

**CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 28, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

A regular meeting of the Cullman County Commission was held Monday, November 28, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Office Conference Room. Chairman Kitchens called the meeting to order and welcomed all visitors.

CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present were Chairman Wiley Kitchens, Commissioner Stanley Yarbrough and Commissioner Doug Williams. Dan Willingham, Attorney gave the invocation and Chairman Kitchens led the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kay D. Smith, Revenue Commissioner - Addressed the Commission concerning the water damage to the Revenue Office and Probate Office. Insurance received for water damages to both offices was in the amount of \$21,133.96. The Dodge City Office also received water damage over the weekend.

APPROVE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 14, 2005 MEETING, APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS, TRAVEL EXPENSE, AND APPROVE ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Todd Hardman with St. John and Associates stated in 1990 ADEM passed requirements that each County have a 10-Year Solid Waste Plan, which address the county's waste management that is renewed every 10-years. This plan is basically the same outlay plan developed then with the exception of the numbers and figures updated for the current year. The 10-Year Solid Waste Plan has been on the public comment period for 30 days, we're at the end of the comment period with this public hearing.

No Public Comments were made.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Consider approval of Final Plat and Acceptance of the road (Co. Rd. 899) for Bluewater Estates, Phase 3A (located in District 2 off Co. Rd. 890).

Philip Widner, County Engineer stated this is approval of the final plat for Bluewater Estates, Phase 3A and acceptance of County Road 899, Developer Larry Harris. The engineering department has inspected this road from the beginning of construction, it meets the county standards. I recommend the county accept this road into the system.

Commissioner Yarbrough made the motion to accept this road into the maintenance system. Commissioner Williams seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

b. Resolution No. 2005-67 Authorize Chairman to sign agreement between the Alabama Department of Transportation and Cullman County Commission covering the financing of construction costs for Project No. ST-022-888-05, CCP-22-58-05 (County Road 703) Welti Road.

Mr. Widner stated this agreement is for County Road 703 – Welti Road, we estimate the project to cost \$200,000.00 to \$225,000.00. Commissioner Williams has received funds in the amount of \$100,000.00 from the state. I recommend the Chairman sign the agreement.

Commissioner Williams made the motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

c. Resolution No. 2005-65 Widening, Resurfacing and Traffic Striping on County Road 715. (Phelan Road – Industrial Access Road).

Mr. Widner stated this is the industrial access project on county road 715 (Phelan Road) with the City of Cullman. This project is over a 1.4 million, this resolution is initiating the project.

Commissioner Williams made the motion to sign the resolution. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion the carried unanimously.

d. Enter into an agreement with the AARP to assist senior citizens with tax preparations or answer questions.

Mr. Randall Shedd, Director of Commission on Aging stated they have the opportunity to partner with AARP to offer simply tax preparations for low income families and senior citizens. Our office would only provide space and schedule appointments.

Commissioner Williams made the motion to partner with AARP for these services. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

e. Change Administrators for drugs and dental from Benefits Plus and Delta Dental respectively to Blue Cross.

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator stated at this time the county is self insured on these plans. This would put the dental and drug plans for the county under Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Financial there is some savings to the county, around \$10,000.00 a year based on claims.

Lee Doyle with Blue Cross, stated currently what they could do is bring back under the Blue Cross umbrella is the administration of the dental and drug as well as the health coverage we already administer. On the drug side some of the fix cost the county has would be reduced and possibly some additional savings with the use of generic drugs. One of the aspects of the program is Blue Cross gives back 100% of manufacture rebates. Having one carrier will for all three benefits will cut back on having to deal with three different companies with benefits.

This will be effect January 1, 2006

Commissioner Williams made the motion to partner with Blue Cross. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

f. Acceptance of County Road 31 into the county maintenance system (instead of County Road 351).

Commissioner Yarbrough stated in the last meeting County Road 351 was accepted into the county maintenance system. This was the wrong road number. County Road 31 is the correct road number that needs to be accepted into the county maintenance system.

Commissioner Yarbrough made the motion to accept County Road 31 in the maintenance system. Commissioner Williams seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

g. North Alabama Mutual Aide Agreement and the State Wide Mutual Aide Agreement.

Dan Willingham, County Attorney stated there are two separate agreements one is a state wide agreement and one is a North Alabama agreement which is a sixteen county plan. I recommend passing both Mutual Aid Agreements.

Commissioner Yarbrough made the motion to pass both agreements. Commissioner Williams seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

h. Resolution No. 2005-66 Adopting the; 10-Year Solid Waste Plan.

Chairman Kitchens stated this resolution pertains to the Public Hearing held at the beginning of the Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Williams made the motion to adopt the 10-Year Solid Waste Plan. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Contracts for Agencies receiving appropriations

Mr. Willingham stated the county needs to have individual contracts with the agencies receiving appropriations from the county. There's no action that needs to be taken today.

b. Bid No. 822 Jail Supplies

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator stated he had spoken to the Jail and they are still reviewing this bid and may look at some other options. They ask to table Bid No. 822 Jail Supplies.

Commissioner Williams made the motion to table the bid. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

a. Stanley Yarbrough – Grand View

Commissioner Yarbrough stated Mr. Edwin Calvert with the Grand View School (Community Center) ask if the commission could assistance with a donation in the amount of \$700.00 for roof repairs.

This is a voting location and used as a community center.

Commissioner Yarbrough made the motion to table this item for review. Commissioner Williams seconded.

b. Town Hall Meeting Thursday December 1, 2005, at the Holly Pond Town Hall at 7:00 pm

Chairman Kitchens announced a Town Hall Meeting will be Thursday, December 1, 2005 at the Holly Pond Town Hall at 7:00 pm the public is invited to attend.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2005 AT 10:00 AM

Chairman Kitchens announced the next commission meeting will be Monday, December 12, 2006 at 10:00 am in the County Commission Office Conference Room.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Williams made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded.

Wiley Kitchens, Chairman

Doug Williams, Commissioner

Stanley Yarbrough, Commissioner