

The Geneva County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. at the Geneva County Courthouse in Geneva, Alabama.

Commission Chairman Fred Hamic called the meeting to order and welcome guests and media present. Commissioner Brannon 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.

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approve Minutes of May 14, 2018. Commissioner Seay made a motion to approve the minutes May 14, 2018. Commissioner Hatton seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.
Commissioner Hammer made a motion to allow Samson Mayor, Clay King and Geneva County Board of Education Superintendent, Becky Birdsong to speak. Commissioner Seay seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0. Mr. King spoke about the concerns of security for County Schools and made a request to the County for participation in assistance with cost of security officers at the County schools. Mrs. Birdsong proposed the need for security officers to be placed at the County Schools requiring six officers. Estimated amount of cost discussed was if divided up the County would have to allocate ninety thousand if divided among the cities, Board of Education and County. The security guards would be employed by each City Police Department that the schools are located. Commissioner Hammer made a motion to look at the 2019 budget to see if funding can be made available to assist with security guards. Commissioner Hatton seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.
2. Proclamations: The Chairman recognized the Samson High School Girls Basketball Team Coaches who were there to receive proclamation for recognition in winning the championship for 2A Girls Basketball Team. It was noted that the girls were unable to attend due to some having to report to college and others due to school being out and not available. Proclamation was read aloud, with an official presentation done for each member so that the Coaches could present the document to each team member.

3. Bids: Commissioner Hammer made a motion to reject the one and only bid from City of Hartford on the 2006 Dodge Charger. Commissioner Hatton seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0. Commissioner Hammer made a motion to allow the Sheriff to have a public auction on the front steps of the Courthouse for his surplus vehicles. Commissioner Hatton seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Phone System: County Administrator, as requested, had spoken with the State Auditor concerning the changes to the phone system and was told that it was not required to be bided since no purchase of a system is being made only a consolidation of the two systems already in house. Patrick Hancock, CenturyLink Representative, explained the changes and the value of using the two systems as one to accommodate all county departments including the new jail. The updating of the systems eliminates the need and cost to purchase new phone systems for the new jail and Engineering Office. There would be no upfront charges paid out but only a change in the billing to reflect the merging of all the phone systems together as one with some increase to monthly charges for the thirty-six-month contract and would reflect a credit given to off-set the change during the months the work is being done to help maintain budget cost till new budget is done to reflect the change. Commissioner Hatton made a motion to accept the contract with CenturyLink to consolidate and upgrade the two systems that Commission owns to facilitate the needs of all county offices and allow Chairman to sign the contract. Commissioner Hammer seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.
2. Jail Construction: County Attorney stated that Construction Manager and Architect had a bid review last Thursday at the Courthouse but has sent an email today making a request for an extension of the date to open bids till June 7th to allow more competitive bidding. Commissioner Seay made a motion to allow the Construction Manager and Architect to move the bid date to June 7th. Commissioner Hatton seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.
3. Courthouse: Nothing new to report.
4. Board Appointments: N/A
5. Bids: N/A

REPORTS OF STAFF:

Sheriff: Sheriff Helms noted that he received a lawsuit concerning an inmate in the jail and it has been sent to the insurance company and lawyers by Mrs. Webster.

Sheriff said that he is requesting a vehicle to replace the wrecked Tahoe and noted that funds of \$22,989 from insurance were received and the money from the surplus vehicles that will be sold will help cover the cost with him paying for the light package and lettering out of Pistol Permit Fund. Commissioner Brannon made a motion to amend the budget by \$33,750 for new vehicle. Commissioner Hammer seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

County Administrator: Mrs. Webster reported to the Commission that she had registered each for their hotel reservations to attend the Convention in August. Each will be registered for the convention with ACCA this week.

County Engineer: Engineer stated that the storm did not make a big impact on the county since we did not receive as much rain but there have been several trees down.

The Industrial Park Road Project is on hold till weather permits.

The department has two openings for Equipment Operator II.

Three of the new motor graders have been received and the other three are on the way.

CD Landfill required registration has been updated.

Engineer stated that he heard that the Personnel Board had set a date for the grievance that is taking place against his department but he has not been given a notice of the time and Attorney stated that since he is the department head that he should have been notified.

County Attorney: Attorney Eldridge noted the lawsuit on the Sheriff had been turned into the Insurance Company and Webb & Eley, Attorney at Law, for them to answer the paperwork required.

Chairman Hamic: Chairman noted that Voting will take place June 5th and that poll workers school had taken place last week.

Chairman noted that his department has all seven employees on staff and that his department is not missing any employees per his budget even though it has been stated that the department is not up to staff.

Chairman noted that due to candidates having to work with voting, that Deputy Staley will go to each voting house to check on workers for the Sheriff and Gina Holmes will handle problems concerning voting issues for Judge Hamic on June 5th.

EMA Director: Not in attendance.

Personnel Director: Nothing to report.

Revenue Commissioner: Ms. Ellison noted that they are closing the 2017 tax year and that she was looking at a new Ariel for Reappraisal since they have not had one done in several years. The department is talking with different vendors on the matter to get cost so that it could be put on the budget for Reappraisal.

Solid Waste Director: Nothing to report.

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E-911 Director: Nothing to report.

Auburn Extension: Nothing to report.

Commissioner Brannon: Nothing to report.

Commissioner Seay: Nothing to report.

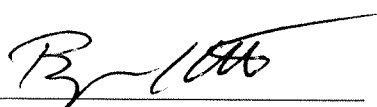
Commissioner Hatton: Nothing to report.

Commissioner Hammer: Nothing to report.

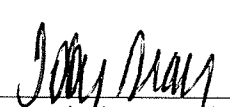
Commissioner Hammer made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hatton seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

The above constitutes the minutes of the meeting of the Geneva County Commission held on Tuesday, May 29, 2018.

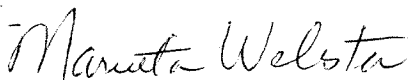
Chairman, Fred Hamic



Commissioner Bryan Hatton



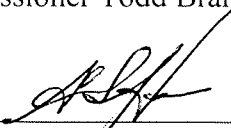
Commissioner Toby Seay



Marietta Webster
Chief Administrative Clerk



Commissioner Todd Brannon



Commissioner Hammer

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COUNTY OF GENEVA
STATE OF ALABAMA

29 May 2018

RESOLUTION

Samson High School Varsity Girls Basketball Team 2017-2018

Geneva County Commission would like to recognize the Samson High School Varsity Girls Basketball Team Class 2A State Champions 2017-2018: Kinley Johnson, LaTascya Duff, Diamonique Williams, Michelle Duff, Caleigh Green, Katelyn Joiner, Bayleigh Edberg, Trinity Jenkins, Alli Godwin, Amelia Johnson, LaTora Duff, Kaitlyn McKnight, Tera Mock along with Head Coach, Chad McKnight and Assistant Coach, Chuck McKnight.

2017-2018 AHSAA CLASS 2A Girls Basketball State Champions.

This was the 2nd Championship in the last three years and fourth championship overall in school history for the Samson High School Varsity Girls Basketball Team. Years won included: 2006-2007-2016-2018.


Commissioner Sandy Hammer


Commissioner Bryan Hatton


Commissioner Todd Brannon


Commissioner Toby Seay


Chairman Fred Hamic