

CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
September 13, 2011

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman James Graves called the Commission Meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and welcomed the visitors.

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

Charlotte Slatton, County Clerk, called the roll; present were Chairman James Graves, Commissioner Darrell Hicks, Commissioner Stanley Yarbrough and County Attorney Heath Meherg. The invocation was given by Randall Waldrep. Sammie Danford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 23, 2011 MEETING, APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS, TRAVEL EXPENSES; AND APPROVE ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED.

Commissioner Yarbrough made the motion to approve the minutes from August 23, 2011 Commission Meeting, approve appropriations, expenditures, requisitions, travel expenses and approve all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS

Public notification of Commission's plan for final debris removal

Chairman Graves stated FEMA and the Army Corps of Engineers have completed their debris clean up; however not all private property was cleared. The county will not be able to clear any private but property owners are asked to push vegetative debris to the right of way where the Road Department will pick it up the first week of October.

Discussion of the extension of grant application for individual storm shelters

Sammie Danford, Director of Economic Development, stated the deadline for application for individual storm shelters has been extended until October 27th. Federal funding for mitigation projects is currently on hold pending Congress' appropriations for the next fiscal year. Individuals wishing to make applications for storm shelter grants should have them in to the Economic Development Office by September 30th to insure review and arrival at the State EMA Office by the October deadline.

Ratify the agreement with F&O Architects, LLC for repairs/replacement of the courthouse roof

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to ratify an agreement with F&O Architects, LLC for the architectural design work of the roof replacement for the courthouse which was damaged in the

April tornado. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider awarding the bid for the courthouse roof contingent on final settlement with the insurance company

Chairman Graves stated the Commission anticipates settling with the insurance company this week on courthouse damages from the April 27th tornado. Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, stated Bonner Roofing and Sheet Metal Company of Savannah, GA submitted the low bid. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to award the bid to Bonner Roofing contingent on Travelers Insurance Company's settlement of damages. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize the Chairman to sign the 2012 NARCOG Aging Contracts

Chairman Graves stated these are the annual NARCOG aging contracts. The funding to the Commission on Aging will be less in 2012 due to the federal cuts. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the 2012 NARCOG aging contracts. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize the Chairman and County Administrator to sign the contract for the Youth Advocate Program funding through the Department of Youth Services

Brenda Howell with Juvenile Probation stated the grant is for \$211,000 which will fund the new program designed to have teams go into homes and work with the entire family of at risk teens. The program has a 35 year track record of success. Ms. Howell stated this will not cost the County any money. However, she requested the Commission appropriate funding for two months start up costs which will be reimbursed to the County once the grant money is received. The money will be released to the County quarterly from the grant and the Youth Advocate Program will bill the County. There will be no cost to the County; the County will only be the managing agent for the funds.

Mr. Teichmiller, County Administrator, asked if the grant would cover salaries. Ms. Howell stated it would cover a director and another full time employee and four to six part time (20 hour weekly) advocates. The grant would also cover the cost of office space and mileage reimbursement.

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to authorize the Chairman and County Administrator to sign the contract for funding through the Department of Youth Services. Commissioner Hicks seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Authorize the Chairman to sign the Long Term Detention contract with Tennessee Valley Youth Services

Chairman Graves stated the County has a contract with Tennessee Valley Youth Services for housing juveniles who remain in detention for over 72 hours. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the long term detention contract with Tennessee Valley Youth Services. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize the EMA Director to sign the SMORT grant for \$29,000 to be used for

equipment and training

Phyllis Little, EMA Director, stated the \$29,000 grant for State Mortuary Response Operational Response Team (SMORT) is a 100% grant for equipment and training. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to authorize the EMA Director to sign the grant. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize the Chairman and EMA Director to sign for the EMPG grant agreement FY 2011

Ms. Little stated this is the annual federal funding of \$49,672.00 for EMA. This year's grant carries requirement for extra training and a minimum of three field exercises. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to authorize the Chairman and EMA Director to sign the EMPG grant agreement FY 2011. Commissioner Hicks seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote the motion passed.

Commissioner Yarbrough to appoint Roger Humphrey to the Health Care Authority Board for a six (6) year term to expire 6-30-2017 replacing Jay Mullins

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Chairman Graves to appoint Blake West to the Department of Human Resources Board for a six (6) year term to expire 5-15-2016 replacing Dr. Nancy Thornton

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Chairman Graves to appoint Greg Johnson to the Cullman Area Mental Health Authority for a six (6) year term to expire 4-1-2017 replacing Earlene Johnson

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Commissioner Hicks to appoint Lynne Morton to the Cullman County Agricultural Development Board for a four (4) term to expire 9-30-2015 replacing Gloria Donaldson

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Commissioner Yarbrough to appoint Roy Jackson to the Cullman County Agricultural Development Board for a four (4) term to expire 9-30-2015 replacing Melba Jo Federer

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Chairman Graves to reappoint Ron Hogue to the Library Board of Trustees to a four (4) year term to expire 9-30-2014

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to reappoint Ron Hogue to the Library Board of Trustees to a four (4) year term to expire 9-30-2014. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Commissioner Hicks to reappoint Dr. Dan Scott to the Library Board of Trustees to a four (4) year term to expire 9-30-2013

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Commissioner Yarbrough to reappoint Trina Walker to the Library Board of Trustees to a four (4) year term to expire 9-30-2015

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to reappoint Trina Walker to the Library Board of Trustees to a four (4) year term to expire 9-30-2015. Commissioner Hicks seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Consider a \$5,000 donation to the Downtown Merchants Association for the tourism promotion of the KC BBQ Cook-Off

Chairman Graves stated the Cook-Off event will be held the weekend following the Oktoberfest. Currently there are approximately 40 applicants for this nationally sanctioned cook-off. Promoters anticipate drawing a large crowd to Cullman where attendees will be able to taste the BBQ entries. Organizers are hopeful this will become an annual event. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to make a \$5,000 donation to the Downtown Merchants Association for the tourism promotion of the KC BBQ Cook-Off. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider a \$1,000 donation to the Joppa Community Center a polling center

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to donate \$1,000 to the Joppa Community Center, a polling center. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote

Consider a \$1,000 donation to the Center Hill Community Center a polling center

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to donate \$1,000 to the Center Hill Community Center, a polling place. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote

Consider surplus of a HP LaserJet 8000NX Printer from Sales Tax to be disposed

Commissioner Yarbrough made to motion to surplus a HP LaserJet 8000NX printer from Sales Tax which is past its useful life. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider surplus of the following equipment from the Sanitation Department

2002 Sterling Accterra with 25 yd Heil Body R.E.L. Serial # 2FZHANAK82AB96330

2005 Sterling Accterra with 25 yd Heil Body R.E.L. Serial # 2FZHCHDC25AU92932
2006 GMC W5500 with 6 yd wayne Serial # JBDE5B166667901510

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to surplus the equipment from the Sanitation Department to be placed on Govdeals. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider surplus of a Fiat Allis FD-5 Crawler/loader from the Road Department

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to surplus a Fiat Allis FD-5 Crawler/loader from the Road Department. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1087– Sale of surplus equipment from the Road Department by sealed bid

At the previous commission meeting, two tractors were surplused and offered for sale under sealed bid. The high bidder for both pieces of equipment was John Easterwood. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to award the bid to the highest bidder. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Bid No. 1088 – Gas and diesel fuel purchased for the CARTS Department from a licensed fuel distributor with an automated card lock fuel system

Joyce Echols, CARTS Director, stated Morgan Oil Company was the low bidder and recommended awarding the bid. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to award Bid No. 1088 to Morgan Oil Company. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Ratify employment contracts for the following:

Randall Waldrep Water Department Manager
Tanya Sears Juvenile Detention Director

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to ratify the employment contracts. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Ratify the following personnel actions:

Retired:	Mike Burleson	Solid Waste Officer
Resignation:	Robyn Shirley	CARTS
	Logan Hyde	Sportsman Lake Park maintenance
Transfer:	Jamie James	OHV Park to Probate Office
New Hire:	Darren Turner	Sanitation - temporary
	Garry Knopp	CARTS – part time
	Tina Holcombe	CARTS – part time
Discharge:	Jonathan Easterwood	Road Department – summer hire
	Luke Persall	Road Department – summer hire
	Christopher Cain	Road Department – summer hire
	Bobbie Marchman	Smith Lake Pool Manager – summer hire

	Mallory Buchanan	Lifeguard - summer hire
	Joshua Burleson	Lifeguard - summer hire
	Michael Hancock	Lifeguard - summer hire
	Brandi Hudson	Lifeguard - summer hire
	Olivia Hyde	Lifeguard - summer hire
	Joshua McClure	Lifeguard - summer hire
	William Ranson	Lifeguard - summer hire
	Artha Peak	Smith Lake Park maintenance – seasonal
	Brenda Waldrep	Library
Nancy West	Concession Manager	Sportsman Lake

Raises: Josh Hinkle Road Department – laborer

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to ratify all personnel actions. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Graves address the meeting concerning Garden City’s decision to purchase water from Blount County. For some time the disinfection byproduct (DBP) have been high at the Garden City site and would not meet ADEM standards for 2012.

Randall Waldrep, Water Department Manager, stated over the past several months steps have been taken to lower the DBP rate. DBP becomes high when water stays in storage tanks or waterlines for an extended period of time. Currently two water tanks have been taken off line and flush valves have been installed. These measures have brought the DBP level within acceptable range.

Chairman Graves stated he has been in contact with NARCOG, as they have personnel on staff that can assist with an evaluation, and with the City of Cullman who supplies the County’s water. He stated the Commission will do everything possible to ensure all county residents have safe drinking water.

The next NARCOG meeting will be September 28, 2011 at the Decatur office of NARCOG.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2011

Chairman Graves announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Meeting Room.

ADJOURN THE MEETING

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion. Chairman Graves adjourned the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

/s/ _____

James D. Graves, Chairman

/s/ _____

Darrell

/s/ _____

Hicks,
Associate Commissioner

Stanley Yarbrough,
Associate Commissioner