approved. The award last year would have been \$400,000.00 but this year the award could be \$500,000.00. The project cost has increased 18% over last year and the County would have a 10% match on the project. Commissioner Wilks made a motion to resubmit the application for the paving project in Bellwood. Commission Fulford seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

Herbicide spraying should be 80 -85% completed by the end of this week if weather permits.

Mr. Barfield stated his plan is to put out bids in July for Right of way mowing.

County Attorney: Attorney Eldridge stated that bids are set to be opened on the Jail Commissary at the next meeting, but he does not have the specs to send out for bid. Sheriff Helms has reached out for specs but is not in receipt of any at this time. Mr. Eldridge is requesting that the opening of bids for the Jail Commissary be moved to the July 11, 2022 Commission meeting. He has a new coversheet prepared with a change in date. Commissioner Wilks made a motion to move the date for bid opening for the Jail Commissary from June 27, 2022 to July 11, 2022. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

Commission Chairman: Chairman Seay stated that Wiregrass Economic Development, Department of Commerce and AIDT will be conducting a mock drill at the Industrial Park.

Another company will be visiting the Industrial Park to see if it suits their needs. The State is still working on finalizing paperwork for the new company at the Industrial Park, so he still does not have a date for the formal announcement. The announcement will be held at Wiregrass Electric.

The schematic design for the Farm Center should be here in a few weeks from JMR+H and the design for the Courthouse should be here by the end of July.

Chairman Seay has received a quote from Foxhill to install fiber at the Farm Center. He stated it will be more cost effective to hire a subcontractor than to use CenturyLink. The Commission discussed and reviewed the information and asked that it be placed on the agenda for the June 27, 2022 meeting.

Mr. Seay stated that June 21, 2022 will be the run-off election. The voter turn out for the Primary Election was incredibly low at 31.4%. Hopefully the run-off election will have at least that percentage turnout.

EMA Director: Mr. Smith advised the Commission that he would be out of the office the remainder of the week for a training class.

Revenue Commissioner: Nothing to report.

Solid Waste Director: Mrs. Smith stated that she had been advised that the truck she has on order may not arrive until the end of the year. If so, it would be a 2023 model and not a 2022.

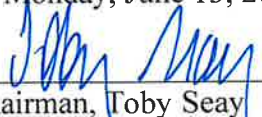
E-911: Not present.

Auburn Extension: Not present.

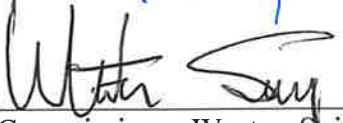
Commissioner's: Commissioner Spivey apologized to the rest of the Commission for missing the last meeting and thanked the Sheriff's department for all their efforts in locating his stolen property. Commissioner Spivey had seen an invoice from Air Conditioning Associates on Administrator Williams' desk and would like to investigate the invoice. Chairman Seay and Commissioner Brannon advised him that they had already met Comfort Systems and Commissioner Spivey did not attend the meeting as he had said. The invoice is legitimate because they were advised that parts only had a one-year warranty, but he was welcome to look into the matter.

Commissioner Wilks 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, June 13, 2022.




Chairman, Toby Seay



Commissioner Weston Spivey




Commissioner Bart Wilks



Cindy Williams
County Administrator



Commissioner Todd Brannon



Commissioner Wade Fulford