

AGENDA
GENEVA COUNTY COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

9:30 a.m. Welcome - Commission Chairman Toby Seay
Prayer - Commissioner Spivey
Pledge of Allegiance-Commission Chairman Toby Seay

Public Comment from Citizens on Agenda or approved to speak by unanimous vote of the Commission.

None on agenda

Public Comment from Elected Officials

None on agenda

Roll Call-Call to Order

New Business:

1. Approve Minutes of August 24, 2020
2. Proclamation: None
3. Bids/Quotes: None

Old Business:

1. Board Appointments: N/A
2. Bids: N/A
3. Jail Construction:
4. Spec Building:
5. Old Jail Renovation & Courtroom Renovation – Mike Rutland

Reports from Staff:

Sheriff
Chief Administrative Officer
County Engineer
County Attorney
Commission Chairman
Revenue Commissioner
EMA Director
Solid Waste Director
E-911 Director
Auburn Extension

Commissioner Brannon
Commissioner Hammer
Commissioner Spivey
Commissioner Wilks

Adjourn

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JUDGE, GENEVA COUNTY,
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The Geneva County Commission met in regular session on Monday, September 14, 2020 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 present. Commissioner Spivey opened the meeting with prayer. Chairman Seay led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no elected officials requesting to make public comment.

There were no citizens requesting to make public comment.

Commission Chairman Seay called the roll and the following members were present: Commissioners Todd Brannon, Sandy Hammer, Weston Spivey, and Bart Wilks. The County Attorney Phil Eldridge; County Engineer, Justin Barfield; Assistant County Engineer, Mike Shirah; Sheriff, Tony Helms; EMA Director, Eric Johnson; Revenue Commissioner, Mary Ann Ellison; County Administrator Cindy Williams were also present. The following business was transacted:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approve Minutes of August 24, 2020. Commissioner Hammer made a motion to approve the minutes of August 24, 2020. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.
2. Proclamations: None
3. Bids: None
4. Board Appointments: The Geneva County Health Care Authority had met recently and voted unanimously to request the Commission reappoint Jeremy Williams to the Board for District 1. Commissioner Spivey made a motion to re-appoint Jeremy Williams to the Geneva County Health Care Authority Board. Commissioner Wilks seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Jail Construction. The Open House is scheduled for September 19, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. till 12:30 p.m. Chairman Seay has drafted a flyer for the open house. Commissioner Hammer made a motion to approve the flyer for the Open House for the new Jail. Commissioner Wilks seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0. Chairman Seay stated he would wait until Tuesday to send the flyer out to give the Commissioners time to see if any changes may be needed. Open House will include opening remarks from Chairman Seay, speech's by Sheriff Tony Helms,

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past Sheriff Greg Ward, Mike Rutland with JMR+H, raising of the flag and a ribbon cutting. Tours will also be given of the new jail.

2. Spec Building – The pad is near completion. They are scheduled to begin pouring concrete this week but due to the expected weather it will most likely be delayed.
3. Mr. Tellus with Wiregrass Economic Development was present, and Commissioner Brannon made a motion to allow Mr. Tellus to speak about the study needed to four lane Highway 167. Commissioner Spivey seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0. Mr. Tellus stated Senator Shelby had announced a \$450,000 grant awarded for a study to four lane Highway 52 from Slocomb to Highway 167 in Hartford and four lane Highway 167 from the Alabama/Florida State Line to Highway 84 in Enterprise. This grant would allow the engineering work to be conducted for the study. Having this work done would allow for greater input when seeking grant funding for the project to present to Alabama DOT. In the next thirty days South East Alabama Regional Planning and Development will advertise for bidding out the project. This should put the foundation in place to apply for grant funding for the paving project in 2022.
4. Mr. Mike Rutland was present via Zoom to go over bids for the Sally Port and Courthouse renovation. Three bids were obtained:

Bear Brothers	\$1,339,770.00
Working Properties II	\$ 857,706.00
Wyatt Sasser Construction	\$1,256,500.00

Commissioner Brannon made a motion for Mr. Rutland to send all the bid information to Chairman Seay for him to distribute to the Commissioners. Commissioner Spivey seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

REPORTS OF STAFF:

Sheriff: Nothing to Report.

County Administrator: Mrs. Williams stated she had received the cost on the Health Insurance for FY 2021. There will be a 5.5% increase in the cost. The single premium will go from \$494.00 per month to \$521.00 and the family rate will go from \$1206.00 per month to \$1272.00.

County Engineer: Engineer Justin Barfield stated he is requesting Mrs. Williams run ads for Equipment Operator II and Engineering Aide II. He is still short staffed on Equipment Operator II positions and he has an Engineering Aide II retiring November 1, 2020. Mr. Barfield also is expecting his employee at the Landfill to turn in his resignation soon. He only has one other employee certified to work at the Landfill and he does not like working at that position. Mr. Barfield is asking the Commission to change the grade and pay on the position at the Landfill from Equipment Operator III to Foreman. He is hopeful this will give incentive to work at the Landfill. Commissioner Hammer made a motion to move the grade and pay on the position at the Landfill from Equipment Operator III to Foreman. Commissioner Spivey seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

The HRRR guardrail project in District 4 began construction last week. He has also been awarded another HRRR guardrail project in District 4 on County Road 16.

Mr. Barfield reached out to the City of Hartford last week on the ATRIPII project to get a meeting set to discuss the project. There is no date currently.

Rebuild Alabama project is still awaiting permanent stripping. Federal Aid project on County Roads 4 & 53 the mulching and seeding has been completed.

The City of Geneva has requested the Road & Bridge department do some clearing for them to make an organic debris site. Project should take a few days. Commissioner Wilks made a motion to allow the Road & Bridge Department to do work for the City of Geneva on an organic debris site. Commissioner Hammer seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

Mr. Barfield stated he had completed the paperwork for the new tractors last Friday. He will still use the bush-hoggs he has.

Driveway pipes are on the rise especially in District 1. Currently installing around two per day.

Due to the weather conditions predicted this week it will be an opportunity to get in some long arm work.

Commissioner Seay had requested Mr. Barfield to look at the parking lot at the Courthouse Annex and get an estimate on the work needed. The project should be around \$25,000.00. It will be in three parts: paving, sealing and stripping. Commissioner Wilks made a motion to approve Mr. Barfield obtaining bids for this project. Commissioner Spivey seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

County Attorney: Attorney Eldridge stated the change orders showing they meet the requirements of the Attorney General's opinion for change orders, he had received did not have the architect statement with them. The Commission could go ahead and recommend approval to the Geneva County Public Building Authority conditioned on the architect furnishing the statements. But the Geneva County Public Building Authority will have to sign them. The change orders include some marble thresholds at the showers to keep water from running out of the showers, a tie in on the sidewalks for handicap access, add mesh over the exercise yards. The deletes include auxiliary systems and changes to the electronics. With the additions and deletions, we are still \$560 to the good. Commissioner Hammer made a motion to recommend approval of the change orders contingent upon receiving the architect statement. Commissioner Wilks seconded the motion. Vote was 3-0. (Commissioner Spivey had stepped out of the room).

Chairman Seay: Chairman Seay stated he had received the annual long-term detention subsidy contract for FY2021 from the Department of Youth Services in Dothan. This contract is for the housing of juvenile's in detention. Commissioner Brannon made a motion to allow Chairman Seay to sign the contract with the Department of Youth Services for FY 2021. Commissioner Hammer seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0. The workplace modifications are complete in the Probate Office and the cost will be submitted to the State for reimbursement through the CARES Act. There are also plans to do workplace modifications in the Reappraisal Office and Sheriff's Office. At the August 24, 2020 Commission meeting the Commission had voted to purchase LUCAS devices for all the Rescue Squads in the County contingent on an approval from

the State Comptrollers Office that the expense would be covered by the CARES Act. We received two confirmations that the purchase would be reimbursable through the CARES Act. And covered under the bid laws.

Revenue Commissioner: Nothing to report.

EMA Director: It looks as if the Tropical Storm in the Gulf will bypass us, but we do have the possibility of 3-5 inches of rain. Our total Covid cases in the County have reached 418. In the last fourteen days there have been 38 new cases. We have three deaths related to Covid in the County. We are currently at yellow status for Covid.

Solid Waste: Nothing to report.

E-911: Nothing to report.

Auburn Extension: Not present.

Commissioner Brannon: Nothing to report.

Commissioner Hammer: Nothing to report.

Commissioner Spivey: Nothing to report.

Commissioner Wilks: Nothing to report.

Commissioner Hammer made a motion to recess until Wednesday morning, September 16, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. Commissioner Spivey seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

Continued Commission meeting Wednesday, September 16, 2020. Present were Commission Chairman Toby Seay; Commissioner Todd Brannon; Commissioner Sandy Hammer; Commissioner Bart Wilks; County Engineer Justin Barfield; EMA Director Eric Johnson; Solid Waste Director Dawn Smith (by telephone) and County Administrator Cindy Williams. Commissioner Spivey was not present.

Commissioner Brannon made a motion to continue meeting after recess. Commissioner Wilks seconded the motion. Vote was 3-0.

EMA Director Eric Johnson gave a brief update on the weather conditions regarding Hurricane Sally then excused himself to return to his office and monitor the weather.

Engineer Justin Barfield gave an update regarding his department and the weather. So far, they have had call outs for ten trees reported down. He is looking for there to be several roads washed out on the west end of the county due to the amount of rain expected. Mr. Barfield is expecting to get a FEMA declaration from this storm. His fuel is at half capacity, but a tanker is coming out to top off the tanks. If they get call outs for trees blocking roadways, they will send loaders out to push them out of the road. Will not be sending out personnel to cut trees until the weather is clear.

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Commission Chairman Seay advised the Commissioners of the funds in the Jail Construction Account and stated the Commission may want to look at making a \$1,000,000.00 payment on the principal of the bond in April 2021. We can make two large payments per year. This would lower our interest and pay off the bond sooner.

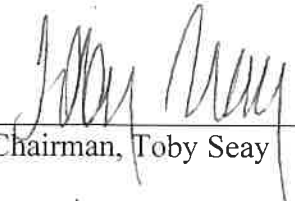
The Commissioners reviewed the quotes obtained by Solid Waste Director Dawn Smith to purchase new garbage trucks. Mrs. Smith explained that with the amount of funds she has spent for maintenance on her fleet this year she could make payments on new vehicles. She stated she could sale two garbage trucks and the old pick-up truck and this would also assist in allowing for the purchase of new garbage trucks. She does have a three-year option on one of the quotes with a buy back program and substantial maintenance coverage.

The Commission reviewed the bids from JMR+H for the Courthouse Renovation and Sally Port for the Jail. After deliberation Commissioner Hammer made a motion on bid item #2, to accept the bid from Working Properties II on the Courthouse Renovation with the LED light alternate. Commissioner Wilks seconded the motion. Commissioner Wilks made a motion to reject bid item #1 for the Sally Port. Commissioner Hammer seconded the motion. Vote was 3-0.

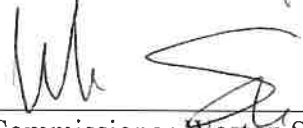
The Commissioners discussed the old jail and what could be done to that space. Given the cost of the renovation for the Sally Port it may be considered to, opt out of a drive in Sally Port and adding a covered area similar to the one at the new jail. After discussion Commissioner Brannon made a motion to place all equipment possible from the old jail for sale on GovDeals. Commissioner Wilks seconded the motion. Vote was 3-0.

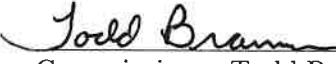
Commissioner Hammer made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Wilks seconded the motion. Vote was 3-0.

The above constitutes the minutes of the meeting of the Geneva County Commission held on Monday, September 14, 2020.


Chairman, Toby Seay


Cindy Williams
County Administrator


Commissioner Weston Spivey


Commissioner Todd Brannon


Commissioner Bart Wilks

Commissioner Hammer