

ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING JANUARY 27, 2026

The St. Clair County Commission met in regular session on January 27, 2026, in the St. Clair County Commission Chambers of the St. Clair County Courthouse in Pell City, Alabama.

Members Present: Stanley D. Batemon, Chairman
Jeff Brown, Commissioner District One
Ricky Parker, Commissioner District Two
Joey Stevens, Commissioner District Three
Bob Mize, Commissioner District Four

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Corey Phillips, Assistant Deputy Administrator
Susie Washburn, Deputy Administrator
Kirk Walker, County Attorney
Dan Dahlke, Engineer
John Myers, IT
Brian Phillips, Ragland Mayor
Chey Garrigan, Lobbyist
Ashlee Thompson, Extension Office
Richard Rybka, Coosa Riverkeepers
Freddie Turrentine, Sheriff's Office
Josh Tolbert, Shots on 11

CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Stanley D. Batemon declared a quorum present at 9:09 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the agenda be approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting on January 13, 2026, be approved.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

The first item of the Engineer's report was an informational item on road crews and projects.

The next item of the Engineer's report was to consider not issuing Alabama Power a permit to put new poles in on Saine Road until a solution that provides a way for traffic to flow for at least one lane being open while they install poles. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

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RESOLVED, that a permit will not be issued to Alabama Power to put new poles in on Saine Road until a solution that provides a way for at least one lane of traffic to stay open & flow.

The next item of the Engineer's report was to consider adopting Resolution 2026-17 & the agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) for a Safety Widening Project #HRRR-5826 on Kelly Creek Road with the total project cost in the amount of \$835,396.80 with the County's portion for a 10% match in the amount of \$83,539.68. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Resolution 2026-17 & the agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) for a Safety Widening Project #HRRR-5826 on Kelly Creek Road be adopted. (Resolution and Agreement to be made as part of these minutes as Attachment #1 and #1A)

The next item of the Engineer's report was to consider a \$2,500.00 quote from K & B Construction to construct a handicap ramp for the storm shelter at Canoe Creek Boat launch, this will be a general fund amendment. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that a quote from K & B Construction to construct a handicap ramp for the storm shelter at Canoe Creek Boat launch in the amount of \$2,500.00 is approved.

The next item of the Engineer's report was to consider making a partial payment to Ragland Water in the amount of \$63,893.09 for the waterline relocation on County Road 21 due to a bridge replacement. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that making a partial payment to Ragland Water in the amount of \$63,893.09 for the waterline relocation on County Road 21 due to a bridge replacement is approved.

The next item of the Engineer's report was to consider approving a \$10,000.00 proposal for a pole barn from Jason Goodgame, Goodgame Company, Inc., which will consist of a basic design concept and a bid package for the County to use. The pole barn will be located at the Road Department. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that a \$10,000.00 proposal for a pole barn from Jason Goodgame, Goodgame Company, Inc., which will consist of a basic design concept and a bid package for the County to use is approved. (Proposal to be made as part of these minutes as Attachment #2)

The next item of the Engineer's report was to consider the recommendations from the County Engineer to award the following annual bids:

- PWB 2026-10 Traffic Striping – Highway Management Systems
- PWB 2026-19 Guardrail – Alabama Guardrail
- PWB 2026-26 HMA Paving-Wiregrass Construction
- PWB 2026-28 Micro Surface Paving- Asphalt Paving Systems
- PWB 2026-30 Surface Treatment Paving- Charles E. Watts

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On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Parker, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the above bids were awarded. (Recommendation letters to be made as part of these minutes as Attachments #3)

ASSISTANT DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

NONE

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

The first item of the County Attorney's report was to discuss the Resolution that will place a property tax for the school district to keep Ragland High School open. This will be placed on the ballot to vote in May 2026. If for some unforeseen reason Ragland High School closed, the commission could have a resolution in place to reduce the tax. This will need to be discussed, and a resolution will need to be made by the commission for this action. This will be discussed later.

OLD BUSINESS

The first item of old business was to consider the request of Trade name: Shots on 11 for approval of Type license: 010 Lounge Retail Liquor-Class 1 for Applicant: Shots11, LLC located at 15180 US Highway 11 Springville, AL 35146. Tabled by Commissioner Brown at the commission meeting on January 13, 2026. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Parker, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of Trade name: Shots on 11 for Type license: 010 Lounge Retail Liquor-Class 1 for Applicant: Shots11, LLC located at 15180 US Highway 11 Springville, AL 35146, is approved.

The next item of old business was to consider the request of Trade name: Oh Sherri Island Pub for approval of Type license: 020 Restaurant Retail Liquor for Applicant: Oh Sherri Pub, LLC located at 1095 Coosa Island Road Cropwell, AL 35054. Tabled by Commissioner Mize at the commission meeting on January 13, 2026. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of Trade name: Oh Sherri Island Pub for Type license: 020 Restaurant Retail Liquor for Applicant: Oh Sherri Pub, LLC located at 1095 Coosa Island Road Cropwell, AL 35054, is approved.

CHAIRMAN STAN BATEMON'S REPORT

Chairman Batemon stated that he would like to open the floor to any candidate that is seeking an office in the upcoming elections. He would yield time from his report and commissioners could as well for constituents to speak during the meeting for a restrictive time. Chairman Batemon also said he would like the commission to consider giving the municipalities \$1,000,000.00 over a ten-year time span which would be \$100,00.00 per year. This would help with bond issues for the municipalities and the financial aspects for projects needed by the cities/towns. The funds are open to any need of the municipality but could be restricted to certain projects if necessary.

DISTRICT ONE, JEFF BROWN'S REPORT

NONE

DISTRICT TWO, RICKY PARKER'S REPORT

Commissioner Parker stated that the Highway 411 and Kerr Road project is going well. He also stated that Dan was working on an agreement regarding Kelly Creek Road. If there was an issue that the road would need to be widened, that the expense would not fall on the county.

DISTRICT THREE, JOEY STEVENS' REPORT

Commissioner Stevens acknowledged the presence of the Ragland Mayor Brian Phillips.

DISTRICT FOUR, BOB MIZE'S REPORT

Commissioner Mize had a question regarding the constituents for county government; he asked the question if there was a limit on the times that anyone could speak or if they could speak more than once at other meetings. Chairman Batemon said they could come to as many meetings and speak but would have a restrictive time for the floor.

NEW BUSINESS

The first item of new business was to consider approval of payment to Ryan Smith Construction for a PWP (Public Works Project) in the amount of \$54,800.00 to remodel the Pell City Probate office. This PWP was approved on 9-23-2025.

RESOLVED, that payment to Ryan Smith Construction for a PWP in the amount of \$54,800.00 is approved.

The next item was to consider the request of EMA (Emergency Management Agency) Director Patrice Kurzejeski to adopt Resolution 2026-18 authorizing participation in the Alabama Inter-Local Mutual Aid agreement, pending the County Attorney's review. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Resolution 2026-18 authorizing participation in the Alabama Inter-Local Mutual Aid agreement, pending the County Attorney's review is adopted. (Resolution to be made as part of these minutes as Attachment #4)

The next item was to consider the request of EMA Director Patrice Kurzejeski to approve the Alabama Inter-Local Mutual Aid Omnibus Agreement, pending the County Attorney's review. On a motion by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the Alabama Inter-Local Mutual Aid Omnibus Agreement, pending the County Attorney's review is approved. (Agreement to be made as part of these minutes as Attachment #5)

The next item was to consider the request from Juvenile Probation Officer Anna Leigh Cline to reimburse the State in the amount of \$35,625.60 due to Juvenile Probation hiring one full-time employee. On a motion by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Parker, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request from Juvenile Probation Officer Anna Leigh Cline to reimburse the State in the amount of \$35,625.60 is approved.

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The next item was to consider the request from IT (Information Technology) Manager Glenn Morgan to award Bid #2026-32 Audio Visual Live Stream System to Sharp SBS of Georgia & Alabama in the total amount of \$81,987.53, the only bidder.

Ashville Annex \$40,171.54

Pell City Courthouse \$41,815.99

On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request from IT Manager Glenn Morgan to award Bid #2026-32 Audio Visual Live Stream System to Sharp SBS of Georgia & Alabama in the total amount of \$81,987.53. (Contract to be made as part of these minutes as Attachment #6)

The next item was to consider the request from IT Manager Glenn Morgan to surplus & dispose of seven timeclocks used with the Gorrie-Regan software which is no longer in use. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Parker, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request from IT Manager Glenn Morgan to surplus & dispose of seven timeclocks used with the Gorrie-Regan software is approved. (Document to be made as part of these minutes as Attachment #7)

The next item was to consider the request from Jail Administrator Phillip Barnard to pay an invoice without a purchase order to Guardian RFID in the amount of \$32.30 due to shipping charges for replacement parts. On a motion by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that to pay an invoice without a purchase order to Guardian RFID in the amount of \$32.30 is approved.

The next item was to consider the request from Sheriff Murray to approve the ERAD software in the amount of \$4,950.00 per year, pending the County Attorney's review. The software is used to generate investigative leads from mobile device signal data & enables the identification & seizure of illicit funds linked to stolen or re-encoded payment cards. On a motion by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the ERAD software in the amount of \$4,950.00 per year, pending the County Attorney's review is approved. (Agreement to be made as part of these minutes as Attachment #8)

The next item was to consider the request from Sheriff Murray to renew the AMPED Software USA Inc. in the amount of \$3,744.00 per year, pending the county attorney's review. This software is used for photo & video enhancement to take place potentially assisting in the resolution of crimes by improving on the limitations of evidence often recovered from phone cameras, surveillance systems, etc. On a motion by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Parker, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that renewing the AMPED Software USA Inc. in the amount of \$3,744.00 per year, pending the county attorney's review is

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approved. (Agreement to be made as part of these minutes as Attachment #9)

The next item was to consider the request from Sheriff Murray to renew the Callyo subscription in the amount of \$3,820.00 per year, pending the county attorney's review. This software is used for real time call monitoring in law enforcement. On a motion by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that renewing the Callyo subscription in the amount of \$3,820.00 per year, pending the county attorney's review is approved (Agreement to be made as part of these minutes as Attachment #10)

The next item was to consider a letter from the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) confirming the relocation of the Pell City Driver's License Office from the Pell City Courthouse to the building the County recently purchased located at 1802 2nd Avenue North in Pell City. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that a letter from ALEA confirming the relocation of the Pell City Driver's License Office from the Pell City Courthouse to the building the County recently purchased located at 1802 2nd Avenue North in Pell City is approved. (Letter to be made as part of these minutes as Attachment #11)

The next item was to approve the travel requests. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, the travel requests are approved. (Document is to be made as part of these minutes as Attachment #12)

Board Appointments

The first item of board appointments is to consider the recommendation from Chairman Batemon to reappoint Candice Lindsey to the St. Clair County Industrial Development Board. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Parker, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the recommendation from Chairman Batemon to reappoint Candice Lindsey to the St. Clair County Industrial Development Board is approved.

The next item for discussion was to approve payment of the monthly bills. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the monthly bills be approved for payment except for those that are questioned by the Commission before the close of business today.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned subject to call at approximately 9:56 a.m. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye.

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