

The Geneva County Commission met in regular session on Monday, January 14, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at the Geneva County Courthouse in Geneva, Alabama.

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

There were no citizens requesting to make public comment.

There were no elected officials requesting to make public comment.

Chairman Seay called the roll and the following members were present: Commissioners Weston Spivey, Todd Brannon, Bart Wilks and Sandy Hammer. The County Attorney, Phil Eldridge; County Engineer, Justin Barfield; Chief Administrative Officer, Marietta Webster were also present. The following business was transacted:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approve Minutes of December 10, 2018. Commissioner Hammer made a motion to approve the minutes December 10, 2018. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.
2. Bill Brown-Sardis Voting Property: Not in attendance. County Attorney noted that it pertained to the Sardis Voting House and the deed indicates that the property that was given to the County contained a reverter clause. This means that if the property is not used for the specifications when deeded that it would go back to the person who deeded the property to the county or their heirs as stated.
3. Proclamations: N/A
4. Bids: N/A
5. Chairman Seay asked that the commission to recognize Scott Farmer with Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development. Commissioner Brannon made a motion to allow Mr. Farmer to speak. Commissioner Wilks second the motion. Vote was 4-0. Mr. Farmer spoke to the Commission about assisting county with a strategic plan with goals set in place. Southeast Alabama Regional Planning would have a committee to help work out the plans of what the county would need and help the county carry out plans and partnership with those that can help move the project forward. Chairman Seay stated that it would be up to the commission as to the cost and if they would like to move forward. Mr. Farmer stated that \$2,500 would be the cost of working on this project at this time and should not be more because he feels that he can use another source to help with cost. Hazardous Mitigation Plan must be redone in 2020 for the surrounding counties and Mr. Farmer stated that he hopes to be able to get a grant to cover seventy five percent of cost which would leave the counties around \$1500 each. State EMA will need the signature of Chairman to request support for the Hazardous Mitigation. Commissioner Brannon made a

motion to allow Chairman Seay to sign the letter of support for Hazardous Mitigation Plan. Commissioner Hammer seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Jail Construction: Chairman Seay stated that there would be a meeting January 23 at 2:30 for the OAC meeting on jail construction. County Attorney stated that the commission had asked that Commissioner Hammer and himself meet with Mr. Rutland concerning the amendment to fees under the contract for the Architect. County Attorney explained the fee schedule under the contract and how the numbers were calculated. During their meeting, Mr. Rutland agreed to accept a reduced fee of \$579,639.72 for a savings under the contract of \$55,714.28 if agreeable with commission. Commissioner Hammer made a motion to pay Mr. Rutland the amended fee that was negotiated by the Attorney and Mr. Hammer as stated and to approve the notice of amendment to the contract. Commission Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.
2. Courthouse: N/A
3. Board Appointments: N/A
4. Bids: N/A

REPORTS OF STAFF:

Sheriff: Sheriff Helms stated that he had 94 inmates in jail. The jail had many issues last week and has all been fixed at this point. The jail domes are leaking, and the fire alarm is messed up due to the leaks. A request for quote is being requested by Miller Alarm for the fire system replacement. Sheriff stated that he is working with FEMA and they are to look at the domes to see if they can assist on repair since the leaks intensified during the storm time.

County Administrator: Commissioner Wilks made a motion to approve bid for air conditioning at the Chancellor Community Center that will be paid by grant from Wiregrass R C & D Council at \$2500. Commissioner Hammer Vote was 4-0.

The Commission was asked if everyone planned to attend District Meeting on February 7, 2019 in Elba. All commissioners and Chairman plan to attend with Administrator and Attorney.

Mrs. Webster stated that she has spoken with another source for courthouse exterior light, but they have been unable to get together and see what is needed. Engineer had given Mrs. Webster a source for GPS and she stated that information had been sent to her and she had spoken with the vendor. Chairman Seay stated that we needed to have the vendor come by and talk with Engineer and himself or a commissioner to see what he has to offer. The cameras at the Annex have been installed and Harris is coming this week to get the APP up so that they it can be viewed. Due to a computer change the commission has been unable to view the Farm Center cameras and they need reinstalling to the computer which will be done this week.

County Engineer: County Engineer passed out list of work orders for each district and the yearly report for the department. Engineer noted the increase on driveways and the time it takes from his department that could be used for road work. The weather pattern had a bearing on blading and ditch work over the last month or more.

The department has openings for two EOII's.

The new knuckle boom should be here in the month of February. Commissioner Hammer made a motion to surplus the 1999 GMC knuckle boom truck. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0. The financing of the new truck of \$140000 would be with Bancorp for \$31,000 yearly with payment for five years. Commissioner Hammer made the motion to secure the Lease Purchase of the Knuckle Boom with Bancorp. Commissioner Spivey seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

Engineer reported to the commission with information of sources to do an outside salary study if they are interested.

The department has had several meetings with FEMA concerning Hurricane Michael. The current amount of picked up debris amounts to about \$160,000 but that is not all the debris and pick up is still in process as weather permits which will amount to more funds.

County Engineer discussed the aggregate and pipe cost and from the recap from 2010 to current the cost has increased by fifty percent for aggregate and fifty three percent for pipe. The budget does not allow but around five miles for aggregate for roads, but the citizen can buy the aggregate if needed. The county just cannot gravel all the dirt roads due to cost and the revenues not increasing.

County Engineer stated that he appreciated Commissioner Wilks helping with Windsor Road which dead ends and garbage truck could not turn around. The matter was resolved with the land owner at the end of the road to get it where the truck could turn around after it services the citizens on the road.

County Attorney: Attorney Eldridge stated that he has the paperwork needed by the Beasley Law Firm on the Opioid Litigation. The information will be completed with the help of Administrator and Sheriff.

Coroner: Donny Atkinson reported to the commission that he will be going to school. The county cooler is located at Bottoms Chapel and he would like to move it to another location which he and the Sheriff are working on. Commissioner Wilks made a motion to accept C & C Removal Service for transport of bodies to forensic pending a one-year contract at \$190 per transport. Commissioner Spivey seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

Revenue Commissioner: Ms. Ellison noted that second delinquent notices have been sent out for property taxes and that the balance is lower than last year.

EMA Director: Mrs. Wise noted that security cameras are installed

Auburn Extension: Gloria Marks reported that they are having the Master Gardner's Course until February 14 and that the Wiregrass Cotton Expo will be in Dothan in February. Also noted was 4-H is moving forward in the area with the new agent.

Chairman Seay: Chairman stated that he was glad to be here and noted that he was available to assist.

Chairman requested carpet in the Probate Office and in Revenue/Appraisal Office. Commissioner Wilks made a motion to get quotes for carpet replacement in Probate, Revenue and Appraisal office. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

Commissioner Hammer: Nothing new to report.

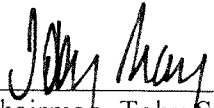
Commissioner Brannon: Commissioner Brannon made a request that the commission consider a Facebook page that would be for updating purpose.

Commissioner Spivey: Congratulated Chairman Seay and Sheriff Helms as they were sworn in for their positions today.

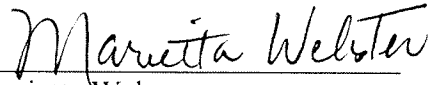
Commissioner Wilks: Nothing new to report but congratulated the Chairman and Sheriff.

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

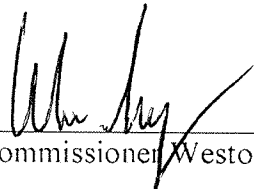
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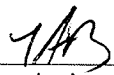
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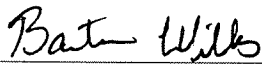
Marietta Webster
Chief Administrative Clerk



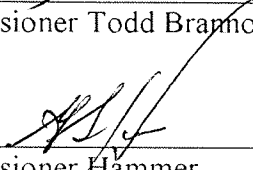
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Commissioner Bart Wilks



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