

The Geneva County Commission met in regular session on Monday, October 22, 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 Seay opened the meeting with prayer. Chairman Hamic led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no citizens requesting to make public comment.

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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; 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 October 9, 2018. Commissioner Hatton made a motion to approve the minutes October 9, 2018. Commissioner Seay seconded the motion. Vote was 3-1 abstention from Commissioner Hammer who was not in attendance.
2. Mujahida Duffy-Sheriff: Not in attendance.
3. Proclamations: N/A
4. Bids: N/A

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Jail Construction: Noted that Jail construction was in progress with site work being done.
2. Courthouse: Nothing new to report.
3. Board Appointments: Mrs. Webster told the commission that Spectra Care had notified that Mr. Jim Bixby had resigned from the board and that they needed the commission to appoint someone for the position.
4. Bids: N/A

REPORTS OF STAFF:

Sheriff: Sheriff Helms stated that he would like to apply for an ADECA Grant of \$25,000 for equipment that will not require any match from county. Commissioner Hammer made the motion to allow the ADECA Grant to be applied for by the Sheriff's Department for equipment. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0. Commissioner Brannon made the motion to allow Sheriff to apply for overtime grant

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from ADECA for traffic checks. Commissioner Hammer seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

The Sheriff stated that he has some equipment used during the hurricane that is having to be repaired. No injuries occurred during the storm.

County Administrator: Mrs. Webster reported to the commission that arrangement for those going to the Legislative Conference and Commissioners Orientation had been made and that due to hotel rooms being full that reservations were made at the Hampton as the overflow option.

County Engineer: Engineer noted that he is interviewing for the mechanic job and equipment operator.

The department has moved forward with hurricane Michael clean-up and have put bush hogging aside. About 50 roads were closed at time of hurricane with 150 trees down that required removal. All the roads were reopened by Monday after the storm. Debris is being relocated to two dirt pits close around hardest hit area on east end. FEMA will be inspecting this week to see if we qualify for a declaration to get debris removal. With all the damage to crops and debris the county should qualify if FEMA does declare the area as a disaster.

Engineer noted that he is staggering his crew work to do work orders for certain days and the balance used with clean-up. The debris that is on the county roadside can be handled by county but the trees that were destroyed on private property should not be put on county roadsides because they are not responsible. If the county is declared by FEMA, then a debris removal would be approved allowing assistance with clean-up.

County Attorney: Attorney Eldridge stated that in prior meeting that he was requested to send a letter to citizen concerning encroachment of fence on right of way. The letter was sent by registered mail with no response. Commissioner Hatton made a motion for Road and Bridge to remove the fence that is encroaching on right of way. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

Attorney stated that the Sheriff had received a lawsuit concerning an inmate's medical care. The paperwork was sent to Webb & Eley, Attorney's at Law and to our insurance company to respond.

Attorney Eldridge discussed the contract with Geneva County Health Care Authority for RN medical services at the jail for inmates. The contract stated that they would provide a RN and they would be available for on call service of thirty hours. Attorney advised that the contract did not provide a nurse for duty thirty hours at jail or require a daily sick call. Commissioner Seay made a motion to accept the contract for RN services at the jail. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

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Chairman Hamic: Chairman stated that everyone is invited to the new Samson City Hall Office to meet Little Miss Peanut, formally Little Miss Geneva County.

Poll Workers School will take place October 29, 2018.

EMA Director: Mrs. Wise reported the damage of property of citizens. There has not been any individual assistance made available, but discussion is going on to try and get FEMA assistance because of the two Florida counties that were declared that border Geneva County. Noted that other EMA Directors came to assist the EOC during the hurricane. The County has had several people that volunteered to go to Florida Disaster, but they went through EMAC.

Solid Waste Director: Nothing to report.

E-911 Director: Nothing to report.

Auburn Extension: Nothing to report.

Commissioner Seay: Stated that this would be his last meeting and would like to thank the commission and citizens for his terms as commissioner.

Commissioner Hatton: N/A

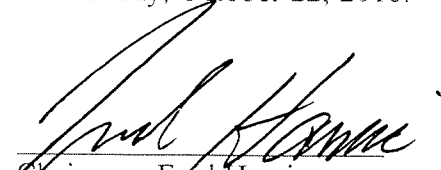
Commissioner Brannon: N/A

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

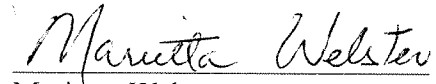
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The above constitutes the minutes of the meeting of the Geneva County Commission held on Monday, October 22, 2018.

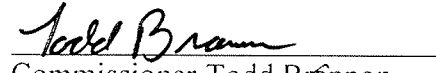


Chairman, Fred Hamic




Marietta Webster
Chief Administrative Clerk

Commissioner Bryan Hatton



Commissioner Todd Brannon

Commissioner Toby Seay



Commissioner Hammer

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