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A Month in Review at Team Ashley

Out and About: Ashley enjoyed spending time with the **Republican Women of North Shelby County**.

She also attended the **Shelby County Republican Party Committee Meeting**.

Ashley had a wonderful time with the incredible women of the **Hoover Service Club** at their monthly meeting where Mayor Brocato gave his State of the City Address.

Team Ashley also attended the **Hearts in Harmony** gala supporting the **Hoover Service Club**.

Ashley could also be found celebrating at **Brock's Gap Brewery** three-year anniversary party!

Team Ashley Game Time

Recaps: Check out Team Ashley Game Time Recaps where she breaks down all things Hoover City Council and Hoover City. Check them out on Team Ashley on Facebook.



Defining Moments in Ashley's Own Words

I grew up walking the halls of **Rocky Ridge Elementary, Berry Middle, and Spain Park High School**. I learned the power of teamwork on the basketball court under coaches like Kelly Holland and



Hoover City News

- The City of Hoover published the questions submitted to Kroll regarding the forensic audit
- **City Press Release:** [LINK](#)
- **The Questions & Responses:** [LINK](#)
- **In Summary:** While the forensic audit did not uncover direct evidence of malfeasance, it revealed **serious financial and transparency issues** within the City of Hoover.
- **Want more information?** Check out page 3 & 4 of Team Ashley News for a complete breakdown and access to the Hoover City press release and questions page.

Gena Morris, who taught me that success isn't just about talent—it's about grit, preparation, and stepping up when called.

One defining moment came during my sophomore year at Spain Park. I had settled into my role on the JV basketball team when Coach Morris pulled me aside and said she saw something in me—a determination that could make a difference on varsity. She asked me to step up.

It was an exciting opportunity but also terrifying. Varsity meant faster games, tougher competition, and higher expectations. I wondered: *Was I ready?* Would I let my team down? But my parents reminded me of something they had always taught me: ***Sometimes, life calls you to rise—even when you don't feel ready.***

So, I said yes. The transition was difficult. I doubted myself at times—missed shots, turnovers, grueling practices where I felt out of place. But each time I stumbled, I reminded myself why I had stepped up: to grow, to contribute, to prove to myself that I could rise to the challenge. That season changed me. It taught me that real growth happens when you leave your comfort zone.

Today, I carry that lesson in every part of my life—as a mother to Taylor and Miles, as a professional, and as an advocate for my community. Hoover shaped me, and now I feel a deep responsibility to give back to ensure it remains a place where families can thrive, where children find lifelong friendships, and where opportunities aren't just maintained but expanded.

Because when we're called to rise, we must answer.

A vote for Team Ashley is a vote for Hoover.

-Ashley

Hoover Releases Questions Sent to Kroll on Forensic Audit

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Missing Records and deleted files.

The document does not fully support the claim of transparency because:

- There were thousands of **deleted files**.
- There were **missing records**, both electronic and physical.
- Certain **financial reports were unavailable**.

The city claims no malfeasance was found.

The claim that no malfeasance was found is **accurate** but:

- There **were deficiencies** that could allow the opportunity for fraud.
- A **\$36 million overstatement** in the General Fund balance was found.
- There were **unbalanced transactions and unreconciled accounts**.

Lack of transparency involving the city's law firm & hiring Kroll.

There is a **lack of transparency** on hiring Wallace Jordan Ratliff & Brandt, LLC:

- The City's law firm retained Kroll on behalf of the City.

- Kroll's invoices were paid by the city's law firm, not the city.
- The City Council authorized Wallace Jordan to retain Kroll.

Conclusion

The forensic audit did not uncover direct evidence of malfeasance, but it revealed **serious financial and transparency issues** within the City of Hoover. The presence of missing records, deleted files, and unavailable financial reports raises **concerns about the city's commitment to full transparency**. Additionally, the hiring process for the forensic audit firm **lacked clarity**, with the law firm retaining Kroll rather than the city itself. While no fraud was explicitly identified, the report highlighted **significant deficiencies**, including a \$36 million overstatement in the General Fund and unbalanced financial records, which created conditions where **fraud could have occurred**. These findings suggest that deeper scrutiny and stronger financial oversight is necessary to ensure **accountability** and public **trust**.

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