

November 26, 2024

The Chilton County Commission held an Organizational Meeting in Clanton, Alabama, Wednesday, November 26, 2024. The following Commissioners were present: William "Butch" Billingsley, Alan Childress, Sheila Hall, Joe Headley, Roger Perkins, and Allen Williams. Darrell Bone was absent. A quorum being present, Commissioner opened the meeting to elect Chairman and Vice Chairman at 6:30 p.m.

Those in attendance for today's meeting were:

ATTENDANCE RECORD

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Commission Meeting

1. Yolanda Jey
2. [Signature]
3. Ken Homan
4. Ron Burdett
5. Ralph Sanders
6. [Signature]

Commissioner Billingsley offered the following resolution seconded by Commissioner Childress and motion carried by unanimous vote of this Commission.

BE IT RESOLVED to approve a law regarding provisions for counties to require every person owning any dog or dogs to keep said dogs in their charge.

Chilton County Resolution

WHEREAS, Chilton County Commission, realizes many persons owning any dog or dog permit them to run at large and many are reported to be a danger to neighbors and other animals, and

WHEREAS, Alabama Code, Section 3-1-5, provides provisions for counties to require every person owning any dog or dogs to keep said dogs in their charge.

NOW, THEREFORE, Chilton County hereby requires every person owning or having in charge any dog or dogs shall at all times confine such dog or dogs to the limits of his/her own premises or the premises on which such dog or dogs is or are regularly kept. Nothing shall prevent the owner of any dog or dogs or other person or persons having such dog or dogs in his or their charge from allowing such dog or dogs to accompany the owner or other person or persons elsewhere than on the premises on which such dog or dogs is or are regularly kept. Any person violating this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not less than \$2.00 no more than \$50.00.

Commissioner Hall offered the following resolution seconded by Commissioner Childress; motion carried with Joe Headley opposing.

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the budget for Animal Control Shelter for \$419,000.



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Animal Control:

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I am requesting that the Chilton County Commission pass the attached resolution in regards to animal control. This is a state law that requires the Chilton County Commission adopt the law before enforcement. This is not a new law.

Alabama Code, 3-1-5 should not be confused with local municipality ordinances that require an owner to fence, tether or require a dog to be on a leash while being walked. The law does protect the rights of neighbors from vicious or destructive dogs that could affect their quality of life from irresponsible dog ownership.

Please read the attachments that include exemptions. If you have any questions please feel free to call.

Sheriff John Shearon

Chilton County Sheriff's Office



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The CODE OF ALABAMA addresses County responsibility for ANIMAL CONTROL in Title 3-1-5 and Title 3-7A-7:

3-1-5 Permitting dogs to run at large, applicability of provisions of section in counties and certain cities or towns.

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(b) This section shall not apply to the running at large of any dog or dogs within the corporate limits of any city or town in this state that requires a license tag to be kept on dogs nor shall this section apply in any county in this state until the same has been adopted by the County Commission of such county.

Exemptions

Section 3-1-5.1

Agricultural work dogs and hunting dogs are exempt from leash or restraint laws when hunting wild game.

(a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(1) AGRICULTURAL WORK DOG. Any dog that is trained to herd or protect livestock or to otherwise assist in agricultural work and is actually or has been used for such purposes.

(2) HUNTING DOG. Any dog trained to hunt wild game with a handler.

(b) A local law requiring a dog to be kept on a leash or otherwise restrained does not apply to an agricultural work dog at any time while the dog is engaged in agricultural work or a hunting dog at any time while the dog is engaged in hunting wild game.