

ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING FEBRUARY 24, 2026

The St. Clair County Commission met in regular session on February 24, 2026, in the St. Clair County Commission Chambers of the St. Clair County Courthouse in Pell City, Alabama.

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

Members Absent: Stanley D. Batemon, Chairman

Others Present: Tina Morgan, Administrator  
Kirk Walker, County Attorney  
Dan Dahlke, Engineer  
John Myers, IT  
Ken Crowe, Revenue Commissioner  
Gary Hanner, Compliance Officer  
Jeff Parrish, Coroner  
Chey Garrigan  
Freddie Turrentine, Sheriff's Office  
Brian Price, GIS Manager  
Payton Frederick, Sheriff's Office

Chairman Batemon is attending the NACo Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. this week.

**CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING**

Chairman Pro-Tem Ricky Parker declared a quorum present at 9:09 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

RESOLVED, that the agenda be approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting on February 10, 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 subdivision regulations, pending the County Attorney's review. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to

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table the item until the next work session on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that subdivision regulations be tabled.

The next item of the Engineer's report was to consider an agreement with JM Wood Auction Company to place six (6) Mack dump trucks in their auction on March 17, 2026, or June 16-18, 2026. JM Wood is listing a gross guarantee in the amount of \$1,290,000.00. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that an agreement with JM Wood Auction Company to place six (6) Mack dump trucks in their auction on March 17, 2026, or June 16-18, 2026, 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 approval to seek an engineering consultant firm to redesign the intersection of Saine Road and Argo-Margaret Road. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that to seek an engineering consultant firm to redesign the intersection of Saine Road and Argo-Margaret Road is approved.

Informational item to be recorded in the minutes: Phase I on the BUILD grant application is for the planning & preliminary engineering work for the project on US Highway 411. The entire project will begin at the Park Avenue intersection and end at the Saine Road intersection.

The next item of the Engineer's report was to consider a proposal from ESRI to provide up to 54 hours onsite training and up to 62 hours for remote support in the amount of \$32,762.00. The training and support will be to aid in linear referencing of items for roads and highways in the County's GIS (Geographic Information System). On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that a proposal from ESRI to provide up to 54 hours onsite training and up to 62 hours for remote support in the amount of \$32,762.00 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 approval to let bid for construction of a building to house equipment at the road department. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that to let bid for construction of a building to house equipment at the road department is approved.

The next item of the Engineer's report was to consider approval to clear property owned by the City of Ashville for a possible building site. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that to clear property owned by the City of Asheville for a possible building site is approved.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

NONE

**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

NONE

**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**

NONE

**DISTRICT FOUR, BOB MIZE'S REPORT**

NONE

**NEW BUSINESS**

The first item of new business was to consider the request from the City of Margaret, Mayor Matt Tortorice, for a letter of support for their T-Mobile Hometown grant application. The grant will support their project to make improvements to the walking track, pavilion, and drainage issues to make the area safer and welcoming for residents of the community. On a motion by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that a letter of support for the City of Margaret for the T-Mobile Hometown grant application is approved. (Letter to be made as part of these minutes as Attachment #3)

The next item was to consider approval of the county levies for Alcohol Licensing for fiscal year 2026-27. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the county levies for Alcohol Licensing for fiscal year 2026-27 are approved. (Document to be made as part of these minutes as Attachment #4)

The next item was to consider approval of the following Trane contracts for the jail presented by Jason Goodgame, pending the County Attorney's review: This will require a budget amendment.

Scheduled Service Agreement	Year #1=\$21,268.75	Year#2=\$22,013.16
Connected Building Service Agreement	Year#1=\$44,152.33	Year#2=\$42,678.19

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

RESOLVED, that Trane contracts for the jail presented by Jason Goodgame, pending the County Attorney's review are approved. (Contracts to be made as part of these minutes as Attachment #5)

The next item was to consider the request from Sheriff Murray to let bid for a 3-D laser scanner. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request from Sheriff Murray to let bid for a 3-D laser scanner be approved.

The next item was to consider the request from Sheriff Murray to approve a Berla software license in the amount of \$4,250.00 yearly, pending the County Attorney's review. The software allows for the extraction and examination of data collected from infotainment systems in vehicles. This often includes mobile device information as well as date, time and location-based vehicle information instrumental in investigations. On a motion by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Berla software license in the amount of \$4,250.00 yearly for the Sheriff's Office, pending the County Attorney's review, is approved. (Agreement to be made as part of these minutes as Attachment #6)

The next item was to consider the request from Sheriff Murray to approve Carahsoft/Cellebrite subscription in the amount of \$36,927.24 per year, pending the County Attorney's review. This is on the OMNIA cooperative. This subscription allows law enforcement Mobile device examination and extraction tools which allow for evidence gathering from cell phones, electronic device search warrant returns, drones, and portable data storage devices. In particular, the Premium (SAAS) tool is required to attempt to gather such evidence when there is no cooperation from the suspect who was in possession of the mobile device. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Carahsoft/Cellebrite subscription in the amount of \$36,927.24 per year for the Sheriff's Office, pending the County Attorney's review is approved. (Subscription to be made as part of these minutes as Attachment #7)

The next item was to consider the request from Sheriff Murray to approve the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) between the County and JBS (Jefferson Blount St. Clair) for the Stepping-Up program, pending the County Attorney's review. On a motion by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request from Sheriff Murray to approve the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) between the County and JBS (Jefferson Blount St. Clair) for the Stepping-Up program, pending the County Attorney's review is approved. (MOU to be made as part of these minutes as Attachment #8)

The next item was to consider the request of Public Transportation Director Janet Smith to pay an invoice without a purchase order to HD Supply in the

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amount of \$266.57 for cleaning supplies. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of Public Transportation Director Janet Smith to pay an invoice without a purchase order to HD Supply in the amount of \$266.57 is approved.

The next item was to consider the request from Revenue Commissioner Ken Crowe to surplus and dispose the following:

Inventory# 10104 HP Z240 Workstation Reappraisal Fund

Inventory# 9043 Laser Jet Pro 200 Printer Reappraisal Fund

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

RESOLVED, that the request from Revenue Commissioner Ken Crowe to surplus and dispose of the listed items above is approved. (Document to be made as part of these minutes as Attachment #9)

The next item was to consider approval of a customer agreement and a permit for easement (Distribution Facilities) for the Alabama Power Company to do the work for ten (10) RV hook-ups at the arena in the amount of \$1,468.99, pending the County Attorney's review. On a motion by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that a customer agreement and a permit for easement (Distribution Facilities) for the Alabama Power Company to do the work for ten (10) RV hook-ups at the arena in the amount of \$1,468.99, 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 approval of a contract with Stocks Broadcasting, Inc. (The River 94.1 FM) in the amount of \$6,000.00 for advertising County assets, pending the County Attorney's review. This will be a budget amendment. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that a contract with Stocks Broadcasting, Inc. (The River 94.1 FM) in the amount of \$6,000.00 for advertising County assets, pending the County Attorney's review is approved. (Contract to be made as part of these minutes as Attachment #11)

Informational item to be recorded in the minutes: There are no new ad valorem tax levies to be considered at this time.

The next item was to approve the travel requests. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, 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**

NONE

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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 closure of business today.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned subject to call at approximately 9:30 a.m. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, with all voting aye.

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Stanley D. Batemon, Chairman

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Jeff Brown, Commissioner

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Ricky Parker, Commissioner

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Joey Stevens, Commissioner

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Bob Mize, Commissioner