

# MOBILE COUNTY MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

Minutes Thursday, November 17th 2017, 7pm

Host: City of Satsuma

1. The meeting was called to order by President Robert McFall.
2. The invocation and pledge was given by Henry Phillips.
3. The welcome was given by Mayor Tom Williams, and dinner was served. Catering was provided by Stoney's.
4. The installation of the new officers was conducted, and the oath was administered by Judge Jill Phillips.
5. President Connie Robinson presented Robert McFall, past President, with a plaque in appreciation for his service.
6. The introduction of the guest speaker, Rickey Rhodes, was given by Mayor Tom Williams.
7. Rickey Rhodes with the South Alabama Regional Planning Commission discussed how municipal and elected officials have an impact on the community. He also introduced and spoke about each department at SARPC and the role they play in servicing the area.
8. The President asked for a motion to approve the minutes; Newton Cromer, Saraland offered the motion and a second was given by Joe Beaty, Citronelle and the motion carried, all in favor, none opposed.
9. The Treasurer's report was given by Mary Thompson. The ending balance as of October 31st, 2017 was \$837.33. Checks were sent to the following charities: Feeding the Gulf Coast, Mobile Rescue Mission, Mobile County Action, Penelope House and the Salvation Army. Nine (9) dues checks were collected.
10. Old Business: The decision for a host of the February meeting is still undecided.
11. New Business:
12. Roll Call by Allison Cross (108)
13. Announcements and Door prizes: Several Municipalities will have Christmas Celebrations: Chickasaw-Tree Lighting at 6:30pm on November 17th, Saraland-parade on December 9th at noon and a Mistletoe Market at the Old Kmart parking lot, Prichard-Tree Lighting on December 1st and a parade on the 2nd, Mt. Vernon-parade and market, Citronelle-Pancake Breakfast at 10:00am on December 2nd, and Creola-parade on November 18th.
14. President Robinson asked and received a motion to adjourn. The motion was made and carried at 8:50pm.

# MOBILE COUNTY MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

Minutes Thursday, January 18th 2018, 7pm

Host: City of Saraland

1. The meeting was called to order by President Connie Robinson.
2. The invocation and pledge was given by Henry Phillips.
3. The welcome was given by Mayor Howard Rubenstein, and dinner was served.
4. The introduction of the guest speaker, Armand Dekeyser, was given by Mayor Howard Rubenstein.
5. Armand Dekeyser with the Bicentennial Commission discussed the Alabama Humanities Foundation along with the Rhodes Scholar Speakers Bureau in addition to the opportunities available for grants to fund municipalities' Bicentennial celebrations. He also spoke about the traveling exhibit and encouraged people to submit projects to the newsletter.
6. The President asked for a motion to approve the minutes; Newton Cromer, Saraland offered the motion and a second was given by Mary Thompson, Dauphin Island and the motion carried pending a inclusion of catering by Stoney's at the Satsuma dinner, all in favor, none opposed.
7. The Treasurer's report was given by Mary Thompson. The ending balance as of December 31st, 2017 was \$1527.43.
8. Old Business: The Racing Commission will host the February meeting.
9. New Business: None
10. Roll Call by Allison Cross (81)
11. Announcements and door prizes: Representative Bradley Byrne will be at Creola City Hall January 24th from 4-5pm. Semmes Azalea Festival is January 24th at the Baptist Church. The Dauphin Island People's Parade is Saturday, January 20th at 1pm. Political candidates introduced themselves: Dr. Mark Shire, Shane Stringer, Willie Gray, Brandy Hambright, George Zoghby and Spiro Cheriogotis.
12. President Robinson asked and received a motion to adjourn. The motion was made and carried at 8:25pm.

# MOBILE COUNTY MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

**Minutes: Thursday, February 15th 2018, 7pm**

**Host: Mobile County Racing Commission**

1. The meeting was called to order by President Connie Robinson.
2. The invocation and pledge was given.
3. The welcome was given by Commissioner Edward Menton, and dinner was served.
4. The introduction of the guest speaker, Edward Menton, was given by President Connie Robinson.
5. Edward Menton with the Mobile County Racing Commission discussed the need for slot machines and that the live greyhound racing ended in August. He also spoke about having cut the number employees and job loss since the end of live racing.
6. The President asked for a motion to approve the minutes; Howard Smith, Semmes offered the motion and a second was given by David Baker, Semmes and the motion carried pending a revision of "Azalea" to "Camellia" and adding a "y" to Mr. Shirey's name, all in favor, none opposed.
7. The Treasurer's report was given by Mary Thompson. The ending balance as of January 1st, 2018 was \$1522.48. Henry Barnes, Bayou La Batre offered a motion to approve and David Baker, Semmes gave a second; the motion carried.
8. Old Business: None
9. New Business: None
10. Roll Call by Allison Cross (37)
11. Announcements and Guests: Semmes Night at USA Baseball opening night at 6:30pm; The Azalea Festival is March 3rd in Semmes. Bayou La Batre is celebrating 100 years of Alma Bryant school with a parade on the 24th at 10am. Guests included Ben Brooks, George Zoghby, Robert Davis and Nick Matranga.
12. President Robinson asked and received a motion to adjourn from Henry Barnes of Bayou La Batre and a second from Mary Thompson of Dauphin Island. The motion was made and carried at 8:00pm.

# MOBILE COUNTY MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

**Minutes: Thursday, March 15th 2018, 7pm**

**Host: Town of Dauphin Island**

1. The meeting was called to order by President Connie Robinson.
2. The invocation and pledge was given by Henry Phillips.
3. The welcome was given by Mayor Jeff Collier during which he stated that Dauphin Island was celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> birthday, and dinner from Islanders was served.
4. The introduction of the guest speaker, Dr. John Valentine, was given by Mayor Collier.
5. Dr. Valentine, the Director of the Dauphin Island Sea Lab, discussed that the role of the Sea Lab was to provide leadership in marine research (tank farms, vessels and observatory systems), education (12k youth per year in field trips) and community engagement (traveling van and webinars). They boast 17 years of consecutive state audits with no findings. He stated that a healthy coastal economy cannot exist without a healthy Gulf of Mexico and vice versa.
6. The President asked for a motion to approve the minutes; David Ferrell of Citronelle offered the motion and a second was given by Lee Anne Greene of Creola, and the motion carried; all in favor, none opposed.
7. The Treasurer's report was given by Mary Thompson. The ending balance as of February 28, 2018 was \$1517.53.
8. Old Business: None
9. New Business: None
10. Roll Call by Allison Cross (61)
11. Announcements and Guests: Mt. Vernon will host a Backyard BBQ and a 5K run on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 1145 Military Road. Dauphin Island Sea Lab's Discovery Day Open House is the second week in April. Visitors included Karlos Finley, Donnie Mark and Buzz Jordan.
12. President Robinson asked and received a motion to adjourn from Jimmy Upton of the Satsuma BOE; the second was given by David Ferrell of Citronelle; the motion carried at 8:19pm.

# MOBILE COUNTY MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

Minutes: Thursday, April 19th 2018, 7pm

Host: City of Chickasaw

1. The meeting was called to order by President Connie Robinson.
2. The invocation and pledge was given by Henry Phillips.
3. The welcome was given by Mayor Byron Pittman, and dinner from Dick Russell's was served.
4. The introduction of the guest speaker, County Commissioner Merceria Ludgood, was given by Mayor Pittman.
5. Commissioner Ludgood discussed upgrades to the jail and a new corrections center and bid lists and bid letters for Mobile County purchases. She noted that new lines have been drawn for the upcoming district election, and she mentioned the 2020 census. She also gave an update on the Mobile County Water Trail and the bridge to be constructed stating it will be tolled. Commissioner Ludgood informed that "Pay As You Go" letters will go out by the end of May. She also mentioned that Lenzing Fibers, an Austrian based company, is undergoing an expansion project in Axis, AL, and SSAB is moving its headquarters to Mobile. Lastly, she introduced Jill Chinnawith with the United Way.
6. Mr. Greg Cochran with the Alabama League of Municipalities spoke on the subject of tax rates and structures in the state of Alabama and internet sales tax of which 50% of the \$60 million from 2017 will go to the state, \$15 million to the cities and \$15 million to the counties. He stated that Amazon will buy Whole Foods adding to the 2019 projection of \$140 million in taxes to be collected, 40% to the state and 60% to the counties.
7. Ms. Kayla Farmon introduced the #livelocallyalabama campaign and encouraged those in attendance to submit their stories of ribbon cuttings, job announcements and playground openings etc. to the social media platforms.
8. The last guest speaker of the evening was Michael Sweet, Executive Director of the Chickasaw Housing Authority. He spoke of the Affordable Home Program that cleans up properties and puts people in homes. He expressed the need for more properties, because they have exhausted all the available property in Chickasaw and are looking to expand.
9. The President asked for a motion to approve the minutes; David Ferrell of Citronelle offered the motion and a second was given by Newton Cromer of Saraland, and the motion carried; all in favor, none opposed.
7. The Treasurer's report was given by Mary Thompson. The ending balance as of April 1, 2018 was \$1512.58.
8. Old Business: None
9. New Business: None
10. Roll Call by Allison Cross (112)
11. Announcements and Guests: Dauphin Island will have Gumbo Fest on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Rodeo site, and they will have an arts and crafts festival. Citronelle's Surrender Oaks 5K will be on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Mount Vernon's Down on the River drag boat races will be July 14<sup>th</sup>. Bayou La Batre's Blessing of the Fleet will be on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Prichard, Semmes and Saraland will hold a mock disaster training at Blount on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Visitors included George Zoghby, Mark Shirey, Charlie Wycoff, Jack Williams, Buzz Jordan and Adline Clark.
12. President Robinson asked and received a motion to adjourn from Joe Beaty of Citronelle; the second was given by Howard Smith of Semmes; the motion carried at 8:25pm.

# MOBILE COUNTY MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

Minutes: Thursday, June 21st 2018, 7pm

Host: Mobile County Commission

1. The welcome was given at 6:30pm by Connie Hudson, and hors d'oeuvres were served. (This meeting was held in conjunction with the Mobile Museum of Art gallery opening at Government Plaza.)
2. The meeting was called to order by President Connie Robinson.
3. The invocation and pledge was given by Satsuma Mayor Tom Williams.
4. There was no guest speaker.
6. The President asked for a motion to approve the minutes; Mary Thompson, Dauphin Island offered the motion and a second was given by Merceria Ludgood, County Commission and the motion carried, all in favor, none opposed.
7. The Treasurer's report was given by Mary Thompson. The ending balance as of June 4th, 2018 was \$1498.63. Ms. Thompson announced her resignation from her council seat and the position of Treasurer for the Municipal Association.
8. Old Business: None
9. New Business: Earle Connell, Dauphin Island, was appointed by President Robinson to serve out the remainder of the year until November as Treasurer. The position will be open for nominations in October. The Mobile County Consortium Review Committee expects to receive a 10% increase of funds; everyone that applied for a grant should be receiving it. At the Mobile County Personnel Board meeting, the procedure for hiring temporary personnel while waiting for a list to be updated was discussed. At the MCPB Supervisory Committee meeting, Adam Strange was elected as Board Member #4, replacing A. Earl Broadus. The budget for 10/1/18-9/30/19 was approved.
10. Roll Call by Allison Cross (47)
11. Announcements and Guests: Thunder on the River dragboat races will be held on July 14th. Citronelle will have music, a kayak race, and kid's activities on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Satsuma will host We Love Satsuma on July 1<sup>st</sup> from 6-8:30pm at Wright Park. Mayor Tom Williams, Satsuma, announced that the sales tax from online retailers is a good news. Guests included Brandy Hambright and Spiro Cheriogotis.
12. President Robinson asked and received a motion to adjourn from Terry Williams, Mount Vernon and a second from James May, Mount Vernon. The motion was made and carried at 7:19pm.

# MOBILE COUNTY MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

Minutes: Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 7pm

Host: City of Prichard

1. The Call to Order was given by President Connie Robinson.
2. The Invocation and Pledge was given by David Ferrell.
3. The Welcome was given by Mayor Jimmie Gardner, and dinner was served by Naman's Catering.
4. Mayor Jimmie Gardner introduced the guest speaker, Vincent Calametti, ALDOT.
5. Mr. Calametti spoke about how money is appropriated and that there has been no increase in revenue since 1992. ALDOT gets \$0.16 per gallon of gasoline sold. There are an estimated 77K cars per day that cross Mobile Bay via I-10. The Mobile River Bridge is a \$2.1B public/private partnership that will start in 2019 and be completed in 4 years.
6. President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the minutes; Veronica Hudson, Saraland, offered the motion and a second was given by David Ferrell, Citronelle, and the motion carried, all in favor, none opposed.
7. The Treasurer's report was given by Earle Connell. The ending balance as of July 10th, 2018 was \$1498.63. Ms. Thompson was presented with a plaque for her service as Treasurer for the Municipal Association.
8. Old Business: None
9. New Business: None
10. Roll Call by Allison Cross (61)
11. Announcements and Guests: Dauphin Island is hosting the Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo this weekend. Prichard is having a Light Tour on August 4<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-12. Mount Vernon is hosting a Tech center and basketball camp on July 26<sup>th</sup>. Karlos Finley invited supporters to a campaign kickoff at Moe's on July 26<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.
12. President Robinson asked and received a motion to adjourn from Veronica Hudson, Saraland and a second from Terry Williams, Mount Vernon. The motion was made and carried at 8:14pm.

# MOBILE COUNTY MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

**Minutes: Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 7pm**

**Host: City of Citronelle**

- 1. The Call to Order was given by President Connie Robinson.**
- 2. The Invocation and Pledge was given by David Ferrell, Citronelle.**
- 3. The Welcome was given by Mayor Jason Stringer, and dinner was served by Buster's.**
- 4. Mayor Jason Stringer introduced the guest speaker, Chresal Threadgill, Mobile County School Superintendent.**
- 5. Mr. Threadgill was born in Mobile and graduated from LeFlore High School and Troy University. He spoke about his goals for the 89 schools in Mobile County; they include "building relationships," "finances-making the best use of the money," and "personnel-get the right teachers for the right schools." He stressed the need for "VISA," Vision, Integrity, Structure, and Accountability. The MCPPS and the MCSO will partner in a pilot program for safety in schools that uses technology coupled with security.**
- 6. President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the minutes; Loretta Presnall, Citronelle, offered the motion and a second was given by David Ferrell, Citronelle, and the motion carried, all in favor, none opposed.**
- 7. Old Business: None**
- 8. New Business: None**
- 9. The Treasurer's report was given by Earle Connell. The ending balance as of August 31st, 2018 was \$1453.54.**
- 10. Roll Call by Allison Cross (87)**
- 11. Announcements and Guests: The Alabama League of Municipalities and the City of Satsuma will host an Active Shooter Seminar on September 20<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12pm at Satsuma City Hall. Superintendent Dr. Bart Reeves of the Satsuma City Schools was present.**
- 12. President Robinson asked and received a motion to adjourn from Lee Anne Greene, Creola and a second from Tyra Pruitt, Prichard. The motion was made and carried at 8:08pm.**



# MOBILE COUNTY MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

Minutes: Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 7pm

Host: The Town of Mount Vernon

1. The Call to Order was given by Vice-President Lee Anne Greene.
2. The Invocation and Pledge was given by Earle Driskel, Mount Vernon.
3. The Welcome was given by Mayor Terry Williams, and dinner was served by Rose Sullivan.
4. Mayor Terry Williams introduced the first guest speaker, Mike Posey, AMNS Calvert.
5. Mr. Posey stated that AMNS purchased ThyssenKrupp in 2014. The average annual salary of the approximately 1650 employees is \$67K. They service the automotive industry and energy pipelines etc.
6. Mayor Terry Williams introduced the second guest speaker, Greg Cochran, Alabama League of Municipalities.
7. Mr. Cochran spoke about getting businesses and municipal leaders to talk to legislatures about tax appropriations at the local level. Elected officials share the same constituent base as legislatures and they have the knowledge for use of tax dollars and the revenue stream. In Mr. Cochran's opinion "It's our job to educate our legislatures on making mental health issues a priority, funding Medicaid, implementing a training program for the 8K inmates coming out of prisons annually, and deepening the Port of Mobile."
8. Vice-President Greene asked for a motion to approve the minutes; Terry Williams, Mount Vernon, offered the motion and a second was given by Veronica Hudson, Saraland, and the motion carried, all in favor, none opposed.
9. Old Business: None
10. New Business:  
The following charities will receive a donation for the 2018 year:  
    Mobile Community Action,  
    Penelope House, Waterfront Missions, and the Salvation Army  
The 2018 Nominating Committee includes:  
    Jeff Collier-Dauphin Island, Loretta Presnall-Citronelle, and Veronica Hudson-Saraland.
11. The Treasurer's report was given by Earle Connell. The ending balance as of September 3rd, 2018 was \$1453.54. Annual dues are coming up.
12. Roll Call by Allison Cross (69)
13. Announcements and Guests: Christmas of Lights at Sercey in Mount Vernon will be held the second Saturday in December.
14. Vice-President Greene asked and received a motion to adjourn from Veronica Hudson, Saraland and a second from Lawrence Williams, Semmes. The motion was made and carried at 8:05pm.

# MOBILE COUNTY MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

Minutes: Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 7pm

Host: The City of Semmes

1. The Call to Order was given by President Connie Robinson.
2. The MGM High School JROTC Color Guard presented the American Flag, and the Invocation and Pledge was given by David Ferrell, Citronelle. A selection of music was sung by MGM students.
3. The Welcome was given by Mayor David Baker, and dinner was served.
4. Lorenzo Martin, Prichard, and David Grayson, Lagniappe, proposed the "New Year's Eve Parade."
5. Mayor Baker introduced the guest speaker Reverend Paul Griffin.
6. Reverend Griffin spoke of the times he served as a missionary with his wife Nancy. He talked about the former Soviet Union's interaction of the government and the quality of leadership, and made comparisons to the leaders in Mobile County. He also mentioned governmental control over the citizens and press in 2018.
7. Mayor Tom Williams, Satsuma, gave a tribute to Mr. Henry Phillips, Chickasaw. According to Mayor Williams, Mr. Phillips was known to have given a pretty clear recap of the first MCMA meeting held in 1962. Mr. Phillips is a Korean War Veteran, served as a police officer and was on the city council in both Prichard and Chickasaw. Adam Bourne, Chickasaw, was presented with a plaque and a check for \$100 for the Chickasaw Police and Fire Department on behalf of Mr. Phillips. Lee Anne Greene, Creola made the motion and Joe Beaty, Citronelle, gave the second.
8. President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the minutes; Joe Beaty, Citronelle, offered the motion and a second was given by David Baker, Semmes, and the motion carried, all in favor, none opposed.
9. Old Business: None
10. New Business: The Nominating Committee recommendations are as follows:  
2019 Mobile County Municipal Association President Lee Anne Greene-Creola, Vice President Allison Cross-Satsuma, Treasurer Earle Connell-Dauphin Island, Secretary Joe Beaty-Citronelle, Chaplain David Ferrell-Citronelle. David Baker, Semmes, made the motion to accept the nominations and Lorenzo Martin, Prichard, gave the second.
11. The Treasurer's report was given by Earle Connell. The ending balance as of October 15th, 2018 was \$2153.54. Annual dues received to date total \$700.00.
12. Roll Call by Allison Cross (96)
13. Announcements and Guests: Karen Miller, the new GM over Shell in Saraland, was introduced by Mayor Rubinstein. Shane Stringer, Satsuma's Police Chief, was elected as House Representative for District 102. Berry Broadhead, President of the Chickasaw School Board, moved to the position of City Council Member. Door prizes were given.
14. President Robinson asked and received a motion to adjourn from Lee Anne Greene, Creola and a second from Joe Beaty, Citronelle. The motion was made and carried at 8:42pm.

	2017	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018
	Nov 16	Jan 18	Feb 15	Mar 15	April 19	May	June 21	July 19	Aug 16	Sept 20	Oct 18						
	Satsuma	Saraland	Racing Comm	Dauphin Island	Chickasaw	No Meeting	Mobile County Comm	Prichard	Citronelle	Mt. Vernon	Semmes						
Bayou La Batre	5	2	6	4	3	C	0	0	0	0	1						
Chickasaw	8	3	6	3	34	O	1	1	3	2	10						
Chickasaw BOE	2	0	0	3	14	N	0	0	0	0	0						
Citronelle	6	5	2	6	6	V	2	6	20	5	9						
Creola	8	12	5	8	9	E	7	6	11	7	13						
Dauphin Island	5	2	3	10	3	N	2	3	1	4	2						
Mt. Vernon	11	3	2	8	6	T	7	6	11	30	7						
Mobile	0	0	0	0	0	I	0	1	0	1	1						
Prichard	5	0	0	0	7	O	2	13	5	0	8						
Saraland	4	18	0	2	3	N	2	2	3	1	3						
Saraland BOE	0	4	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0						
Satsuma	19	12	4	0	5	M	8	3	8	2	9						
Satsuma BOE	11	1	0	1	0	O	0	0	3	0	1						
Semmes	11	12	6	8	8	N	6	11	12	10	24						
Mobile Constables	0	0	0	0	0	T	0	0	0	0	0						
Mobile Cnty Commissioners	4	0	1	0	2	G	3	0	2	1	2						
Mobile County Judges	3	3	0	0	3	O	3	4	4	0	1						
Mobile County Sheriffs	0	0	0	3	0	M	0	0	0	0	1						
Mobile County BOE	0	0	0	0	0	E	0	0	1	0	0						
Press	3	2	0	2	2	R	0	0	0	0	2						
SAPRC	3	1	2	0	1	Y	0	4	3	3	2						
Mobile Personnel Board	0	1	0	0	1		1	0	0	1	0						
visitors	NA	NA	NA	3	5		3	1	0	2	0						
Total	108	81	37	61	112		47	61	87	69	96						