

The Geneva County Commission met in regular session on Monday, June 24, 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 Brannon opened the meeting with prayer. Chairman Seay led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was one citizen requesting to make public comment. Coley Andres spoke concerning the rumor of closing voting houses on the west end of the county.

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 June 10, 2019. Commissioner Spivey made a motion to approve the minutes June 10, 2019. Commissioner Wilks seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.
2. Proclamations: Purple Heart Proclamation was read by the Chairman for approval. Commissioner Hammer made a motion approve the proclamation that the county be recognized as a Purple Heart County. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0. Mr. Robert Green, Senior Vice Commander of the Purple Hearts of Alabama spoke to commission and thanked them for their recognition and to present a plaque that shows appreciation to the county.
3. Bids: Inmate Jail Phone Bid:
CCT -Melrose, MA-50% commission on all phone call types –bid bond included
NCIC-Longview Texas-55% of true gross call revenue- no bond
Combine Public Communications-Cold Springs, Kentucky- Option1=82.5% commission with first three months @100% 63%-\$21000 at each year or 60000 at beginning of contract-bond included.
Commissioner Hammer made a motion to table bid until Attorney and Sheriff has reviewed and meets all the requirements. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

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OLD BUSINESS:

1. Jail Construction: Chairman presented the color scheme and bricks that had been selected to use on the new jail and asked for a motion to approve. Commissioner Wilkes made a motion to approve the colors and brick presented. Commissioner Spivey seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.
2. Board Appointments: N/A
3. Bids: N/A

REPORTS OF STAFF:

Sheriff: Sheriff Helms has raised the issue of better protection for the security guard at the front door and had brought the commission copies of how this could be addressed for safety purpose and weather protection due to the doors automatically opening. Sherriff requested that the commission take this into consideration. Commissioner Brannon made a motion to allow Sheriff to purchase the bullet proof resistant counter as requested. Commissioner Hammer seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

Sheriff is wanting to have some new laws presented through the special legislation session. Attorney stated that the acts laws must be written up through legislative reference. Commissioner Brannon made a motion for the bills to be presented to Representative Sorrells for him to present to legislation. Commissioner Hammer seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

County Administrator: Nothing to report.

County Engineer: Engineer stated that he had jobs advertised for a motor grader, EOIII and EOII at this time.

The FEMA funds have not been received for Hurricane Michael and Engineer said he is going to call and find out what might be the problem.

Engineer asked if the new Sick Leave Donation policy had been approved by Personnel Board and Mrs. Webster said they approved in their last meeting and after their minutes are approved the policy will be sent out to all employees and supervisors along with the change of vacation carry-over...

Skyline Avenue will be strip by the Fourth of July.

The two Garbage trucks that were put on GOV Deals have sold. The other garbage truck was taken to the shop to be fixed before it will be sold.

Engineer noted that the Sheriff had inmates cleaning up the county boat ramps which has been a great help to his department.

County Attorney: Attorney Eldridge noted that he had been requested to send a letter to a citizen concerning garbage pick-up issue and that the letter was signed for at the post office. No response has been received at this time. Commissioner Spivey noted that the county had the lowest cost for garbage pick-up.

Chairman Seay: Chairman noted that the food warmer located at the Farm Center was removed and checked out by maintenance. The warmer does work and the Sheriff was able to use it at the jail.

Chairman noted that next week is July 4th is on Thursday and the Governor has issued that all State employees are off for the Fourth and Fifth of July. Commissioner Hammer made the motion to allow all County employees the Fifth of July off as the State. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

Chairman stated that there is a grant coming up with ADECA for \$25,000 for energy efficiency with the county paying twenty percent. Commission agreed that he seek whatever was available.

Chairman reported that the Solid Waste fees for disposal of garbage has went up two dollars a ton and will adds more expense to the budget for Solid Waste.

Chairman stated that he had spoken with Retirement Systems of Alabama concerning the offer to allow all Tier II employees to be put as Tier I and they stated that they were working on evaluation numbers so the commission has plenty of time to consider the matter.

Chairman noted that the Personnel Director Position applicants were too many to interview in the short time they had talked about. Interviews will take place Thursday starting and 8 a.m. with all commissioners agreeing.

EMA Director: Nothing to report.

Auburn Extension: Gloria Marks thanked the commission for the storage building that was placed at the Farm Center for them. Archery classes are being held at the Farm Center by the 4-H Madison Tew. Information was given for conferences and workshops for farmers. Surveys were presented for completion by commission and will be picked up at the next meeting. New associate for the live well in Alabama due to retirement of Mrs. Dorriety.

Commissioner Brannon: Nothing to report.

Commissioner Spivey: Nothing to report.

Commissioner Wilks: Nothing to report.

Commissioner Hammer: Nothing to report.

Commissioner Spivey made the motion to recess 10:45 a.m. Commissioner Hammer seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

Commissioner Hammer made a motion to go back in session at 1 P. M. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

Mike Rutland, JMR+H Architect was present to discuss with the commission staffing for the new jail facility. The number of inmates and station areas would determine the staff for the facility which may require additional employees. Discussion continued in the matter with no decision made at this point.

Commissioner Hammer ask about the education requirements of the EMA, which was a condition of her employment with the County and her job performance.

The Chairman told the Commissioners that he and Commissioner Brannon and Attorney Eldridge had a counseling session with the EMA Director on 4/19/2019 concerning the completion of her education requirements which was a condition of her employment with the County, and she was advised that proof was needed at the next commission meeting that this had been done, and concerning several job performance /duties issues that needed to be corrected.

Each Commissioner was given a copy of the items discussed at time of counseling session and a copy of a letter written to the EMA Director by the Chairman in May 2019 concerning some of these items.

Commissioner Spivey asked if the EMA Director had complied with this on her education and corrected these job performance/duties issue.

He was advised that she had not, and he was further advised that she had been told several times in the past before the counseling session that she must complete her education requirements.

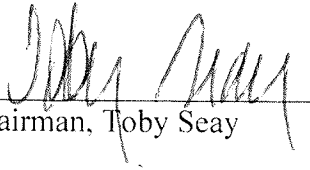
Commissioner Hammer made a motion that the Chairman, who is her supervisor, and one commissioner and the Attorney talk with the EMA Director as soon as possible concerning this matter and get her response and advise her that the Commission would act on this at the next meeting. This was seconded by Commissioner Spivey. All Commissioner voted in favor.

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

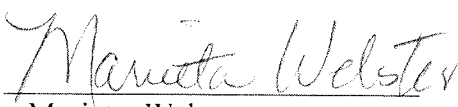
**STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF GENEVA**

**REGULAR SESSION
June 24, 2019**

The above constitutes the minutes of the meeting of the Geneva County Commission held on Monday, June 24, 2019.

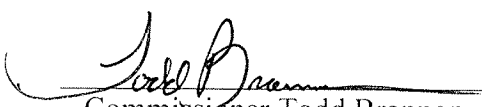


Chairman, Toby Seay



Marietta Webster
Chief Administrative Clerk

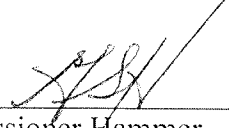
Commissioner Weston Spivey



Commissioner Todd Brannon



Commissioner Bart Wilks



Commissioner Hammer

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A PROCLAMATION HONORING
Purple Heart County

"Let it be known that he who wears the military order of the Purple Hear has given of his blood in the defense of his homeland and shall forever be revered by his fellow countrymen."

George Washington

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart was initially created as the Badge of Military Merit in 1782 by George Washington, then the commander-in-chief of the Continental Army, and was later revived by Executive Order of the President of the United States, Herbert Hoover, in 1932; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Hear is a combat decoration, the oldest US military honor and the first award made available to a common soldier; and

WHEREAS, per United States Army regulations, the Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the President of the United States to any member of the Armed Forces of the United States, who, while serving under competent authority in any capacity with one of the U. S. Armed Services after 5 April 1917, has been wounded or killed, or who has died after being wounded and to some cases prisoners of war; and

WHEREAS, the people of Geneva County acknowledge the many sacrifices of our military men and women in protecting our freedoms; and

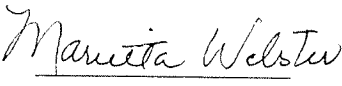
WHEREAS, the Chairman, Geneva County Commission and the people of Geneva County would like to express their admiration, gratitude and respect for our armed forces.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geneva County Commission, do hereby proclaim Geneva County as a **PURPLE HEART COUNTY** and encourage all citizens of the County to show their appreciation for the sacrifices made and acknowledge the courage shown by Purple Heart recipients and to show them the honor and support that they have so unselfishly earned.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Geneva County, Alabama to be affixed this 24th day of June 2019


Chairman

Attest:


County Administrator

