

The Geneva County Commission met in regular session on Monday, April 8, 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 Hammer 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 25, 2019. Commissioner Hammer made a motion to approve the minutes March 25, 2019. Commissioner Wilks seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.
2. Proclamations: The Slocomb Varsity Basketball Team attended the meeting and Chairman read the proclamation to be presented to the team to recognize them for making it to the Elite 8 tournament in the 3A Boys Varsity Basketball Southeast Regional playoffs where they were runner-up. Commissioner Spivey made a motion to accept the proclamation and present a copy to each player and coach. Commissioner Hammer seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.
3. Bids: N/A

#### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Jail Construction: Chairman noted that the remainder of the pods will be delivered on jail site the 18 April 2019.
2. Courthouse: Chairman noted that all air conditioning units are being serviced for a preventative measure. The large oak tree to the left of the courthouse has a hole rotted out of the center which makes it dangerous and will need to be removed.
3. Board Appointments: Commissioner Wilks made a motion to appoint Carol Beck to the DHR Board replacing James Linton for the remainder of the term. Vote was 4-0. Commissioner Brannon made a motion to reappoint Cindy Campbell to the Southeast Alabama Emergency Medical Services Council. Commissioner Wilkes seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0. Commissioner Spivey made a motion to reappoint Roger Wise to the Southeast Alabama Emergency Medical Services Council. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0. Commissioner Wilks made a motion to reappoint

- Commissioner Brannon to the Southeast Alabama Regional Planning Board.  
Commissioner Hammer seconded the motion. Vote was 3-with 1 abstain.  
4. Bids: N/A

**REPORTS OF STAFF:**

**Sheriff:** Sheriff Helms noted that he is still trying to fill the correctional officer positions that he has open and another employee has turned in notice.

Sheriff stated that the Geneva City School system is wanting to continue with the Sheriff providing the resource office to the school for the next term and they provide funding as they did this year.

Sheriff stated that he has several reserve officers going to school to get certified.

The Sheriff is working with our State and Local representatives to have several bills written for the county that would provide more funds to the Sheriff's department.

Commissioner Hammer made a motion to allow Sheriff Helms to move forward with requesting to Representative Sorrells to have a bill written for the Service Process Fee. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

Commissioner Spivey made a motion to allow Sheriff Helms to move forward with requesting to Representative Sorrells to have a bill written for Receipt of badge and pistol upon retirement. Commissioner Hammer seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

Commissioner Wilks made a motion to allow Sheriff to move forward with request to Representative Sorrells to have a bill written for Work Release. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

Commissioner Wilks made a motion to allow Sheriff to move forward with a request to Representative Sorrells to have a bill written on Claim of ownership. Commissioner Wilkes seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

Commissioner Brannon made a motion to allow Sheriff to move forward with a request to Representative Sorrells to have a bill written on Record of abandoned and stolen firearms: sale and distribution. Commissioner Wilkes seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

Commissioner Hammer made a motion to allow Sheriff to move forward with a request to Representative Sorrells to get a bill written on Disposition of sale proceeds. Commissioner Wilkes seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

Commissioner Brannon made a motion to allow Sheriff to move forward with a request to Representative Sorrells to have a bill written on Abandoned and stolen personal

property: abandoned and stolen firearms. Commissioner Wilkes seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

Commissioner Spivey made a motion to allow Sheriff to move forward with a request to Representative Sorrells to have a bill written on Record of abandoned and stolen personal property: sale and distributions. Commissioner Hammer seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

All bills will be considered by the commission after they have been written for the County by the Legislative Reference Committee.

The inmate phone service contract will be up for bid in August and notice will need to be sent to terminate the current service within 90 days prior. Sheriff discussed the needs of the jail for phones, email, video and texting service.

**Personnel Director:** Hazel Odom, Personnel Director, presented the commission with response that was requested of the Personnel Board concerning several personnel issues that had been discussed by the commission and presented to the board for consideration. Chairman read the information provided and the commission agreed to allow 160 vacation hours be carried forward at the end of each year instead of the current 80 and allow vacation hours over 160 to be paid out by request by mid-December. Discussion continued with the creation of a sick leave donations from the employees to others in time of need. Commission asked County Attorney to write up the requirements for the sick leave donation program as requested by the commission which would be that an individual employee may give sick hours to another employee if criteria is met and approved by Department Head.

**County Administrator:** Mrs. Webster reported that she will be attending the ACAA conference May 8-9.

**County Engineer:** Engineer stated that his last position for EOIII will be closing Friday and the positions that were already advertised had only one applicant. Discussion continued concerning the pay scales in the county.

April 19-20 will be free landfill day for citizens. Commissioner Brannon made a motion to accept April 19-20 for free landfill day. Commissioner Wilks seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

Engineer discussed the cost of repaving roads. The City of Geneva will be helping with the cost of repaving Skyline Avenue which runs from highway 27 south to the Florida line.

Federal Aid money was discussed with what roads had been repaved in prior years and Engineer stated that the five hundred thousand dollars left in federal funds will be exhausted next year before the new State funds for roads are given. Commissioner Brannon made a motion to accept the resolutions for projects on County Road 4 to

County Road 53 easterly to County Road 61 and County Road 53 from the Alabama/Florida State Line northerly to County Road 4. Commissioner Wilks seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

Herbicide is continuing as wind and rain permits.

The debris is still being processed with two loads moved last week. They will continue to get the process completed to receive FEMA funds.

River road is still closed.

Engineer noted that the sale of the dump trucks and paying them off which was handled through JM Woods, had amounted to a gain for the equipment account of \$5,700.

The department is having issues with the diesel tank due to after inspection the tank is rusting through. Engineer will be looking at pricing on purchasing a new tank.

**County Attorney:** Attorney Eldridge noted that he had done the invitation to for sealed bid on the portable voting house building at Lowery which has been sent for advertising to be opened at the next meeting.

**EMA Director:** Mrs. Wise stated that she is on Health Care Coalition Board and was asked to come because of lack of participation and being on the board, to a symposium in Mobile at no cost to county except her way to go.

EMA Director discussed the sirens located in the cities and county which have maintenance contracts paid by the cities that they be kept up. Chairman stated that sirens were always scheduled to go off on Thursdays at noon and they have not been going off. Commissioner Spivey stated numbers of the citizens that had complained that the sirens were not being tested on a weekly basis. The commission asked that the sirens be set off audibly each week. Mrs. Wise stated that she would set them off but if she was not there someone would need to be responsible to handle. Commission stated that the sirens were to be set off each Thursday at noon as they had been in the past and that maintenance should be done when needed for repairs since a maintenance contract is being paid monthly.

**Chairman Seay:** Chairman noted that he had interviewed applicants for the maintenance job opening but the candidate chosen did not show. The second applicant choice will be called.

**Commissioner Hammer:** N/A

**Commissioner Brannon:** N/A

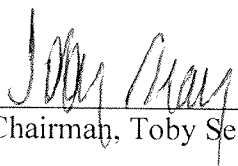
**Commissioner Spivey:** Commissioner Spivey asked that the commission work forward to get the Personnel Department available more than the hours that are now. Need work

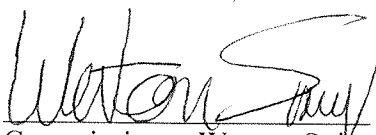
at trying to find ways to compensate employees if the county cannot increase the pay scale.

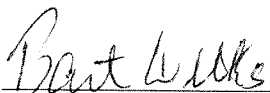
Commissioner Wilks: N/A

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, April 8, 2019.

  
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Chairman, Toby Seay

  
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Commissioner Weston Spivey

  
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Commissioner Bart Wilks

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Chief Administrative Clerk

  
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Commissioner Todd Brannon

  
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**A PROCLAMATION HONORING**  
*Slocomb High School*  
*Boys Varsity Basketball Team*

**WHEREAS**, the members of the 2018-2019 Slocomb High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team are Simeon Evans, John Hagler, Jonathan Hamilton, Sam Martin, Cade Price, Jace Stewart, Christian Troupe, Tanner Berry, Tyler Boyett, Braydon Whitaker, Jaylen Nobles, Head Coach- Brent Singletary, and Assistant Coach- J. J. Price

**WHEREAS**, this year's team was a highly dedicated and competitive group of student athletes with strong character and integrity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Slocomb High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team has continued its record of success thanks in large part to the continued training and support of Head Coach Brent Singletary and Assistant Coach J. J. Price.

**WHEREAS**, the 2018-2019 Slocomb High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team is the first boys' basketball team since 1928 in Slocomb High School history to earn the 3A Boys Varsity Basketball Southeast Regional Runner-ups and make it to the Elite 8 tournament.

**WHEREAS**, congratulations are for Braydon Whitaker for being named to the AHSAA North/South Basketball game and for Tanner Berry and Braydon Whitaker for being named to the All Southeast Regional Tournament.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Geneva County Commission, do hereby honor the 2018-2019 Slocomb High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team on this day, April 8, 2019, for earning the distinction of 3A Boys Varsity Basketball Southeast Regional Runner-ups.

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Commissioner Sandy Hammer

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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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Chairman Toby Seay

INVITATION FOR BIDS  
ON SALE OF A PORTABLE BUILDING  
Geneva County, Alabama

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Geneva County, Alabama, will receive sealed bids until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 19, 2019, at the Geneva County Commission Office, Geneva County Courthouse, Geneva, Alabama, which bids will be publicly opened at the Geneva County Commission meeting on Monday, April 22, 2019, for the sale for cash to the highest responsive bidder of a 12 foot by 24 foot portable building, which is insulated and paneled inside with electrical wiring, which is located at the old Lowrey Voting Place, 136 Tin Top Road, Geneva County, Kinston, AL 36453.

The portable building may be viewed by calling Marietta Webster at (334) 684-5611 or by contacting Marietta Webster at the Geneva County Commission, Geneva County Courthouse, 200 North Commerce Street, Geneva, Alabama 36340.

The highest and successful bidder on the portable building shall pay at the time of the notification of the acceptance of the bid by Geneva County the amount of the bid in cash or by cashier's check or an official Bank check payable to the Geneva County Commission. The successful bidder on the portable building shall move and remove such portable building completely from the property located at 136 Tin Top Road, Kinston, Geneva County, AL 36453 in its entirety on or before May 6, 2019. If the portable building is not moved in its entirety from said property on or before May 6, 2019, a penalty of \$100.00 per day shall be paid by the successful bidder to the Geneva County Commission until such portable building is moved in its entirety from said property.

The portable building will be sold "as is".

Envelopes containing bids should be sealed and marked in the upper left hand corner with the name and address of the bidder, the day of opening and addressed to the "Chairman, Geneva County Commission-Portable Building Sale". Bids should be submitted to the Geneva County Commission Office, Geneva County Courthouse, 200 North Commerce Street, Geneva, Alabama 36340, or mailed to the Geneva County Commission, P.O. Box 430, Geneva, Alabama 36340.

The right is reserved, as the interest of Geneva County may require, to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in bids received.

This notice being made and dated this 3rd day of April, 2019.

  
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TOBY SEAY, CHAIRMAN OF THE GENEVA  
COUNTY COMMISSION