

The Geneva County Commission met in regular session on Monday, July 22, 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 Spivey opened the meeting with prayer. Chairman Seay 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 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 July 8, 2019. Commissioner Hammer made a motion to approve the minutes July 8, 2019. Commissioner Wilks seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.
2. Proclamations: N/A
3. Bids: N/A

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Jail Construction: Chairman stated that jail construction work is moving along as scheduled.
2. Board Appointments: Gail Hayes has sent in resignation from the Southeast Regional Planning Board. Chairman asked that the commission to be thinking about a replacement.
3. Bids: N/A

REPORTS OF STAFF:

Sheriff: Sheriff Helms stated that the inmate phone company had come down and look at the new jail and old to see about the wiring. The company had a couple of issues at the new jail that they were able to get with the contractor and correct before any installation started.

Sheriff stated that he is applying for a Homeland Security Grant that will allow them to get computers and radio equipment. Commissioner Spivey made the motion to allow

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Sheriff to apply for Homeland Security Grant and allow Chairman to sign.
Commissioner Hammer seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

Sheriff Helms updated the commission with information on the areas that are requiring the department to send deputies and the west end seems to have more issues than others.

County Administrator: Nothing to report.

County Engineer: Engineer updated that he is needing EQII and EQIII's and they are being advertised this Wednesday.

FEMA money for Hurricane Michael is in the process to be paid to the county.

Skyline Road has been completed. Bush hogging is being done at this time.

Engineer discussed money to be available for concrete end caps and guardrails needed in certain areas.

The roads that are to be done for the new year has to be decided on within the next meeting and whether a bond is issued for roads will influence how this is processed. Commissioner Brannon asked several questions to the Engineer as to how many farmers to market roads would be done with the bond and what type of material is planned to be used. The Engineer responded that it will be around seventy percent of farm to market roads and that there are new materials and processes that will be looked at.

Engineer stated that he had given Foxhill Systems the information needed from his department for the new website.

County Attorney: Attorney Eldridge stated that the Sheriff had received a lawsuit concerning healthcare on an inmate which Mrs. Webster has sent to the insurance company and Webb and Eley, Attorney at law. This should not be an issue.

A contract was received from Combined Public Communication that has been examined by the Attorney and Sheriff with several changes that were given to the company. They have made all the changes requested. Commissioner Brannon made the motion to approve contract and allow Chairman to sign the contract for inmate phone service with Combined Public Communications. Commissioner Hammer seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

Chairman has received a request from a citizen concerning vacating of a section of right of way at her lot on Main Street in Bellwood, Alabama, but this would not handle the other properties that surround the property. Attorney stated that he felt that if they consider this that all the landowners should be included, and Engineers agrees. The county is that the land owner submit the necessary paperwork to the County and they bare all expenses for the vacation. The Commission told the Attorney to call the landowner and let her know.

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Attorney Eldridge stated that Wiregrass Electric and Power South had sent a resolution to be approved and signed on their loan on the Industrial Development project at the Industrial Park. Commissioner Brannon made a motion to allow the resolution to be signed by Chairman. Commissioner Spivey seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

County Attorney stated that the Personnel Board had discussed the Personnel Clerk position and the combining of positions within the Commission Office to help save funds. Mrs. Webster has written a new job description to combine Payroll Clerk and Personnel Clerk positions and sent it to the Personnel Board to review for approval and create a pay scale. The Personnel Board is meeting to approve this currently.

Chairman Seay: Chairman stated that he had spoken to Jacksonville State regarding pay scale comparisons and review the Personnel handbook. They stated that they could do the pay comparison and review the Personnel Handbook to ensure we were in compliance with Federal and State law and not make any changes but make only recommendations based on the law.. This is information for Commission to consider.

Revenue Commissioner: Mary Ann Ellison noted that they are working on the abstracts at this time and should have the numbers next week which will assist with the budget.

EMA Director: Mrs. Wise stated that she has letter from the State and worked at getting her transcript for her credits which she has it in mail box to be completed. The paperwork presented did not qualify as showing whether the school recognized all the course hours or if they would be accepted for transcript as requested. The paper only showed it as a shopping cart with courses and a cost beside it. Mrs. Wise stated the EMA would certify her with transcript courses. Attorney stated that the Commissioners told her that the course certificates should be verified in writing by the college as to the number of hours that could be on transcript by this meeting. Attorney asked why the expense reports were not brought to the meeting today as requested. County Attorney stated that the requirements from the last meeting were that all expense reports would be completed and turned in by July 22, 2019 meeting. He further stated that she said she could have the expenses by this meeting. Mrs. Wise said the expenses could be ready for mail today, but they had taken longer than she expected. Commissioner Brannon asked if she at work on Friday, July 19 and she responded that she was not at work and she was asked if the supervisor had been notified and responded that she had not notified anyone. Commissioner Hammer stated that the commission had given her all the chances to rectify these matters. Commissioner Hammer made a motion to dismiss Misty Wise from her position of EMA Director effective as of 5:00 P. M. today and noted that all expense reports should be completed and delivered to Chairman. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0. Commissioner Wilks made a motion to put Sheriff Helms as temporary interim for EMA until commission makes the decision at the next meeting to appoint someone to handle the position on temporary basis. Commissioner Spivey seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

Solid Waste Director: Mrs. Bottom passed out information to the commission concerning the garbage rates and the need to increase due to the disposal rate increases to the county by one dollar a ton.

Auburn Extension: Gloria Marks noted that agents are in training. Ms. Marks stated that there are around thirty farmers that need a place to sell their good and would like to see if the Farm Center could be used by the Farmers to sell their produce. Ms. Cook addressed the need for interaction of the farmers with students, so they can learn.

Commissioner Spivey: Nothing to report.

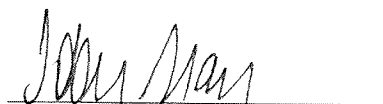
Commissioner Wilks:

Commissioner Hammer: Nothing to report.

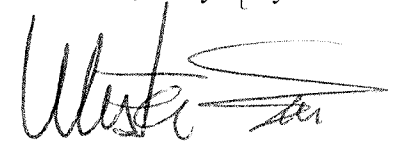
Commissioner Brannon: Nothing to report.

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

The above constitutes the minutes of the meeting of the Geneva County Commission held on Monday, July 22, 2019.



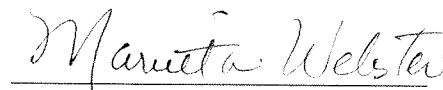
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Commissioner Weston Spivey



Commissioner Bart Wilks



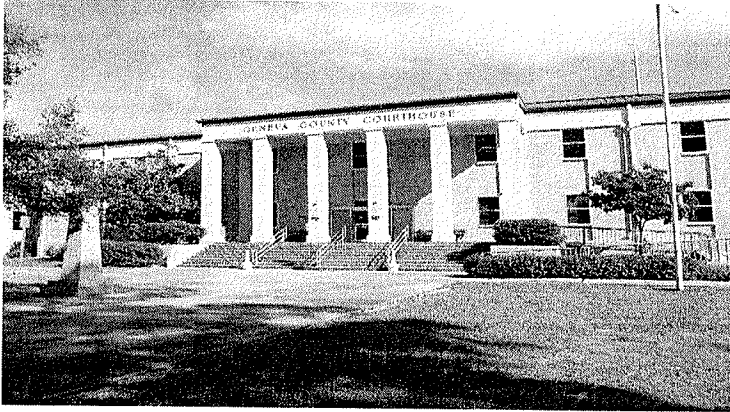
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Geneva County Commission met on 7/8/2019 at their regular meeting and a decision was made concerning the bid of Inmate Phone Services. As noted below from the minutes, the Commission did vote for Combined Public Communications to handle the Inmate Phone Service by using the Option 2 of the bid package.

*From the minutes of the Commission Meeting of 7/8/19:
Commissioner Wilks made a motion to accept option 2 from Combined Public Communication which has a up front bonus of \$60,000 and 60% commission on total revenue. Commissioner Hammer seconded the motion. Vote was 3-0.*

Please move forward with the contract for this service.

Thank You,

Marietta Webster

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