

November 11, 2020

MOBILE COUNTY COMMISSION

The Mobile County Commission met in regular session in the Government Plaza Auditorium, in the City of Mobile, Alabama, on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at 10:00 A. M. The following members of the Commission were present: Merceria Ludgood, President, Connie Hudson and Randall Dueitt, Members. Also present were Glenn L. Hodge, County Administrator/Clerk of the Commission, Jay Ross, County Attorney, and W. Bryan Kegley II, County Engineer. President Ludgood chaired the meeting.

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INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Chaplain Phillip Snodgrass, Mobile County Sheriff's Office.

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**Glenn L. Hodge, County Administrator:**  
Congratulations, Commissioners.

**Commissioner Connie Hudson:** Thank you.

**President Merceria Ludgood:** Thank you.

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AGENDA #1

ADOPT RESOLUTION/ELECTING PRESIDENT  
AND VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMISSION/  
DETERMINING THE TERMS OF EACH

Commissioner Hudson moved, seconded by Commissioner Dueitt, that the Board adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Mobile County Commission is required by Act No. 85-340, to elect a president of the commission for a term of four years; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioners Ludgood, Hudson and Dueitt agree to rotate presidency of the commission between them, with each to serve one-third of the four-year term commencing on November 11, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, county commissions in Alabama are authorized by Section 11-3-20(a), Code of Alabama (1975), as amended, to elect a vice president to serve in the absence of the president of the county commission; and

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**WHEREAS**, the members of the Mobile County Commission deem it expedient to elect a vice president as so authorized and agree to rotate the vice president position between them, with each to serve one-third of the four year term;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the following named commissioners are hereby elected to serve as president and vice president of the Mobile County Commission for the periods of time set out below:

**President:**

Commissioner Ludgood - November 11, 2020 until 11:59 p.m. on March 13, 2022

Commissioner Hudson - March 14, 2022 until 11:59 p.m. July 9, 2023

Commissioner Dueitt - July 10, 2023 until election of a new president on November 13, 2024

**Vice President:**

Commissioner Hudson - November 11, 2020 until 11:59 p.m. on March 13, 2022

Commissioner Dueitt - March 14, 2022 until 11:59 p.m. July 9, 2023

Commissioner Ludgood - July 10, 2023 until election of a new president on November 13, 2024

Motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA #2

ADOPT RESOLUTION/AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY  
ADMINISTRATOR TO SPREAD ON THE OFFICIAL  
MINUTES, THE BONDS, OATHS OF OFFICE,  
AND CERTIFICATION OF THE ELECTION

Commissioner Hudson moved, seconded by Commissioner Dueitt, that the Board adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Merceria Ludgood was re-elected to the office of County Commissioner of Mobile County, District 1, for a term of four (4) years beginning 12:00 A.M., November 11, 2020; Connie Hudson was re-elected to the office of County Commissioner of Mobile County, District 2, for a term of four (4) years beginning 12:00 A.M., November 11, 2020; and Randall Dueitt was elected to the office of County Commissioner of Mobile County, District 3, for a term of four (4) years beginning 12:00 A.M., November 11, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Merceria Ludgood, Connie Hudson and Randall Dueitt have all posted an official bond and taken an oath of office in the manner prescribed by law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Judge of Probate of Mobile County has duly certified the election of Merceria Ludgood, Connie Hudson, and Randall Dueitt to the office of County Commissioner for Mobile County;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Mobile County Commission does hereby instruct and authorize the County Administrator to spread upon and make an official part of the minutes of this meeting the official bonds, the oaths of office, and the certification of election pertaining to Merceria Ludgood, Connie Hudson, and Randall Dueitt, and their election to the office of County Commissioner of Mobile County.

Whereby, the \*following are images of the official bonds, the oaths of office included thereon or as separate images, and the certifications by Don Davis, Judge of Probate, to the effect that each Commissioner was duly elected.

**\*Bonds of file in Administrator's Office**

Motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA #3

ADOPT RESOLUTION/APPROVING RULES  
OF PROCEDURE FOR MEETINGS OF THE  
MOBILE COUNTY COMMISSION

Commissioner Hudson moved, seconded by Commissioner Dueitt, that the Board adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Alabama's Open Meetings Act requires that meetings of governmental entities subject thereto be conducted pursuant to the governing body's adopted rules of parliamentary procedure; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Mobile County Commission therefore deem it expedient to adopt rules of parliamentary procedure;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Mobile County Commission does adopt those certain rules of procedure previously adopted and effective as of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2005, to govern the conduct of its meetings.

Motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA #4

ADOPT RESOLUTION/APPROVING COMMISSION  
CONFERENCE AND MEETING SCHEDULE  
FOR 2020 - 2024

Commissioner Hudson moved, seconded by Commissioner Dueitt, that the Board adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, this meeting held on November 11, 2020, is the first meeting of the Mobile County Commission following the election of November 3, 2020, and marks the beginning of a four (4) year term for the elected commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, as required by Section 11-3-8(a), Code of Alabama (1975), this meeting is the occasion upon which the Commission sets its schedule of regular meetings for the new term;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that:

1. The Commission shall hold a combined conference and regular meeting on November 16, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the Auditorium of Mobile Government Plaza, 205 Government Street, Mobile, Alabama 36644.

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2. The Commission shall hold a combined conference and regular meeting on November 30, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the Auditorium of Mobile Government Plaza.

3. Beginning on the second Monday in December, i.e., December 14, 2020, the Commission shall hold its regular meetings on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Auditorium of Mobile Government Plaza. The Commission reserves the right and shall have the authority to recess a regularly-scheduled meeting and reconvene at a time and place announced by the Commission.

4. Also, beginning on December 10, 2020, the Commission shall hold pre-conference meetings on the Thursday next preceding each regular meeting in the Multi-Purpose Room, or the Auditorium, of Mobile Government Plaza, as may be designated from time to time.

5. In the event a regular or pre-conference meeting day falls on a legal public holiday, the regular meeting shall be held on the following business day, unless the Commission exercises its authority pursuant to Section 11-3-8(c), Code of Alabama (1975), to meet on any day of the following week or at another time and issues a notice of the alternative time at least five (5) days prior to the meeting.

**MOBILE COUNTY COMMISSION  
CONFERENCE AND MEETING SCHEDULE  
NOVEMBER 2020 - OCTOBER 2024**

ALL CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS AT 10:00 A.M. UNLESS NOTED

	<b>CONFERENCES</b>	<b>MEETINGS</b>
November 2020		*16 - **30
December 2020	10 - *23	14 - 28
	<b>CONFERENCES</b>	<b>MEETINGS</b>
January 2021	7 - 21	11 - 25
February 2021	4 - 18	8 - 22
March 2021	4 - 18	8 - 22
April 2021	8 - 22	12 - 26
May 2021	6 - 20	10 - 24
June 2021	10 - 24	14 - 28
July 2021	8 - 22	12 - 26
August 2021	5 -	9 - **23
	<b>ACCA Annual Convention 3<sup>rd</sup> Week</b>	
September 2021	9 - 23	13 - 27
October 2021	7 - 21	***12 - 25
November 2021	4 - 18	8 - 22
December 2021	9 - *22	13 - ****28

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	<b>CONFERENCES</b>	<b>MEETINGS</b>
January 2022	6 - 20	10 - 24
February 2022	10 -	14 - **28
March 2022	10 - 24	14 - 28
April 2022	7 - 21	11 - 25
May 2022	5 - 19	9 - 23
June 2022	9 - 23	13 - 27
July 2022	7 - 21	11 - 25
August 2022	4 -	8 - 22
September 2022	8 - 22	12 - 26
October 2022	6 - 20	****11 - 24
November 2022	10 - *23	14 - 28
December 2022	8 - 22	12 -
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	<b>CONFERENCES</b>	<b>MEETINGS</b>
January 2023	5 - 19	9 - 23
February 2023	9 - 23	13 - 27
March 2023	9 - 23	13 - 27
April 2023	6 - 20	10 - 24
May 2023	4 - 18	8 - 22
June 2023	8 - 22	12 - 26
July 2023	6 - 20	10 - 24
August 2023	10 - 24	14 - 28
September 2023	7 - 21	11 - 25
October 2023	5 - 19	****10 - 23
November 2023	9 - *22	13 - 27
December 2023	7 -	11 - **21

	<b>CONFERENCES</b>	<b>MEETINGS</b>
January 2024	4 - 18	8 - 22
February 2024	8 - 22	*15 - 26
March 2024	7 - 21	11 - 25
April 2024	4 - 18	8 - 22
May 2024	9 - 23	13 - ****28
June 2024	6 - 20	10 - 24
July 2024	*3 - 18	8 - 22
August 2024	8 - 22	12 - 26
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\s\Glenn L. Hodge  
Glenn L. Hodge  
County Administrator

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\* NOT USUAL CONFERENCE/MEETING DAY  
\*\* COMBINED CONFERENCE/MEETING  
\*\*\* MEETING TIME CHANGED (9:30 A.M.) EXCEPT WHERE OTHERWISE  
INDICATED  
\*\*\*\*NOT USUAL CONFERENCE/MEETING DAY/MEETING TIME CHANGED  
(9:30) EXCEPT WHERE OTHERWISE INDICATED

Motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA #5

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS  
AND/OR COMMENTS

**Commissioner Connie Hudson:** I realize this is an organizational meeting and I will not belabor it. I know we have another Commission Conference/Meeting on Monday, November 16, 2020. There is one issue I wanted to bring up for everybody to think about so we can be prepared to take action if needed on that day. We have not yet received the Emergency Declaration from the State of Alabama regarding Hurricane Zeta. We have been looking for that for some time now. I do not know if we need to get more directly involved and proactive in that. Right now citizens are putting their debris on the right-of-way. At some point we need to be prepared to move and commit to take some action to decide how much monetarily how much that is. The citizens are expecting the County Commission to assist with that pickup and removal. We need to decide how much and for how long. In the meantime, I have not heard anything other than talking to E. Edwin Kerr, County Deputy Administrator, yesterday that we have not received any word yet. One way or the other we need to be prepared to decide what to do with helping out citizens in this case. On Monday, if we could get some information as far as what we anticipate the cost would be, whether that is reimbursed or out-of-pocket for the County. We need to know what we are looking at and decide how to move forward, if you could get us that information.

**E. Edwin Kerr, County Deputy Administrator:** Yes, ma'am. I will have it ready.

**Commissioner Hudson:** Okay. Thank you.

**Commissioner Randall Dueitt:** I second that.

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**Commissioner Hudson:** This is going to work.

**President Merceria Ludgood:** It seems like we are going to have a fun time these next four years.

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AGENDA #6

ADJOURN

Commissioner Hudson moved, seconded by Commissioner Dueitt, that the Board approve a request for motion to adjourn until November 16, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Merceria Ludgood, President

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Connie Hudson, Member

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Randall Dueitt, Member

ATTEST:

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Glenn L. Hodge, County Administrator