

The Geneva County Commission met in regular session on Monday, September 9, 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 Hammer 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 August 26, 2019. Commissioner Hammer made a motion to approve the minutes August 26, 2019. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.
2. Proclamations: Wiregrass Food Bank: Hunger Action Month: Commissioner Brannon made motion to wait and see if someone plans to attend. Commissioner Wilks seconded. Vote was 4-0. Later in meeting Chairman read the proclamation to the commission. Commissioner Brannon made a motion to declare September Hunger Action month. Commissioner Hammer seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.
3. Bids: N/A

#### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Jail Construction: Noted that JMR+H, Mike Rutland, would be attending the meeting today after regular discussions to talk about what is taking place with the jail.
2. Board Appointments: Discussed that there would be appointment needed by the employees for the Personnel Board by end of the month.
3. Bids: N/A

#### REPORTS OF STAFF:

**Sheriff:** Sheriff Helms stated that they had a good meeting with MTI demonstrating the new systems to be put in place at the new jail.

Sheriff stated that he still has three correctional jobs open and has approximately five candidates for each position to choose from.

Sheriff stated that he would like to apply for ADECA Grant for \$ 25,000 towards a new vehicle. Commissioner Wilks made a motion to allow Sheriff to apply for ADECA grant. Commissioner Hammer seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

The department has not heard from the grant for communication at this time.

**County Administrator:** Nothing to report.

**County Engineer:** Engineer stated that he had interviewed applicants received for EOII and EOIII and out of the two one had taken a job and a decision will be made on the other. The department has two EOII and one EOIII to be advertised.

HRR project let for guardrail on several sites.

Bush hogging is still in progress.

The county transportation plan that was approved last meeting the notice was placed in the courthouse and the ATRIP application has been applied for.

The department is spraying the limbs on the side of the roads.

Commissioner Brannon made a motion to accept the renewal agreement with Revel Pit for use and purchasing of dirt.

**County Attorney:** Attorney Eldridge stated that he had checked the Inmate Phone System contract as to when the bonus money would be paid and found that the check will be issued when the service is activated at the old jail.

Attorney stated that Wiregrass Hospital should be providing a new agreement for their medical services to inmates at the jail for the new budget this week.

The hearing is set for September 25<sup>th</sup> concerning the Industrial Park development project for spec building financing.

**Chairman Seay:** Chairman asked was an approval contingent upon the validation process for the Industrial Park Development  
Commissioner Hammer to proceed with North Star Engineering for the Industrial Development

Legislative Conference December 4 and 5 rooms have been reserved but need to have confirmation of who will be attending.

Noted that JMR+H will be here after lunch and talk about jail construction.

The EMA Position has closed and we have twelve applicants. Chairman asked the commission how they wanted to handle the process. Commission decided that they would like to have a work session to look at the applications.

Chairman noted that Mrs. Mixon had sent an email with update on the EMA office. She stated that she is changing the siren back to alert tone that it had been making for many years because the air horn sound is not being heard clearly as the old and citizens are complaining. All agreed to put the sirens back to the alert sound as they had been for years. Chairman advised commission that Mrs. Mixon noted that items were missing when checking the current inventory list provided to her. Commissioner Brannon made a motion for County Attorney to send a letter to the former EMA Director concerning office items on inventory list which were IPAD, portable generator and current SNS Grant purchases that have not been accounted for at the office after inventory and checking supplies. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

**Commissioner Hammer:** Nothing to report.

**Commissioner Brannon:** Nothing to report.

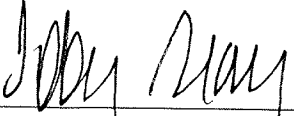
**Commissioner Spivey:** Commissioner Spivey discussed the subject of large household items left for pick up beside the roads. Engineer said that Solid Waste notify Road and Bridge where the items are and have their long arm truck to pick it up. Commissioner Spivey feels that a charge should be set up for picking up these items since they are not the household garbage that is picked up by Solid Waste. Engineer explained the situation in more detail on how his department and Solid Waste are handling the matter. Commissioner Spivey stated that he felt that a charge should be set by the amount of goods to be picked up and that Solid Waste should collect the fee with Road and Bridge continuing to bill for use of equipment.


**Budget 2020:** Engineer discussed Gasoline Fund and RRR Fund accounts and made several changes to be corrected. Sheriff spoke concerning his needs with his department and the new jail. Other areas were discussed and corrections to be made in order to get the budget cleaned up before final approval.

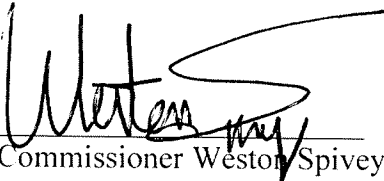
Report given from JMR+H, Mike Rutland presented current status with jail construction and discussed with the commission any questions they might have and that due to issue with some concrete work that the jail was about three-weeks behind. Mr. Rutland stated that he felt that the contractor would be able to get back on schedule since the other work should move more quickly. The expected time of full occupancy if not problems should be late February.


Commissioner Wilks 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, September 9, 2019.

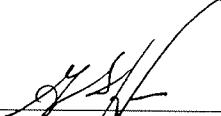
  
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# Geneva County Proclamation "Hunger Action Month"

**WHEREAS**, the Wiregrass Area Food Bank was established in 1990 to help feed the hungry and prevent food waste in our area, and

**WHEREAS**, the Wiregrass Area Food Bank distributed 294,603 pounds of food last year through Geneva County's 7 participating agencies resulting in agency savings of \$421,282 and provided 230,159 meals for Geneva County's citizens, and

**WHEREAS**, the Wiregrass Area Food Bank serves 182 Geneva County senior citizens through the Brown Bag Program of the Wiregrass and

**WHEREAS**, during the past 29 years the Food Bank has distributed more than 71 million pounds of food that would have otherwise gone to waste, has helped provide more than 56 million meals, serves 154 agencies, and has provided support to the Wiregrass during times of natural disaster

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Toby Seay, Geneva County Commission Chairman, do hereby proclaim September as

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## **"HUNGER ACTION MONTH"**

And urge the citizens of Geneva County to help fight hunger in our community by supporting the Wiregrass Area Food Bank.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereby set my hand and caused the seal of Geneva County to be affixed this 9th day of September, 2019.

