

**CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**January 26, 2012**

**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**

The County Clerk called the roll; present were Chairman James Graves, Commissioner Darrell Hicks, Commissioner Stanley Yarbrough and County Attorney Tim Culpepper. The invocation was given by Randall Waldrep. Barry Willingham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 10, 2012 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 the January 10, 2012 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**

**John and Carol Cain** from the Gilleyville neighborhood asked the Commission to look into the dumping of various materials at the entrance to their neighborhood of Highway 31 by a property owner. They stated it has become an eyesore, a health and safety issue and is causing a decrease in property values in the neighborhood.

**Clearance Benefield** requested the County Road Department evaluate the flash flooding in areas along County Roads 1666 and 1673.

**Phyllis Little**, EMA Director, informed the Commission of a free service for weather alerts with Alabama SAF-T-Net. This service will call your landline, cell phone or send a text to alert you of severe weather.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Consider awarding bid for the Pump Station for Harmony School**

Randall Waldrep, Water Department Manager, stated one (1) bid was received for the construction of a new pump station to Harmony School. This pump station is necessary to increase the water pressure to the school to operate the school's sprinkler system. He recommended awarding the bid to Morrow Water Technologies, Inc. for \$154,331. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to award the bid. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

**Consider awarding bid for upgrade of waterlines on County Road 974 and 946**

Mr. Waldrep stated seven (7) bids were received for the project to upgrade the waterlines along County Road 974 and 946. The low bidder was B & H Contracting, Inc. with a bid of \$316,931. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to award the bid to B & H Contracting. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 2012-15 - Authorize the Chairman to accept FEMA's award of the Hazardous Mitigation Assessment grants**

The Chairman explained grant money has been made available for the construction of individual safe rooms through FEMA. 217 applications were taken in October of last year and this is the first group of shelters to be funded. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the acceptance for the FEMA Hazardous Mitigation Assessment grants. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider approval of the auction sale of seven (7) surplus trucks with JM Woods Auction Co., Inc.**

Chairman Graves explained the 2011 trucks were declared surplus in a previous commission meeting. At auction, the trucks will bring approximately what the County paid for them. This will allow for new trucks to be purchased at little to no extra cost and will allow for the trucks to remain under a new vehicle warranty saving maintenance cost. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to approve the auction sale of seven (7) surplus trucks with JM Woods Auction Co., Inc. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize the payment of ACI Certification for Keith Creel and Marty Robinson previously paid for by the State**

It was stated the ACI Certification will allow the County to continue to test any concrete work done without the expense of an outside contractor. Previously the State of Alabama has paid for the certification; however the County will now be required to pay for the certification of Mr. Creel and Mr. Robinson. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to authorize the payment for the ACI Certification. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize the re-classification of positions in the pay plan for various departments**

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, stated several departments have had time to evaluate where individual employee positions were placed in the pay plan. There are a few positions that need to be re-classified, especially in Reappraisal and Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to authorize the re-classification of position in the pay plan. Commissioner Hicks seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

**Bid No. 1067 – Extension for Debris Removal – TAG Grinding Services, Inc.**

Jon Brunner, Acting County Engineer, stated the County needs to have a bid in place for emergency debris removal for natural disasters. This past April a bid was in place; however the County decided to use FEMA and the Army Corp of Engineers for the tornado clean-up. TAG Grinding Service, Inc. has agreed to extend the bid for one (1) year. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to extend Bid No. 1067 for debris removal. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Bid No. 1094 – New Tires – discuss**

Chairman Graves stated Joe Perry, the new fleet manager, has reviewed the bid. He feels some changes need to be made in the type of tires the County is purchasing. After some discussion, it was decided the bid would be rejected and tires would be bought off the State Bid List until such time a new bid could be awarded by the County. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to reject all bids. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider release of surety held by Cullman County Commission for Smith Lake RV Resort Subdivision, located in District 2 off County Road 202.**

Keith Creel, Assistant Engineer, stated the roads in the subdivision are not being accepted into the County maintenance system; however the County did require a surety to insure the construction met all the County guidelines and regulations. The engineer has inspected the roads and he recommends the release of the surety. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to release the surety held for Smith Lake RV Resort Subdivision located off County Road 202. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider the surplus of a Resner Oil Heater Serial # 230339 from the Garage**

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to surplus the Resner oil heater, serial # 230339, from the garage to be sold. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Ratify the following personnel actions:**

New Hires:	John Devencenzi III	Sanitation Department
	Crystal Stone	Sheriff's Department
	Dennis McAnnally	CARTS – part time
	Ralph Laney	CARTS – part time
Resignations:	Caleb Bradley	Sheriff's Department

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

The next NARCOG meeting will be February 22, 2012 at the Decatur office of NARCOG.

**NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2012**

Chairman Graves announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, February 14, 2012 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 10:28 a.m.

/s/  
James D. Graves, Chairman

/s/  
Darrell Hicks,  
Associate Commissioner

/s/  
Stanley Yarbrough,  
Associate Commissioner