

The Geneva County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at the Geneva County Courthouse in Geneva, Alabama.

Commission Chairman Toby Seay called the meeting to order and welcomed 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 October 28, 2019. Commissioner Hammer made a motion to approve the minutes October 28, 2019. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.
2. Proclamations: Sharon Turner, Alabama Farmers Federation, read the proclamation along with Chairman Seay reading the part for the county. Commissioner Hammer made the motion to proclaim November 22-28, 2019 as Farm Center Week. Commissioner Wilks seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.
3. Bids: N/A

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Jail Construction: Chairman stated that Mr. Rutland should arrive at the meeting by 10:30. Mr. Rutland updated the commission concerning the jail process confirmed that the roof is being installed and the brick are being laid as the weather permits.
2. Board Appointments: Commissioner Wilks made a motion to reappoint Jeff Lowery to the E911 Board. Commissioner Hammer seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.
3. Bids: N/A

REPORTS OF STAFF:

Sheriff: Sheriff noted that he had a visit from Combine Communications and discussed the issue of 12 visitation slots and they do not feel that they need more than 5.

County Administrator: Commissioner Hammer made a motion to approve the 2020 Holiday List. Commissioner Spivey second the motion. Vote was 4-0.

Commissioner Wilks made a motion to approve the 2020 Commission Meetings. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

County Engineer: Assistant Engineer noted that all crews are fully staffed.

Applications were submitted to Southeast Regional Planning where we have already received a request for additional information.

CRS tank is rusted out and needs replacing at a cost of \$60,000.

County Attorney: Attorney Eldridge stated that paperwork received for National Litigation for prescription drug lawsuit has exclusion paperwork. Attorney has spoken with Beasley & Allen Law Firm who recommended that we do not complete the exclusion paper work, that they were going to stay with the class action suit.

Chairman Seay: Chairman Seay stated that we have received the energy retro fit lighting grant through Southeast Alabama Planning and Development and ADECA for \$19,300 and he has sent additional paperwork.

Farm Center is painted, and heaters updated, the ceiling tiles are being replaced. To make sure that this is noted in case we go over budget this was brought up. Commissioner Hammer made the motion to accept the grant. Commissioner Wilks seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

Chairman Seay updated the commission that Eileen Bottoms, Solid Waste Director, would be retiring as of December 31, 2019. Commissioner Wilks made the motion to advertise Solid Waste Director job November 20, November 27 and December 4 and the job closing December 4. Commissioner Spivey seconded the motion. Votes was 4-0.

Commissioner Hammer made a motion to approve the new Landfill fees to go into effect January 1, 2020. Commissioner Brannon second the motion. Vote was 4-0.

Chairman presented landscaping to be done at the Courthouse which will tie in with the Jail. Commissioner Brannon made a motion to approve Buds & Blossom for landscaping of the Courthouse which would fall under the bid law. Commissioner Spivey seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

Commissioner Wilks made a motion to continue El Bethel Baptist for Precinct 9 Box 2 voting contingent upon the trustees of the church signing the lease agreement as set forth in resolution and order. Commissioner Hammer seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0. Chairman Seay stated he was approached by Slocomb Mayor Rob Hinson regarding the voting precinct located at the Slocomb Armory which is in disrepair. Mayor Hinson does not believe it is a safe place for voting any longer and he is checking with the First Baptist Church about a lease.

Chairman Seay spoke concerning Combat Material available through the United States Army Donation Program. Commissioner Hammer made the motion to proceed with application for a tank that is available and the county will assume all responsibility for the upkeep and safety of the display item with the understanding that equipment cannot be placed on privately owned property. Commissioner Wilks seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

County Coroner Donny Adkinson requested a new cooler. The cooler would be placed at Warren, Holloway and Ward Funeral Home so it would be at a central location. Commissioner Spivey made a motion to purchase the cooler contingent upon the Chairman checking on use of the jail cooler. Commissioner Hammer seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

EMA Director: Eric Johnson updated the commission that all is going well, and that Margaret Mixon is planning on working a few weeks longer to make certain he understands all the daily processes.

Auburn Extension: Gloria Marks updated the commission that the 4-H group had won overall at the National Peanut Festival.

Farm City Banquet will be at 6 o'clock on Nov 21.

Commissioner Hammer: Nothing to report.

Commissioner Brannon: Nothing to report.

Commissioner Spivey: Nothing to report.

Commissioner Wilks: Nothing to report.

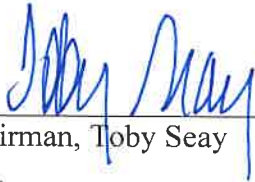
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Commissioner Hammer made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Wilks seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

The above constitutes the minutes of the meeting of the Geneva County Commission held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019.



Chairman, Toby Seay

Marietta Webster
Chief Administrative Clerk



Commissioner Weston Spivey



Commissioner Todd Brannon



Commissioner Bart Wilks



Commissioner Hammer