

AGENDA  
GENEVA COUNTY COMMISSION  
March 25, 2019

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

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

Public Comment from Elected Officials

Roll Call-Call to Order

New Business:

1. Approve Minutes of March 11, 2019
2. Proclamation:
3. Bids:

Old Business:

1. Jail Construction:
2. Courthouse:
3. Board Appointments:
4. Bids:

Reports from Staff:

Sheriff  
Chief Administrative Officer  
County Engineer  
County Attorney  
Commission Chairman

Commissioner Wilks  
Commissioner Hammer  
Commissioner Brannon  
Commissioner Spivey  
Adjourn

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TOBY L. SEAY, PROBATE JUDGE, GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

The Geneva County Commission met in regular session on Monday, March 25, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at the Geneva County Courthouse in Geneva, Alabama.

Commission Chairman Toby Seay called the meeting to order and welcome guests and media present. Commissioner Wilks opened the meeting with prayer. Chairman Seay 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 Seay 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 were also present. The following business was transacted:

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approve Minutes of March 11, 2019. Commissioner Wilks made a motion to approve the minutes March 11, 2019. Commissioner Hammer seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.
2. Proclamations: Commissioner Spivey presented proclamation concerning a beauty queen. The commissioner voted 4-0 to present a proclamation. Chairman read a proclamation from Child Advocacy Center proclaiming April be recognized as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Commissioner Hammer made a motion to accept the proclamation. Commissioner Wilks seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.
3. Bids: County Attorney stated that one bid was received and it was from William Birdsong at \$11,322 for three year lease to farm the excess land at Industrial Park with the understanding if property was needed by the county for industrial purposes that it would revert to county for that purpose. Commissioner Brannon made a motion to accept the bid from Mr. Birdsong for the three-year lease. Commissioner Wilks seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0. Commissioner Hammer made a motion that the Industrial Park property is not needed for industrial purpose at this time. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Jail Construction: Chairman Seay noted that pods are being delivered in stages and they should be all delivered by first week of April.
2. Courthouse: Chairman noted that the updated lighting for outside of courthouse has been completed with much improvement at night for safety. Chairman told the commission that Canon contract for copiers are up for their three-year lease renewal at which time they will be replaced with new ones with no change in cost except for the Revenue Department who made changes due to their need of

another copier to replace an older model. All toner and maintenance are included in the lease cost. Commissioner Wilks made a motion to approve renewal of the Canon contracts for three-years. Commissioner Spivey seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

3. Board Appointments: Commissioner Wilks made a motion to reappoint Justin Barfield and Todd Brannon to the R C & D Council Board. Commissioner Hammer seconded the motion. Vote was 3-with 1 abstain.
4. Bids: N/A

**REPORTS OF STAFF:**

**Sheriff:** Sheriff Helms stated that he had the truck that was purchased stripped and ready to use.

Sheriff noted that he had hired a jail correctional officer, but he had already turned in his notice. Staffing is a problem at this time and he states that he will be needing more personnel with the new jail due to the unsafe environment.

**County Administrator:** Nothing to report.

**County Engineer:** Mr. Barfield stated that he is still working with personnel to staff the positions that are open at Road and Bridge.

The new dump trucks have arrived to replace the three that have been sold through JM Wood Auction.

The department should be through with FEMA clean-up by the first week of May.

The herbicide spraying is about fifty percent complete.

Skyland Road has let for bid on repaving project.

The overtime for the department has exceeded budget due to the work required for clean-up from the storm. Money from FEMA on debris clean-up will offset.

The Rebuild Alabama Act should produce up \$754,000 per year to the county for paved roads. Mr. Barfield passed out information on programs that may become available for the county to apply for in order to get more funding.

**County Attorney:** Nothing to report

**Chairman Seay:** Chairman noted a meeting at Wiregrass Electric at eleven-thirty today.

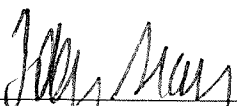
The software company that handles Solid Waste is discontinuing services on October 1, so they are looking for a company to be able to handle the type of system they will need.

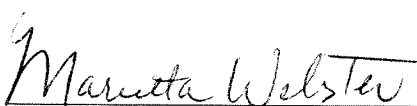
The building at Tin Top Road in Lowery that was used for a voting has is no longer needed so the commission discussed advertising the selling of the building to be moved by sealed bids. The property that the building is on was donated to the county to place a voting house and should revert to the owner or heirs. The County attorney was requested to advertise for sealed bids and asked that they be opened at the meeting for April 23, 2019. Commissioner Wilks made a motion to advertise and request sealed bids for the voting house portable building on Tin Top Road in Lowery in which the bidder is responsible for moving the portable building. Commissioner Hammer seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

Chairman stated that a request was made from the Republication Party for county participation with an event they are having for law enforcement and they wish for the county to provide use of the Farm Center at no cost. Commissioner Brannon made a motion to allow the Republican Party to use the Farm Center at no cost. Commissioner Spivey seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

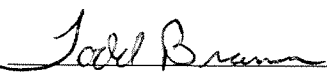
Commissioner Hammer made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Wilks seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

The above constitutes the minutes of the meeting of the Geneva County Commission held on Monday, March 25, 2019.

  
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Chairman, Toby Seay

  
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Marietta Webster  
Chief Administrative Clerk

  
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Commissioner Weston Spivey

  
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Commissioner Todd Brannon

  
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Commissioner Bart Wilks

  
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Commissioner Hammer

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## CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, in Federal fiscal year 2017, 4.1 million reports were made to child protective services;

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone in our community;

**WHEREAS**, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of all communities in Alabama;

**WHEREAS**, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse;

**WHEREAS**, protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children;

**WHEREAS**, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships created between child welfare, education, health, community and faith based organizations, businesses and law enforcement agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that create strong and thriving children and families;

**WHEREAS**, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, nurturing environment;

**WHEREAS**, Prevention remains the best defense for our children and families;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, TOBY SEAY (CHAIRMAN)**, do I hereby proclaim

**APRIL 2019 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

in GENEVA COUNTY and urge all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.



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March 4, 2019

Chairman Toby Seay  
Geneva County Commission  
200 N. Commerce Street  
Geneva, AL 36340

Dear Chairman Seay:

Each April, during Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Southeast Alabama Child Advocacy Center coordinates a community wide Blue Ribbon Campaign. The purpose is to raise awareness about the problems of child abuse and to generate support for our services. The theme for this year's campaign is "**25 Years of Hope.**" Over the last 25 years, the CAC has been a part of helping thousands of children to tell their stories and no longer suffer in silence.

Using a multidisciplinary team approach to the investigation of child abuse allegations allows child victims and their families to receive the help they need through the coordination of services. Last year, we provided interviews to 526 children regarding new allegations of abuse and served 1721 children. The CAC services are essential for the recovery of children in Henry, Houston, Dale, and Geneva Counties!

We will officially kick off Child Abuse Prevention Month at a *press conference on Friday, April 5, at 10:00 a.m. at Porter Park on Foster Street in downtown Dothan.* Please consider this your personal invitation to join us for this event!

We would appreciate it if you would proclaim April as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in your community. Enclosed you will find a sample proclamation which could be presented at your commission meeting. If you would like a representative from our agency to attend the meeting when the proclamation is presented, please contact me at 671-1779.

Thank you for your past support and helping us provide hope for children! Please let me know if you have questions or need additional information.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terri DuBose". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Terri DuBose  
Executive Director

Enclosure

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