

The Geneva County Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. at the Geneva County Courthouse in Geneva, Alabama.

Commission Chairman Fred Hamic called the meeting to order and welcome guests and media present. Commissioner Hammer opened the meeting with prayer. Chairman Hamic 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 Hamic 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; and Chief Administrative Officer, Marietta Webster were also present. The following business was transacted:

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approve Minutes of October 22, 2018. Commissioner Hammer made a motion to approve the minutes October 22, 2018. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 2-0 with sentence added per County Attorney.
2. Jim Perdue-Personnel Issue: Mr. Perdue noted that he had applied for a job and had been interviewed by Sheriff Helms for position as correctional officer and had not been called for the position. Sheriff stated the paperwork that was sent by his office with the person's name listed as requested for hire was not received per Personnel Director and that she did notice the person had CDL and asked him about applying for Road and Bridge at one point. The person did not have any noted qualifications for the Correctional Officer but per the Sheriff the position can be learned, and employees do attend training classes during the year. Sheriff stated these facts to the commission and they requested that Mrs. Odom be called to the meeting. Commissioner Hammer asked to table until Personnel Director can get down to the meeting. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0. Commissioner Hammer made a motion to open the discussion. Mrs. Odom was recognized at the meeting and asked about the person in question for position. Discussion continued the subject and she stated that she never received the letter in question requesting the applicant for job. Commissioner Hammer made a motion to allow Mr. Perdue to complete an application to be considered for the pending vacancy that Sheriff Helms is waiting for confirmation. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.
3. Proclamations: N/A
4. Bids: N/A

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Jail Construction: Attorney stated that he had received a notice of agreement to amend fees from JMR+H Architect for their contract services. Commissioner Hammer noted that the Architect did not hold to the contract and keep the budget in line to warrant all the increase of fees for the job. Commissioner Hammer made a motion that the commission did not agree with the amendment to the agreement on fees and increase in fees and the Attorney is to write the Architect to advise of such and request Architect to meet with the commission to discuss the issue. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.
2. Courthouse: Chairman Hamic noted that the courthouse has problems with the lighting on the front steps of the courthouse and needs adjustments to the lighting fixtures to provide more light. Mrs. Webster stated that the lighting is poor where you exit from the courthouse on the southeast backside. Commission asked here to call Alabama Power and see about a pole light close to the exit, so it lights up the back-parking lot and doorways. The courthouse front lighting will be checked into for cost. The trees in front of courthouse hanging over walkway need to be trimmed but need a bucket truck to do the job. The truck is not working that the county owns so outside assistance will be checked into.
3. Board Appointments: Commissioner Brannon made a motion to appoint Adam Shanks to the Spectra Care Board with his acceptance pending. Commissioner Spivey seconding the motion. Vote was 4-0.
4. Bids: N/A

**REPORTS OF STAFF:**

**Sheriff:** Sheriff stated that the domes have been leaking and they have put tarps on them to help.

**County Administrator:** Mrs. Webster provided copies of the Holiday list and Commission Meeting dates for approval. Commissioner Hammer made the motion to approve Holiday List and Commission Meetings with one change of meeting date. Commissioner Spivey seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0. Commissioner Hammer made the motion that the commission not meet the second meeting in December. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

Commission Hammer made the motion to approve 2019 Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday February 22-24, 2019 which will be for the one percent jail tax. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

The Courthouse Annex needs cameras for safety and the proposal from Harris Security Systems will be \$2,525. Commissioner Brannon made the motion to purchase the cameras with Harris. Commissioner Spivey seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

**County Engineer:** Engineer welcomed the commissioners and stated that he looked forward to working with them.

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Personnel update was given for the department EQUI's that have been filled. The new bucket truck has been ordered and the new Kenworth dump trucks have been ordered to replace the trucks that will be sold.

The hurricane did become a Federal Disaster and there will be a meeting at EMA office for the FEMA kick-off today. The FEMA group will be on the ground within the next two weeks to assess damage. The department has picked up debris and staged it at the local dirt pits and after FEMA has looked at the piles then the county will be able to start burning the wood. Citizens do not need to put debris on side of the roads until after the first of the year for it to be picked up to fall under the FEMA debris removal. The size of the wood needs to be considered for the dump trucks to haul the debris. Engineer noted that he has nothing to do with personal assistance and at this time there is not any approved personal assistance for the disaster.

**County Attorney:** Attorney stated that since the last meeting that Mary Ann Ellison, Revenue Commissioner, had sent him a professional services agreement for \$89,745.27 with the Atlantic Group concerning the Ariel fly over and mapping for the County Reappraisal office. This very technical and meets all the Alabama Department Revenue specification and standards and requires a high degree of professional expertise. They are providing custom mapping software on an external hard drive that is compatible with the Revenue Commissioner's office current software. Commissioner Hammer made a motion that the commission determined that the purchase is custom mapping software and professional services and exempt from the bid law, approving the agreement and authorizing the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

Attorney Eldridge stated that Ms. Ellison received a lawsuit she should not be part of but was included. Attorney stated that he needed Commission's approval to represent Ms. Ellison in lawsuit. Commissioner Wilks made a motion to allow Attorney Eldridge to represent Mary Ann Ellison, Revenue Commissioner. Commissioner Hammer seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

**Chairman Hamic:** Chairman Hamic noted that the canvassing board met to certify the election for November 6. Chairman Hamic wanted to thank all his department and pool workers for all their work during the elections during his term of office.

Chairman stated that a letter had been received from the poll workers in Slocomb concerning the building. The building is owned by the City of Slocomb and they are responsible for the building being cleaned and kept up.

**EMA Director:** Not in attendance.

**Personnel Director:** Nothing to report.

**Revenue Commissioner:** Ms. Ellison noted that the satellite office in Slocomb is working out well.

**Solid Waste Director:** Nothing to report.

**E-911 Director:** Nothing to report.

**Auburn Extension:** Nothing to report.

**Commissioner Hammer:** Nothing to report.

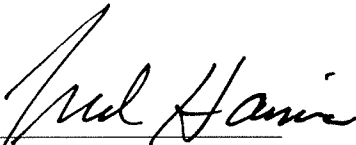
**Commissioner Brannon:** Welcomed the new commissioners.

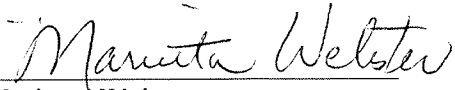
**Commissioner Wilks:** Wanted to thank everyone in District one for their votes and that he looked forward to serving as commissioner.

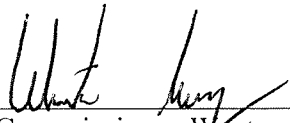
**Commissioner Spivey:** Thanked everyone for their votes and looked forward to working with the commission.

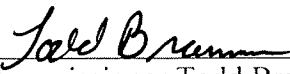
Commissioner Hammer made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

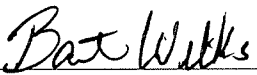
The above constitutes the minutes of the meeting of the Geneva County Commission held on Wednesday, November 14, 2018.

  
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Chairman, Fred Hamic

  
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Chief Administrative Clerk

  
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Commissioner Weston Spivey

  
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Commissioner Todd Brannon

  
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District Three      District Four*

## GENEVA COUNTY COMMISSION

### 2018 SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS SALES TAX HOLIDAY

#### RESOLUTION NO. 11142018

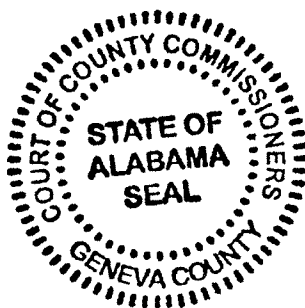
WHEREAS, the Geneva County Commission, regular session meeting on November 14, 2018, adopted said resolution for the 2019 Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday (ACT 2012-256) which begins 12:01 a. m. on Friday, February 22, 2019, and ends at twelve midnight on Sunday, February 24, 2019. Severe weather preparedness items free of state sales tax or local sales tax if apply.

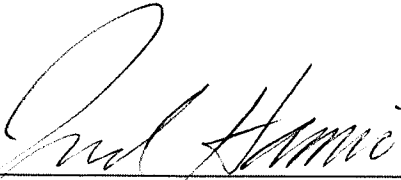
WHEREAS, be it resolved by the Geneva County Commission that it does provide for an exemption of the (1%) one percent county sales and use tax levied for Jail Construction only on purchases until and unless participation is rescinded by further action of the county commission. The Geneva County Commission does not grant a sales tax holiday for the remaining 1% sales and uses tax levied for education purposes.

WHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENEVA COUNTY COMMISSION that it does hereby provide for an exemption of the county sales and use tax on purchases of qualifying items set forth in Act 2012-256.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the November 14, 2018 meeting of the Geneva County Commission, and be immediately forwarded to the Alabama Department of Revenue.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Geneva County Commission has caused this Resolution to be executed in its name and it behalf by its Chairman on this 14 day of November 2018.



  
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Chairman, Geneva County Commission