

The Geneva County Commission met in regular session on Monday, December 10, 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 Wilks 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; Chief Administrative Officer, Marietta Webster and EMA Director, Misty Wise were also present. The following business was transacted:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approve Minutes of November 26, 2018. Commissioner Wilks made a motion to approve the minutes November 26, 2018. Commissioner Spivey seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.
2. Proclamations: N/A
3. Bids: N/A

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Jail Construction: Nothing new to report.
2. Courthouse: Chairman reiterated that the hanging lights over the front Courthouse steps needed to be replaced or fixed and other areas needed lights.
3. Board Appointments: N/A
4. Bids: N/A

REPORTS OF STAFF:

Sheriff: Sheriff Helms stated that they are having issues with the fire alarm system in the domes due to location wiring is getting wet and causing the alarm to go off. The Jail Administrator has been asked to call the company that installed and see if the wiring can be put in conduit.

The department had a deputy that was sent to check on a dog that had bitten a UPS driver and in doing so had been bitten. The matter is being handled.

The Sheriff stated that he has two temporary deputies hired to cover the School Resource Officer job for Geneva High School.

Sheriff requested a part-time correctional officer. Commissioner Wilks made a motion to approve the request and have the Sheriff present it to the Personnel Board for approval. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

County Administrator: Nothing to report.

County Engineer: Engineer stated that since the last meeting that he had lost another EOII and the position for two operators have been advertised by Mrs. Webster.

Engineer noted that they had met with FEMA last week on the Debris Removal.

Engineer stated that he and others made presentations to the Legislative Conference and hope this will assist in the move to increase gas tax revenue. Information was given by the Engineer on statistics of what the counties are spending for resurfacing. The conference indicated that the Governor is working on a proposal to increase gas tax to assist the counties with resurfacing and other road work.

Commissioner Hammer asked if there was a way for the county to help adjust the pay scale of the Road and Bridge crews to help maintain a staff. It was noted that you cannot raise pay without doing all employees. The Commission discussed other recommendations that the commission might present to the Personnel Board to help with employees' benefits.

County Attorney: Attorney Eldridge noted that the ACCA is going in house to handle all the insurance claims. Most of the Meadowbrook employees are working for ACCA. The claims will be handle on line with Blue Cross handling the Workers Compensation.

The Law Office that is handling the Opioid Law Suit has requested information for the courts. Mrs. Webster and Sheriff Helms will be able to help provide the information.

Attorney Eldridge stated that he had spoken with Mr. Rutland by phone regarding meeting with the Commission as requested. Attorney Eldridge had spoken with Mr. Rutland on Wednesday at the Legislative Conference and he stated that he would not be able to be at the meeting due to prior engagement. Attorney stated that Mr. Rutland stated that he could meet Wednesday, December 12th at 11:00 a. m. at which time Commissioner Hammer and Attorney will meet with him.

Chairman Hamic: Chairman Hamic stated that they would need a Vice Chairman for commission. Commissioner Hammer made a motion to appoint Commissioner Brannon as Vice Chairman. Commissioner Wilks seconded the motion. Vote was 3 with 1 abstain.

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Chairman noted to the commission that the courthouse needed to be updated and they needed to be prepared.

Chairman noted that the Courthouse Maintenance employee was unable to fill the requirements of the position and he was terminated. The position has been advertised.

EMA Director: SBA outreach has closed for assistance for disaster. Mrs. Wise stated that she has had calls from several people that are in need but there is no assistance available for repairs.

Reported that we have had more than eight inches of rain this month.

Mrs. Wise noted that the siren coder is digital therefore she needs a new computer to be able to produce the reports needed.

Personnel Director: Nothing to report.

Revenue Commissioner: Nothing to report.

Solid Waste Director: Mrs. Bottom presented a problem that she is having with a route that is a dead-end road and garbage truck not being able to turn around. Commissioners are going to see what they can work out.

E-911 Director: Nothing to report.

Auburn Extension: Nothing to report.

Commissioner Wilks: Nothing to report. Thanked Chairman Hamic for his service as Chairman and Probate Judge.

Commissioner Spivey: Thanked Chairman Hamic for his service as Chairman and Probate Judge for the County.

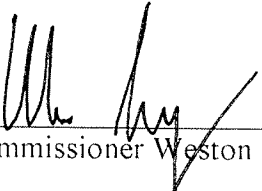
Commissioner Hammer: Commissioner Hammer stated that the commission needed to work on getting more revenue and wanted to know what can be done. Our representatives will need to enter the bills and get them approved to be on the ballots for next election and allow the people to vote. Commissioner Hammer also thanked Chairman Hamic for his years of service.

Commissioner Brannon: Noted that there will be a NRCS meeting concerning irrigation on Dec 18 at 9:30 at Johnny Hughes Center. Thanked the Chairman for his years of service as Chairman and Probate Judge of the County.

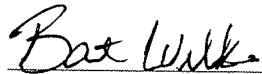
Commissioner Hammer made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

The above constitutes the minutes of the meeting of the Geneva County Commission held on Monday, December 10, 2018.

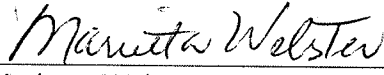
Chairman, Fred Hamic



Commissioner Weston Spivey



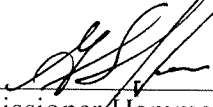
Commissioner Bart Wilks



Marietta Webster
Chief Administrative Clerk



Commissioner Todd Brannon



Commissioner Hammer

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