

The Geneva County Commission met in regular session on Monday, May 14, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. at the Geneva County Courthouse in Geneva, Alabama.

Commission Acting Chairman/Commissioner Seay called the meeting to order and welcome guests and media present due to Chairman Hamic not being in attendance. Commissioner Hammer opened the meeting with prayer. Chairman Hamic 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.

Acting Chairman/Commissioner Seay called the roll and the following members were present: Commissioners Bryan Hatton, Toby Seay, Sandy Hammer and Todd Brannon. The County Attorney, Phil Eldridge; County Engineer, Justin Barfield; Chief Administrative Officer, Marietta Webster and EMA Director, Misty Wise were also present. The following business was transacted:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approve Minutes of April 24, 2018. Commissioner Hatton made a motion to approve the minutes April 24, 2018. Commissioner Hammer seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0 with changes indicated by County Engineer.
2. Elaine Reeves- Mrs. Reeves spoke concerning the Chancellor Community Center. Mrs. Webster stated that work was approved but that maintenance has not had any extra help with courthouse maintenance and preparing voting houses for the upcoming election. Mrs. Reeves asked what she should do and per the commission the painting and bathroom repairs were approved but the Chairman will have to schedule maintenance for the project.
3. Patrick Hancock-CenturyLink- Mr. Hancock spoke to the commission concerning the phone systems of the County and explained the problems that are taking place with the system at the Engineering Office and the system located at the Courthouse Annex that is not being used by the Board of Education but costing funds. The system at the Annex can combined with the system at the Courthouse by installing upgrades so that the phone systems will work as one and put all county offices on the same phone system and features. This will save the County funds for not having to purchase a phone system for Engineering and the new Jail and the saving of all the different maintenance contracts involved. Commissioner Hatton made a motion to table the decision until approval from auditors that we are in compliance with how to handle the phone system and the commission approves the contract. Commissioner Hammer seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

4. Proclamations: Foster Parent Appreciation-Denise Hanks, DHR- Denise Hanks spoke explaining the importance of Foster Parents. The proclamation was read by Commissioner Seay, Acting Chairman, to the commission. Commissioner Hatton made a motion to sign the proclamation for Foster Parent Appreciation. Commissioner Hammer seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.
5. Chairman Hamic returned to the meeting as Chairman. Commissioner Hatton made a motion to allow citizen to speak. Commissioner Hammer seconded. Vote 4-0. Citizen had a question concerning the process to vacate an alley way next to her property. Commissioner stated that there was a process that would require a lawyer to be retained and advise.
6. Bids: Emulsion- County Attorney opened the following bids.

Ergon-	\$1.61 per gallon delivered
Blacklidge-	\$ 1.60 per gallon delivered
Hunt Refinery Co. -	\$1.6731 per gallon delivered

Commissioner Hammer made a motion to accept the low bid from Blacklidge of \$1.60 per gallon delivered for Emulsion. Commission Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Jail Construction: Commissioner Seay stated that he had spoken to Mr. Hughes and two bids have been sent out and should be returned by contractors by the end of May.
2. Courthouse: Chairman spoke concerning the subject of electrical and plumbing of the courthouse and the expense that would be involved.
3. Board Appointments: N/A
4. Bids: N/A

REPORTS OF STAFF:

Sheriff: Sheriff Helms noted that he had a vehicle that had been totaled and needs to know what direction to take to replace the vehicle. Discussion continued with options but no decision. Commissioner Hatton made a motion to surplus two Dodge Chargers and one Ford Crown Vic to be sold. Commissioner Brannon seconded the vote. Vote was 4-0.

Sheriff Helms stated that he had gone to a discussion concerning the security of County schools due to the shootings taking place in the country. The need of an officer and not the resource office was discussed which would require at least six qualified officers with one fill in. Sheriff stated that one school stated they could pay for one and the Board would be able to handle three officers. Sheriff Helms stated that this was not a request but just a discussion to find out suggestions on what might be needed and what expense could be associated.

County Administrator: Mrs. Webster updated the commission that she had gone to her conference the prior week. Noted that the insurance company that handles all the claims for ACCA will now be part of the ACCA Self Insurance Program but will still be handling all the claims in the same manner with most of the same employees under a new name.

County Engineer: Engineer updated the commission on the motor grader position and noted that due to removing the CDL requirement that he had more applicants than normal and will be filling the position soon.

The Industrial Park Project is still having dirt work done but should have paving in place soon.

Three of the new motor graders are to be delivered on Wednesday with the company coming down to demonstrate the machines.

Engineer stated that he needed to surplus the six old motor graders and DeanCo Auction and Woods Auction both are quoting close in numbers with five percent fee to sell them. Engineer would like to send three graders to each auction. Commissioner Hammer made a motion to surplus the motor graders and allow three each to be sent to Wood Auction and DeanCo Auction and allow Chairman to sign agreements with Auction companies. Commissioner Seay seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

County Road South 49 Project up to County Road 60 with Federal funds was let to Mid-South Paving.

Engineer noted that next years' Federal Paving Project will be Skyline Road, County Road 33 off 27 South and they are working with City of Geneva concerning the road because eighty percent of the road is in the City. Discussion took place with Mayor Lindsey concerning the project and the maintenance responsibility after the County paves the road. Commissioner Seay made a motion to put County Road 33 as the project for Federal Funds year 2018-2019. Commissioner seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

County Attorney: Attorney Eldridge stated the changes that Personnel Board has approved to be changed concerning Hazardous Weather clarification reads that a person that is required to work during the allowed Administrative Leave will be paid their hours worked at regular pay and receive the approved hours paid to other employees for Administrative Leave Pay.

Attorney Eldridge requested that the commission go into Executive Session for discussion of Employee's general reputation, character and job performance. 10:05 A. M.

Chairman asked that each commissioner for their vote to go into Executive Session:
Commissioner Hatton-Yea
Commissioner Seay-Yea

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Commissioner Brannon-Yea
Commissioner Hammer-Yea

Chairman called back the commission in session at 10:35 A. M. with vote by each commissioner.

Commissioner Hatton	Yea
Commissioner Seay	Yea
Commissioner Brannon	Yea
Commissioner Hammer	Yea

Chairman Hamie: Chairman reminded everyone of the Primary Election for June 5, 2018 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Maintenance is working on the voting houses and bush hogging.

EMA Director: Mrs. Wise noted that she had the newest Flood Warning Plan for ten counties and handed a copy to each commissioner for their information and review.

Personnel Director: Nothing to report.

Revenue Commissioner: Nothing to report.

Solid Waste Director: Nothing to report.

E-911 Director: Nothing to report.

Auburn Extension: Gloria Marks was not able to attend but asked Mrs. Webster to bring up the following information. Blueberry class to be held Thursday, May 17, 2018 from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P. M. at the Farm Center. Backyard Gardening will be held on May 24, 2018 at 9:00 A. M. until Noon.

Commissioner Hammer: Nothing to report.

Commissioner Brannon: Nothing to report.

Commissioner Seay: Nothing to report.

Commissioner Hatton: Nothing to report.

Commissioner Hammer made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hatton seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

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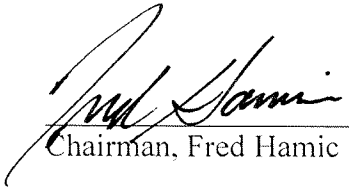
On 5/14/18 (date), by majority vote of the
Geneva (county) County Commission,
Judge / Chairman / Commissioner (circle one)
Jedd Blanton (name) was appointed to serve on the
2018-2019 ACCA Legislative Committee.


Signature Marquita Walker
County Administrator

Please return this form to Abby Fitzpatrick by email (afitzpatrick@alabamacounties.org) or fax (334-263-7678) before the August 1, 2018 deadline.


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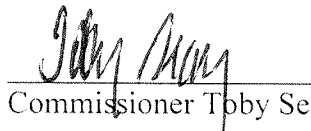
The above constitutes the minutes of the meeting of the Geneva County Commission held on Monday, May 14, 2018.



Chairman, Fred Hamic


Marietta Webster
Chief Administrative Clerk


Commissioner Bryan Hatton


Commissioner Todd Brannon


Commissioner Toby Seay


Commissioner Hammer

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FOSTER PARENT APPRECIATION PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Geneva County's foster parents are remarkable people – they open their hearts and homes to some of our most vulnerable children; and

WHEREAS, foster parents provide the safety, love and nurturing that every child deserves, at a time when that child needs them most. While foster parents can face enormous challenges, the rewards of helping a child make it worthwhile and can positively impact both the child and the foster family for a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, foster parents help children whose families are in crisis, playing a vital role in helping children and families reconnect. They work tirelessly to assist with the child's safe return to their parents' care. Foster parents can help children heal from the painful wounds of abuse and neglect, prepare them for a healthy future, and keep children safe while building strong families; and

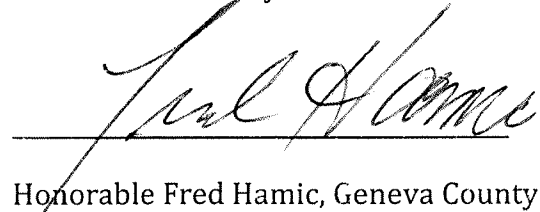
WHEREAS; foster care placement is the last option considered when reasonable efforts to protect a child in their own home have been exhausted. Geneva County benefits from the selfless dedication and daily service provided by foster parents. Their contributions to our children and youth are incalculable and irreplaceable; and

WHEREAS, this month especially, we express our gratitude and respect to the many Geneva County foster parents, family members, volunteers, mentors, child welfare professionals, and other community members throughout the county who make such a meaningful difference in the lives of the children and youth in foster care.

WHEREAS the Geneva County Commissioner encourage all Geneva County residents to recognize and celebrate the achievements of foster parents in their communities and to consider whether they can participate in this program that cares for the most vulnerable members of our society when they need it most.

We, The Geneva County Commission, do hereby proclaim the month of May as Foster Parent Appreciation Month.

Dated in the County Commission Meeting on this 14th day of May, 2018



A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Fred Hamic", is written over a horizontal line.

Honorable Fred Hamic, Geneva County Commission Chairman