

The Geneva County Commission met in regular session on Monday, October 26, 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; County Administrator Cindy Williams were also present. The following business was transacted:

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approve Minutes of October 13, 2020. Commissioner Hammer made a motion to approve the minutes of October 13, 2020. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.
2. Proclamations: None
3. Bids: Bids for the work on the parking lot at the Courthouse Annex were read by Attorney Phil Eldridge:

Mid-South Paving	\$27,654.00
S & E Site Development:	\$32,800.00
Wiregrass Construction:	\$32,100.00
Lewis Inc.:	\$30,715.00

Work to be performed is an overlay on the circular drive and the south side of the parking lot and a seal coat and concrete repair on the west side of the parking lot. Commissioner Spivey made a motion to accept the low bid from Mid-South Paving for the work on the parking lot at the Courthouse Annex. Commissioner Wilks seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

4. Board Appointments: None

#### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Spec Building – The stem wall is up and work continues on the footers.
2. Bids – None

3. Courtroom Renovation – Mr. Mike Rutland will not be present today but the contracts have been mailed and should be received today so they can be reviewed.

**REPORTS OF STAFF:**

**Sheriff:** Not present.

**County Administrator:** Several employees had called to question the increase in their retirement contribution. Mrs. Williams apologized to the Commission for the lack of communication to the employees regarding the Retirement Conversion. There had been communication in the beginning when the Commission voted to convert the Tier II employees to Tier I, but communication had not been sent prior to the change in the retirement rate in employee paychecks. Mrs. Williams also stated she had given each Commissioner a letter her office had prepared to distribute with the upcoming payroll regarding Open Enrollment for Health Care, increase in Health Care premiums and changes to the plan. All Commissioners were in agreement to distribute the letter to employees. Commissioner Wilks asked Mrs. Williams to prepare a similar letter to employees regarding the Retirement Conversion and the added benefit the employees who were in Tier II will receive due to the conversion.

**County Engineer:** Engineer Justin Barfield stated EMA Director Eric Johnson had been by his office to discuss the storm coming our way this week. Mr. Barfield stated he was presenting his contract and he proposed a five-year contract with the same stipulations as his prior contract only removing the set annual raise and he would receive a pay increase only if employees received a pay increase. Commissioner Hammer made a motion to accept Mr. Barfield's contract. Commissioner Spivey seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

The HRRR guardrail project is complete.

The ATRIP II project with Hartford is in progress. The right of way has been cleared of trees and utility poles are being set.

There has been no word received from the State EMA or FEMA on the claims for Hurricane Sally. Still waiting on some 72" pipe to complete the last road that was been damaged during the storm.

Mr. Barfield has had a company contact him about a used liquid emulsion tank. He does not have all the details yet but is hopeful it will meet what he is in search of.

**County Attorney:** Mr. Eldridge stated he has received the paid statement in full for \$3,865.00 from Old Castle discussed at the last Commission meeting and the administrator received a copy.

The Commission's normal meetings are held on the second and fourth Monday's of the month however in November after an election, the first meeting is to be held on the second Wednesday following the election. The regular scheduled Commission meeting would be on Monday, November 9, however that will need to be moved to Wednesday, November 11, 2020. That date is a scheduled holiday. It is requested that Mrs. Williams get clarification from the ACCA regarding the meeting to see if it can be moved to

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Thursday, November 12 or if it must be held on Wednesday, November 11. Mrs. Williams will notify Judge Seay of the response.

**Chairman Seay:** Nothing to report.

**Revenue Commissioner:** Not present

**EMA Director:** Not present.

**Solid Waste:** Not present.

**E-911:** Not Present

**Auburn Extension:** Not present but sent word their office will be reentering schools beginning the first week of November and are working on plans for the Farm City banquet.

**Commissioner Brannon:** Nothing to report.

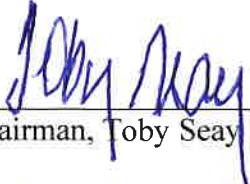
**Commissioner Hammer:** Nothing to report.


**Commissioner Spivey:** Nothing to report.

**Commissioner Wilks:** Nothing to report.

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

The above constitutes the minutes of the meeting of the Geneva County Commission held on Monday, October 26, 2020.

  
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Chairman, Toby Seay

  
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County Administrator

  
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