

Cullman County Commission Meeting - January 14, 2005

A regular meeting of the Cullman County Commission was held on Friday, January 14, 2005, at 10:00 a.m., in the Commission Office conference room. Commission Meeting post pone from Monday, January 10, 2005 due to Commissioners being out of town. Present were Chairman Wiley Kitchens, Commissioner Doug Williams, and Commissioner Stanley Yarbrough. Chairman Kitchens called the meeting to order and welcomed the visitors. Attorney Dan Willingham gave the invocation and Chairman Kitchens led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVED MINUTES OF DECEMBER 27, 2004 MEETING

Commissioner Yarbrough made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 27, 2004 meeting as recorded.

Commissioner Williams seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS, TRAVEL EXPENSE, ETC.

Commissioner Yarbrough made the motion to approve appropriations, expenditures, requisitions, travel expense, etc.

Commissioner Williams seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED

Commissioner Yarbrough made the motion to approve all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Williams seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2005-16 - AUTHORIZES CHAIRMAN TO EXTEND ADELPHIA FRANCHISE AGREEMENT FOR ONE YEAR.

Resolution 2005-16 which extends Adelphia cable franchise agreement for one year through February 13, 2006. County Administrator Gary Teichmiller explained this would give Adelphia and the County time to renegotiate the agreement. Commissioner Yarbrough made the motion to approve Resolution 2005-16.

Commissioner Williams seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried

unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2005-17 - AUTHORIZES CHAIRMAN TO EXTEND CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS FRANCHISE AGREEMENT FOR ONE YEAR.

Resolution 2005-17 which extends Charter Communications franchise agreement for one year through February 12, 2006. County Administrator Gary Teichmiller explained this would give Charter Communications and the County time to renegotiate the agreement. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve Resolution 2005-17.

Commissioner Yarbrough seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2005-18 - AUTHORIZES CHAIRMAN TO EXTEND SOUTHERN CABLEVISION SYSTEMS AGREEMENT FOR ONE YEAR.

Resolution 2005-18 which extends Southern Cablevision Systems franchise agreement for one year through February 13, 2006. County Administrator Gary Teichmiller explained this would give Southern Cablevision and the County time to renegotiate the agreement. Commissioner Yarbrough made the motion to approve Resolution 2005-18.

Commissioner Williams seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AWARDDING BID NO. 782 TRAFFIC STRIPING

County Engineer Philip Widner said two bids were received on this item and that J.C. Cheek was the low bidder. Mr. Widner recommended awarding the bid to J.C. Cheek. Commissioner Yarbrough made the motion to award Bid No. 782 to J.C. Cheek. Commissioner Williams seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AWARDDING BID NO. 783 CONCRETE

County Engineer Philip Widner said two bids were received, both companies turned in bids identical in cost. Mr. Widner recommended staying with DCA Ready Mix with a bid price of \$79.00 per yard. Commissioner Yarbrough made the motion to award Bid No. 783 to D.C. Concrete. Commissioner Williams seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AWARDDING BID NO. 784 CONCRETE PIPE

County Engineer Philip Widner said Sherman Industries was the only bidder and they currently have this bid.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to award Bid No. 784 to Sherman Industries. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Kitchens ask if Sherman Industries carried metal pipe the County is currently having problems with the current low bidder for metal pipe not being able to supply. County Attorney Dan Willingham said if it's an emergency the County can purchase from local vendors but the County would need to cancel the bid and re-bid the metal pipe bid.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to re-bid the metal pipe. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried.

CONSIDER AWARDING BID NO. 785 GUARDRAIL

County Engineer Philip Widner said Alabama Guardrail was the only bidder and they currently have this bid.

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to award Bid No. 785 to Alabama Guardrail. Commissioner Williams seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AWARDING BID NO. 786 BATTERIES

Two bids were received for batteries. County Attorney Dan Willingham said after speaking with the County Engineer due to the lack of success with the low bidder he recommends the County accept the next lowest responsible bidder Steward Auto Supply.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to award Bid No. 786 to Stewards Auto Supply. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPOINTMENT - CHAIRMAN KITCHENS APPOINTMENT

Chairman Kitchens made the motion to appoint Scottie Seagrove to the Industrial Development Board.

Commissioner Williams seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Seagroves term will expire January 2011.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPOINTMENT - COMMISSIONER YARBROUGH APPOINTMENT

Commission Yarbrough made the motion to re-appoint Billy Faulk to the Industrial Development Board.

Commissioner Williams seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Faulk's term will expire January 2011.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPOINTMENT - COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS APPOINTMENT

Commissioner Williams made the motion to appoint Jerry Galin to the Industrial Development Board.

Commissioner Yarbrough seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Galin's term will expire January 2011.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FINAL PLAT FOR LAKE GEORGE ESTATES, THIRD ADDITION AND ACCEPTANCE OF ROAD.

County Engineer Philip Widner explained that Mr. Laney, the Developer had brought the Preliminary Plat in several months ago. The Plat has been reviewed and meets all Subdivision Requirements and recommends acceptance of Road. (County Road 1531) Commissioner Williams made a motion to accept Final Plat for Lake George Estates, Third Addition and acceptance of road. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried.

Chairman Kitchens ask what procedures the Engineering Department has inspecting roads while being built.

Mr. Widner stated that procedures are spell out in the County's Subdivision Regulations. The developer should contact the Engineering Dept. after construction has started when the sub base is ready for inspection. After the base is down the Engineering Dept. will check and proof roll prior to paving. After paving is complete the Engineering Dept. will go out and inspect. Mr. Widner stated that the road is checked all thru the building process and documentation is made every time an inspection is made.

PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY

Chairman Kitchens said this goes back about one year ago, one and half million dollars was to be set aside to build a new County Shop for all

counties vehicles to be maintained under one roof. The County has the opportunity to purchase property already set up, this has been looked at by the Commission, Attorney, Shop Forman and several others. A determination needs to be made on this property located off I65 at Dodge City also known as the Gold Kist Property. Mr. Kitchens stated that the County can buy this property for a lot less than if the County purchased property, constructed a building and furnished it with everything this building already has. A decision needs to be made if the County needs to purchase this property for the price of \$450,000.00.

Commissioner Williams made the motion for the purchase of real property and authorize the Chairman to negotiate the funding for the purchase price of \$450,000.00. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

OPEN BANK CHECKING ACCOUNT

Chairman Kitchens said he had been approached by First Commercial Bank with a letter to all three Commissioners to accept their request to give favorable consideration to moving the County Commissions Deposit Accounts to First Commercial Bank.

Commissioner Yarbrough said he has several questions and made a motion to table this item. Commissioner Williams seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Revenue Office

Authorize the Revenue Commissioner to enter into a 48 month lease contract at \$1,726.25 a month with Pitney & Bowes. This would allow the Revenue Commissioner to install equipment for mail outs provided equipment fits into space available.

Revenue Commissioner Kay Smith explained the programs will work with the post office to correct addresses. It will do a lot of work currently being done by hand. Not only will it save on time but also on money.

Commission Yarbrough made the motion to allow Revenue Commissioner to enter into lease agreement. Commissioner Williams seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2005 10:00 A.M., COMMISSION OFFICE

CONFERENCE ROOM

Chairman Kitchens announced that the next regular commission meeting will be Tuesday, January 25, 2005, due to Commissioner Williams being out of town. The meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Office conference room.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Kitchens opened the floor for public comments.

Court House Security

Mr. Willingham asks the Commission at what point is something going to be done with courthouse security?

Chairman Kitchens replied this is already being worked on now, some procedures dealing with security has already been implemented. The Commission has been in the process of dealing with security issues since the first of January.

County Vehicles Parked

Would like to commend the Commission for taking some of the County vehicles off the road.

Basch Road

Chairman Kitchens said he had received a lot of good comments from the public on work authorized by Commissioner Williams on the Basch Road.

DROP Program

Commissioner Williams suggested the commission strongly consider the DROP Program.

EMA

EMA Director Phyllis Little would like to commend Kelly Allen, Assistant EMA Director, he will receive Intermediate Certification from the State Emergency Management Association at the annual meeting next week. Mr. Allen had to complete between 450-500 hours of study in the last 18 months to receive this certification.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Upon a duly made and carried, the meeting was adjourned.