

The Geneva County Commission met in regular session on Monday, July 23, 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 present. The following business was transacted:

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approve Minutes of July 9, 2018. Commissioner Seay made a motion to approve the minutes July 9, 2018. Commissioner Hammer seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.
2. Geneva City School Board: Resource Officer: Mr. Curtis, acting Superintendent with the Geneva City School system spoke concerning the security of the school systems and that they wanted to be pro-active with Resource Officer by hiring two offices for the school year. A request was made for participation of the County to help with funding. Commission asked that they provide the cost for officers and then the commission will take it under consideration as to what amount the commission might be able to provide.
3. Commissioner Hammer made a motion to allow members of the Personnel Board members to speak. Commissioner Seay seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0. Mrs. Faulk wanted to first address the issue she had spoken to the commission about at the last meeting concerning the Nursing Home and Hospital and that she realized she should have spoken to Mr. Brannon, CEO. Mrs. Faulk stated that she had spoken to Mr. Brannon with her concerns. Mrs. Faulk addressed the commission with a question about the availability of the minutes of the executive session from last meeting. The commission explained that during an Executive Sessions that no minutes can be taken or recorded, and the subject cannot be discussed or made public per the law.
4. Proclamations: N/A
5. Bids: N/A

#### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Jail Construction: County Attorney stated that JMR+H, Mike Rutland, sent an email requesting the bid date be moved from August 2 to August 14 for the interested contractors to have the time to prepare a bid. Commissioner Seay made a motion to move the bid open date of August 2 for contractor bids on jail project forward to August 14, 2018. Commission Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.
2. Courthouse: Chairman noted that there had been an issue with repairing an old bathroom pipe that has deteriorated and hard to fix because of the condition but maintenance is trying to repair.
3. Board Appointments: N/A
4. Bids: N/A

**REPORTS OF STAFF:**

**Sheriff:** Sheriff Helms reported he has full staff in the jail now. Jail had been inspected and wrote up concerning no water in one cell and lack of water pressure.

Sheriff stated that he needs new mattresses for the jail due to the problems with condition of old ones.

**County Administrator:** Mrs. Webster stated that she had prepared the worksheets for 2019 budget and copied each department to review and make changes.

**County Engineer:** Engineer noted that he had two Equipment II jobs open with only one applicant but will be re-advertising the jobs.

Engineer stated that no real damage was done during the rain event on Sunday.

County Road 49 paving complete with striping to be done.

Industrial Park is still waiting for striping to be done on that project also.

Bush hogging is 50% complete.

Engineer stated that he had a citizen call last week concerning property on State 54 and the deed of the right a way of the road was deeded to the County and he would like to purchase or maybe a quit claim could be done. County Attorney stated that from what he has found it seems that when the State did the road work that they requested a new piece of land for right of way from the owner, but the old right of way was not deeded back to the owner as it should have been.

**County Attorney:** Nothing new to report.

**Chairman Hamic:** Chairman reported that the election went smoothly.

EMA Director: Not in attendance.

Personnel Director: Nothing to report.

Revenue Commissioner: Mary Ann Ellison reported that she is working on the yearly numbers.

Solid Waste Director: Nothing to report.

E-911 Director: Nothing to report.

Auburn Extension: Gloria Marks reported they are having a backyard wildlife class. A Grass Roots meeting to be held August 9 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Commissioner Brannon: Nothing to report.

Commissioner Seay: Nothing to report.

Commissioner Hatton: Nothing to report.

Commissioner Hammer: Commissioner Hammer stated that he is in favor of a one cent sales tax since the General Fund needs another means of revenue and Road and Bridge needs support on roads. The County needs to have the support of our local State Representatives in this matter and pass legislation to help provide support that is needed by the county to move forward. Discussion continued concerning a work session if Representatives are available after the next scheduled meeting.

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