

ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING FEBRUARY 10, 2026

The St. Clair County Commission met in regular session on February 10, 2026, in the St. Clair County Commission Chambers of the St. Clair County Administrative Annex Building in Ashville, Alabama.

Members Present: Jeff Brown, Commissioner District One
Ricky Parker, Commissioner District Two
Bob Mize, Commissioner District Four

Members Absent: Stanley D. Batemon, Chairman
Joey Stevens, Commissioner District Three

Others Present: Tina Morgan, Administrator
Corey Phillips, Assistant Deputy Administrator
Michelle Layfield, Chief Financial Officer
Kirk Walker, County Attorney
Dan Dahlke, Engineer
Clay Phillips, Assistant Engineer
Glenn Morgan, IT
Brian Phillips, Ragland Mayor
Danny Watson, Ragland Police Chief
David Yance, Ragland City Council
Dewayne Lovell, Sheriff's Office
Lyman Lovejoy
Jason Roberts, Economic Development Council
Don Smith, Economic Development Council
Brad Frey
Tom Sanders
Allison Gray, Board of Education
Rusty St. John, Board of Education
Cathy Wise Fine, Board of Education
Don Sanders
Steve Walker
Fran Williams
Dean Goforth
Phillip Barnard, Sheriff's Office
Blair Goodgame
David Atchison, St. Clair Times
Payton Frederick, Sheriff's Office
Ashlee Thompson, Extension Office
Chey Garrigan
Peyton Maddox, Revenue Office

Shoal Creek Valley Improvement Association recognized Blair Goodgame for her service to the Shoal Creek Valley area by presentation of a plaque.

CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Pro-Tem Ricky Parker declared a quorum present at 9:03 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting on January 27, 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 an agreement with Westervelt Ecological Services, LLC to purchase mitigation credits for the wetlands that will be disturbed by the turn lane project at the intersection of US 411 and Sanie Road in the amount of \$64,790.00. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that an agreement with Westervelt Ecological Services, LLC to purchase mitigation credits for the wetlands that will be disturbed by the turn lane project at the intersection of US 411 and Sanie Road is approved. (Agreement to be made as part of these minutes as Attachment #1)

The next item of the Engineer's report was to consider an agreement with JM Wood Auction Company to place a Cat RR 250 (Reclaimer), JCB 300T Skid Steer, and a Mack PI64T Lowboy Tractor in their auction coming up on March 17-21, 2026. They are listing a gross guarantee of \$132,000.00. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that an agreement with JM Wood Auction Company to place a Cat RR 250 (Reclaimer), JCB 300T Skid Steer, and a Mack PI64T Lowboy Tractor in their auction coming up on March 17-21, 2026, is approved. (Agreement to be made as part of these minutes as Attachment #2)

The next item of the Engineer's report was to consider adopting Resolution 2026-21 to provide a match for the BUILD grant to develop plans to widen US 411 from Park Avenue to Sanie Road 10% split between St. Clair County and the City of Moody (\$250,000.00) with the County's portion up to \$300,000.00. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Resolution 2026-21 to provide a match for the BUILD grant to develop plans to widen US 411 from Park Avenue to Sanie Road be adopted. (Resolution to be made as part of these minutes as Attachment #3)

The next item of the Engineer's report was to consider execution of Chairman Batemon's signature on additional forms related to the BUILD grant (Widen US 411 from Park Avenue to Sanie Road). On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

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RESOLVED, that the additional forms related to the BUILD grant to widen US Highway 411 from Park Avenue to Sanie Road were executed with Chairman Batemon's signature. (Document to be made as part of these minutes as Attachment #4)

The next item of the Engineer's report was to consider approval of a permit for Alabama Power to install new poles on Saine Road that will keep at least one lane of traffic open during the project. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that a permit for Alabama Power to install new poles on Saine Road is approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The first item of the Administrator's report was to consider the request from the City of Riverside, Mayor Rusty Jessup, for a letter of support for Riverside's Rebuild Alabama grant application for street improvement on the McKesie Street Project. On motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that a letter of support for Riverside's Rebuild Alabama grant application for street improvement on the McKesie Street Project is approved. (Letter to be made as part of these minutes as Attachment #5)

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

County Attorney, Kirk Walker, discussed the resolutions on the agenda related to the ad valorem tax of 5 mil for the aid of financial support to keep Ragland High School operational. This will be on the ballot in May 2026 to be voted on by the people that live in the Ragland school district. Mr. Walker opened the floor for various Town of Ragland officials and St. Clair County School Board of Education members to express support for the passing of these resolutions.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

CHAIRMAN STAN BATEMON'S REPORT

ABSENT

DISTRICT ONE, JEFF BROWN'S REPORT

NONE

DISTRICT TWO, RICKY PARKER'S REPORT

NONE.

DISTRICT THREE, JOEY STEVENS' REPORT

ABSENT

DISTRICT FOUR, BOB MIZE'S REPORT

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

The first item of new business was to consider County Engineer Dan Dahlke's contract extension to June 1, 2026. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

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RESOLVED, that the extension of County Engineer Dan Dahlke's contract is approved. (Contract to be made as part of these minutes as Attachment #6)

The next item was to consider adopting Resolution 2026-19 calling an election in the Ragland School attendance and tax district for a 5-mil school tax pursuant to the request from the St. Clair County Board of Education. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Resolution 2026-19 to call an election in the Ragland School attendance and tax district be adopted. (Resolution to be made as part of these minutes as Attachment #7)

The next item was to consider adopting companion Resolution 2026-20 expressing legislative intent regarding the purpose of the proposed Ragland School District Ad Valorem Tax & recognizing the County Commissions constitutional authority to abate such tax if the purpose ceases to exist. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Resolution 2026-20 expressing legislative intent regarding the purpose of the proposed Ragland School District Ad Valorem Tax & recognizing the County Commissions constitutional authority to abate such tax if the purpose ceases to exist be adopted. (Resolution to be made as part of these minutes as Attachment #8)

The next item was to consider the University of Alabama medical students/residents housing contract in the amount of \$18,900.00. This will be a budget amendment. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the University of Alabama medical students/residents housing contract is approved. (Contract to be made as part of these minutes as Attachment #9)

The next item was to consider ratifying Chairman Batemon's signature on a letter of support and partnership for an application for an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Coalition Assessment Grant with the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham (RPCGB). On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Chairman Batemon's signature on a letter of support and partnership for an application for an EPA Coalition Assessment Grant with the RPCGB be ratified. (Letter to be made as part of these minutes as Attachment #10)

The next item was to consider ratifying Chairman Batemon's signature on a letter of support for the US Highway 411 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant application. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Chairman Batemon's signature on a letter of support for the US Highway 411 BUILD grant application be ratified. (Letter to be made as part of these minutes as Attachment #11)

The next item was to consider ratifying Chairman Batemon's signature on a commitment letter for the US Highway 411 BUILD grant. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Chairman Batemon's signature on a commitment letter for the US Highway 411 BUILD grant be ratified. (Letter to be made as part of these minutes as Attachment #12)

The next item was to consider approval of a Customer Account Representative Access agreement with Alabama Power for the jail account and to give access to National Utility Refund as a consultant to review/negotiate a decrease in the rate, pending the County Attorney's review. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that a Customer Account Representative Access agreement with Alabama Power for the jail account and to give access to National Utility Refund as a consultant pending the County Attorney's review is approved. (Agreement to be made as part of these minutes as Attachment #13)

The next item was to consider approval of an invoice from Jason Goodgame, Goodgame Company, Inc., for plans and bid specifications for two buildings for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$20,000.00. An additional \$2,500.00 per project will be included if civil engineering is requested.
Building #1 60'x100'x18' Emergency responders' vehicles
Building #2 60'x100'x18' PEMB Tactical vehicles, marine assets/other
On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that an invoice from Jason Goodgame, Goodgame Company, Inc., for plans and bid specifications for two buildings for the Sheriff's Office not to exceed \$25,000.00 is approved.

The next item was to consider rescinding the inmate medical bid approved on November 25, 2025. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the inmate medical bid be rescinded.

The next item was to consider approving Request for Proposals (RFPs) for inmate medical care for the jail and include Opioid language. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that RFPs for inmate medical care including Opioid language will be sent for the jail.

The next item was to consider the request from Sheriff Murray to reimburse his discretionary fund in the amount of \$159.00 for Robbie Young's dispatch instructor training. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

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RESOLVED, that the request from Sheriff Murray to reimburse his discretionary fund in the amount of \$159.00 for Robbie Young's dispatch instructor training is approved.

The next item was to consider the request from Jail Administrator Phillip Barnard to approve the CPC contract, pending the County Attorney's review. This is due to the new FCC ruling. CPC is the current vendor for the Inmate phone bid (4-25-2023). On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the CPC contract, pending the County Attorney's review is approved. (Contract to be made as part of these minutes as Attachment #14)

The next item was to consider the request from Jail Administrator Phillip Barnard to pay an invoice without a purchase order to HD (Home Depot) Supply in the amount of \$190.96 for an emergency order of aluminum for the jail. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that to pay an invoice without a purchase order to HD Supply in the amount of \$190.96 for an emergency order of aluminum for the jail is approved.

The next item was to consider the request from Property Manager Roddy Wolfe to transfer a portable air conditioner Serial #6917 to the St. Clair Agriculture and Multi-Event Center. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request from Property Manager Roddy Wolfe to transfer a portable air conditioner Serial #6917 to the St. Clair Agriculture and Multi-Event Center is approved. (Document to be made as part of these minutes as Attachment #15)

The next item was to consider the request from Asset Manager Ashley Hay to renew the CANVA subscription in the amount of \$120.00 per year and pay with a credit card. The subscription is used to make graphics and flyers to post onto the social media/webpage. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request from Asset Manager Ashley Hay to renew the CANVA subscription in the amount of \$120.00 per year and pay with a credit card is approved. (Subscription to be made as part of these minutes as Attachment #16)

The next item was to consider a professional services contract with Terra Engineering LLC for plans/perc tests on the arena property in the amount of \$14,500.00 pending the County Attorney's review. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that a professional services contract with Terra Engineering LLC for plans/perc tests on the arena property in the amount of \$14,500.00 pending the County Attorney's review is approved. (Contract to be made as part of these minutes as Attachment #17)

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The next item was to consider the request from EMA (Emergency Management Agency) Director Patrice Kurzejeski to renew the CANVA subscription in the amount of \$120.00 per year and pay with a credit card. The subscription is used to make graphics & flyers to post onto the social media/webpage. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request from EMA Director Patrice Kurzejeski to renew the CANVA subscription in the amount of \$120.00 per year and pay with a credit card is approved. (Subscription to be made as part of these minutes as Attachment #18)

The next item was to consider the request from Veteran Services Officer Jason Mullenix to apply for a Pride in Service Grant and accept if awarded. The award is in the range of \$2,500.00 to \$25,000.00. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request from Veteran Services Officer Jason Mullenix to apply for a Pride in Service Grant and accept it if awarded is approved.

The next item was to consider the request from the St. Clair County Cattlemen's Association for an appropriation in the amount of \$2,500.00. The appropriation will be for advertising purposes during their rodeo for the St. Clair Agriculture & Multi-Event center amenities and programs. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request from the St. Clair County Cattlemen's Association for an appropriation in the amount of \$2,500.00 is approved. (Letter to be made as part of these minutes as Attachment #19)

The next item was to consider transferring a 2013 Ford Explorer VIN #4076 (Inventory #8558) from the IT (Information Technology) Division to the Commission. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that transferring a 2013 Ford Explorer VIN #4076 (Inventory #8558) from the IT (Information Technology) Division to the Commission is approved. (Document to be made as part of these minutes as Attachment #20)

The next item was to consider the request of Asset Manager Ashley Hay to purchase a 7-foot arena drag with hydraulics in the amount of \$5,200.00. This will require a budget amendment in the amount of \$3,200.00. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request to purchase a 7-foot arena drag with hydraulics is approved.

The next item was to consider approval to use County funds appropriated to the St. Clair County Extension office for FY26 for a part-time 4-H Agent Assistant. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

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RESOLVED, that to use County funds appropriated to the St. County Extension office for FY26 for a part-time 4-H Agent Assistant is approved.

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

RESOLVED, the travel requests are approved. (Document is to be made as part of these minutes as Attachment #21)

Board Appointments

The first item of board appointments is to consider the recommendation of the DHR (Department of Human Resources) Board to appoint Teresa Sanders to fill the seat left vacant after the resignation of Teresa Lovejoy. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Teresa Sanders be appointed to the DHR board.

The next item of board appointments is to consider the recommendation of the EDC (Economic Development Council) Director Don Smith to appoint Joey Breighner to the EDC to fill the seat left vacant after the resignation of Tami Spire. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Joey Breighner be appointed to the St. Clair County Economic Development Council.

Informational item to be recorded in the minutes: The severe weather preparedness tax holiday will be the weekend of February 20-22, 2026.

Informational item to be recorded in the minutes: The Town of Ragland plans to participate in the Sheriff's Drug Enforcement Unit (DEU) program for FY2026. Their fee is \$2,500.00.

Informational item to be recorded in the minutes: Wolf Creek VFD (Volunteer Fire Department) spent a total amount of \$33,759.19 on P25 compatible radios. They requested their 5% reimbursement for the radios in the amount of \$1,687.96, pursuant to County resolution 2024-18.

The next item for discussion was to approve payment of the monthly bills. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Brown, 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 closure of business today.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned subject to call at approximately 9:41 a.m. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye.

Stanley D. Batemon, Chairman

Jeff Brown, Commissioner

Ricky Parker, Commissioner

Joey Stevens, Commissioner

Bob Mize, Commissioner