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TOBY L. SEAY, PROBATE JUDGE

The Geneva County Commission met in regular session on Monday, September 28, 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 Wilks 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; EMA Director, Eric Johnson; Revenue Commissioner, Mary Ann Ellison; Solid Waste Director, Dawn Smith; County Administrator Cindy Williams were also present. The following business was transacted:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approve Minutes of September 14, 2020. Commissioner Hammer made a motion to approve the minutes of August 24, 2020. Commissioner Wilks seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.
2. Proclamations: None
3. Bids: Bids for Road & Bridge were opened and presented by Attorney Phil Eldridge

	<u>All Grades Unleaded Gasoline</u>	<u>Diesel</u>
Total Petroleum	.0595	.073
Home Oil Co.	.079	.079
Tri Star Energy	.05	.06
Russell Petroleum	.125	.1305

County Engineer Justin Barfield explained that the bids were for the added cost on top of the base price of Gasoline and Diesel.

Commissioner Spivey made a motion to accept the lowest bid from Tri Star Energy for both Gasoline and Diesel. Commissioner Hammer seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

Miscellaneous Aggregates Hauling Bids

Alexander City	Saginaw/ Calera	Titus	Auburn/ Opelika	Notasulga/ Loachapoka	Montgomery/ Shorter/Tysonville	Dothan	Marianna	Campbellton
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Foshee Trucking, Inc. – All ALDOT Coarse Aggregate sizes, dense grade bases and crusher run	\$19.95	\$18.50	\$18.50	----	\$16.75	\$15.00	---	---	---
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Foshee Trucking, Inc – All classes of Rip Rap

No bid on all

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Johnston Trucking, LLC. - All ALDOT Coarse Aggregate sizes, dense grade bases and crusher run	\$21.00	\$24.00	\$19.00	\$19.00	\$18.00	\$16.50	\$6.00	\$9.00	\$8.50
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Johnston Trucking, LLC - All classes of Rip Rap

	\$22.00	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$19.00	----	\$7.00	\$10.00	\$9.50
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Commissioner Hammer made a motion to accept Foshee Trucking, Inc. bid for hauling Aggregates from the locations they bid and Johnston Trucking, LLC for hauling from Auburn/Opelika, Al, Dothan, Al, Marianna, Fl, and Campbellton, Fl and also for hauling Rip Rap. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

Crushed Stone

MidSouth Paving, Inc. No Bid

4. Board Appointments: Rob Hinson currently serves on the Southeast Alabama Regional Planning & Development Board. They have requested Mr. Hinson be reappointed to serve another term from 9/25/20 – 9/25/23. Commissioner Spivey made a motion that Mr. Rob Hinson be reappointed to the SEARP&D Board. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.
5. Approve FY2021 Budget. The budget has previously been reviewed by all Commissioners. Chairman Seay stated for all that we are dealing with a very tight budget this year and asked that all departments be very mindful of their expenditures. Commissioner Wilks made a motion to approve the budget for FY2021. Commissioner Hammer seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Jail Construction. The Open House held at the new jail on September 19, 2020 was successful. The final publication in the Geneva County Reaper should be running this week and after thirty days the payment can be settled with Bear Brothers.
2. Spec Building – They will be working on the block work and stem wall this week.
3. Bids – At the September 14, 2020 Commission meeting the Commission accepted the bid from Working Properties II on bid item #2 for the Courthouse renovation and alternate #2 for the LED lighting. Discussion continued on the Courthouse renovation project. Commissioner Brannon made a motion to accept alternate #1 to refinish the pews in the galley. Commissioner Wilks seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

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At the September 14, 2020 Commission meeting the Commission had voted to reject bid item #1 for adding the Sally Port in the old jail and total renovation of the old jail due to the cost of the project. Discussion continued on this project. Commissioner Brannon made a motion to move forward with removing the fencing around the domes, demo of the domes, adding a portico and resurfacing and striping the parking lot. Commissioner Hammer seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

REPORTS OF STAFF:

Sheriff: Not Present

County Administrator: Mrs. Williams stated she had received a check for the State for the initial CARES Act Submission in the amount of \$18,188.60. There are two other submissions made and several more to be submitted.

County Engineer: Engineer Justin Barfield stated a long-term Engineering Aide II is retiring as of September 30, 2020 and the Landfill Operator is leaving after this week. Currently there is only one other employee certified to operate at the Landfill and he is not interested in taking the Landfill Operator position full time. Mr. Barfield said he had one employee approach him and say they were interested in the Landfill Operator position, but they are not certified. The employee will be attending a class tomorrow to begin working toward certification.

The Federal Aid project in County Road 4 and County Road 53 is still not complete due to weather. It is still too wet to complete the project which just likes striping. Dustin with the State Auditor's Office has contacted him and will be coming out to do the yard inventory at Road & Bridge.

During the Hurricane there were forty-three road issues and closures. By the weekend there were still twenty-five roads closed but as of today there are only twelve roads closed. Most are waiting on pipe. Larger diameter pipes, 72" and 84", have been ordered to install in an effort to try and help the water flow and deter future damage.

State EMA was on site last week to assess the damage. The threshold for FEMA is \$102,000. Mr. Barfield does not believe that we will have any problem meeting the FEMA threshold. His estimate is that we have \$1,500,000.00 in bridge damage and replacement alone and each cross drain in need of repair could run \$20,000.00 each. FEMA will be onsite Wednesday for their initial meeting.

County Attorney: Nothing to report.

Chairman Seay: Chairman Seay stated that the County would qualify for some additional assistance for Hazard Mitigation.

Revenue Commissioner: Her departments collection year begins October 1. Lainey Adkinson from her office will be in Slocomb every Wednesday during October and November to collect payments from citizens on the east end of the county. Ms. Ellison

stated that currently there are 2000+ residents in the County that do not pay any property tax due to Homestead Exemption. Also, there are many residents with at least one person in the household with a 100% disability rating, who also do not pay any property taxes.

EMA Director: Mr. Johnson stated he has been very busy since the Hurricane. He also wanted to thank Officers Teddy Fain and Paul Dickerson for their assistance during the weather event. We had 10" of rain on Wednesday with some areas reporting 14 – 18" of rain. His area supervisor Jessica has been with him several days and they both were out with Justin throughout the County assessing damage. Mr. Johnson will be with Engineer Barfield at the meeting with FEMA on Wednesday. Mr. Johnson stated that if any Commissioners had calls from residents with damage and needing assistance to please share the Alabama EMA website with their residents and telephone number, which is 800-621-3362. Residents could register online at diasterassistance.gov.

Covid-19 related there are not 511 confirmed cases and 4 deaths. We are back in the High-Risk category.

Solid Waste: Director Smith stated she has placed the order for the two garbage trucks the Commission approved. It will be five to six months before delivery. Slocomb Mayor Rob Hinson came off as Executive Director Board Member of the Solid Waste Disposal Authority and Mrs. Smith was elected to fill the position.

E-911: Not Present

Auburn Extension: Not present.

Commissioner Brannon: Nothing to report.

Commissioner Hammer: Nothing to report.

Commissioner Spivey: Nothing to report.

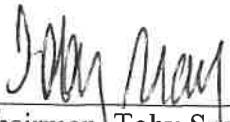
Commissioner Wilks: Nothing to report.

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


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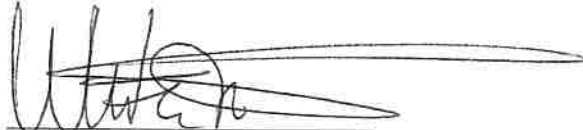
The above constitutes the minutes of the meeting of the Geneva County Commission held on Monday, September 28, 2020.




Chairman, Toby Seay



Cindy Williams
County Administrator



Commissioner Weston Spivey



Commissioner Todd Brannon



Commissioner Bart Wilks



Commissioner Hammer

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