

CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
May 14, 2013

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

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

CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM

The County Clerk called the roll; present were Chairman Kenneth Walker, Commissioner Darrell Hicks, Commissioner Stanley Yarbrough and County Attorney Heath Meherg. The invocation was given by Commissioner Hicks. Barry Willingham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 23, 2013 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED.

Commissioner Yarbrough made the motion to approve the minutes from the April 23, 2013 Commission Meeting; approve appropriations, expenditures, requisitions and 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

Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Ron and Julie Buker for volunteer work at Clarkson Bridge Park

Doug Davenport, Park Manager, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Ron and Julie Buker for their volunteer work at the Clarkson Bridge Park. He stated the Bukers have spent over 500 hours at the park clearing vegetation and debris. The Commission thanked them for their efforts. A copy of the certificate will be hung at the park for the recognition of their work.

Set the tax levy for 2013

Revenue Commissioner Barry Willingham stated the tax levy must be set for the fiscal year. No new taxes are to be collected. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to set the tax levy for 2013 at the FY-2012 level. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2013-28 – To address Section 10.7.3 of the Personnel Handbook for Payment of Administrative Weather days on 1-17-2013 and 4-11-2013

County Attorney Heath Meherg stated there is some confusion around Section 10.7.3 of the Personnel Handbook giving authorization to pay employees when, in extreme cases, the Commission feels weather conditions require the closing of county facilities for the safety of employees. The resolution is retroactive to April 1, 2010. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to approve the resolution making changes to the handbook. Commissioner Hicks seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Resolution 2013-29 – Authorize the signing of the State Sub-grantee Agreement for the Pre-Fab Safe Room at Brushy Pond Community Center; HMGP DR(1971-672)

Attorney Meherg stated the resolution allows Cullman County to enter into an agreement with the State of Alabama for the building of a safe room at the Brushy Pond Community Center. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize the Chairman to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Brushy Pond Community Center

Mr. Meherg stated the County does not own the property where the Brushy Pond Community Center is located. The MOU will allow the County to use the property for 30 years for the purpose of a safe room. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the MOU with the Brushy Pond Community Center. Commission Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2013-30 – Authorize the signing of the State Sub-grantee Agreement for the Pre-Fab Safe Room at Hanceville Community Center; HMPG DR(1971-671)

Mr. Meherg stated there is a question as to who owns the Hanceville Community Center and who is authorized to enter into agreement on behalf of the Center. A meeting is to be held this week to determine the status of the Community Center. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to postpone any action until more information is available. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion to postpone carried.

Authorize the Chairman to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Hanceville Community Center

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to postpone any action on the authorization of a MOU pending the meeting with Hanceville Community Center group. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Meherg stated that the deadline for application for the safe room is May 28th. Since the next commission meeting is the 28th, action on the resolution for application and the MOU will need to be put on the agenda for consideration.

Resolution 2013-31 – Recreational Trails Program Fund application for parking lot lighting at Stony Lonesome OHV Park

Sammie Danford, Director of Economic Development, stated the resolution will authorize the pre-application for lighting in the parking at the OHV Park. The Recreational Trails Program is an 80/20 grant. The anticipated cost of the project is \$56,000 and the application is due by the end of the month. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to authorize the application to ADECA for the grant. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Kevin Jackson from the City of Cullman Economic Development Office addressed the Commission concerning the following abatements.

Resolution 2013-32 – Abatement Topre America Corp. \$25,000,000 for Equipment and Machinery

Mr. Jackson explained the \$25,000,000 abatement for Topre America Corp. is part of the continuing expansion project. This expansion phase, for equipment and dies, will create twenty new jobs. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the abatement. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote the motion passed.

Resolution 2013-33 – Abatement Advanced Rotors, Inc. \$1,500,000 for Equipment and Machinery

Mr. Jackson stated the abatements to Advanced Rotor, Inc. and Good Ole Boy Properties, LLC are related. Advanced Rotors is the manufacturing part of the business and Good Old Boy Properties is the real estate division. The two abatements are expected to generate six new jobs. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to approve the \$1,500,000 abatement for equipment and machinery for Advanced Rotors, Inc. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2013-34 – Abatement Good Ole Boy Properties, LLC (Advanced Rotors) \$300,000 for Land and Building

Mr. Jackson stated Advanced Rotors, Inc. will need to expand their building with the acquisition of new equipment. Therefore, Good Ole Boy Properties, LLC is requesting an abatement of \$300,000 for the purpose of land and building. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the abatement for Good Old Boy Properties, LLC. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. Upon a unanimous voice, the motion passed.

Resolution 2013-35 – Abatement Mach III Properties for \$300,000 for Land and Building

Mr. Jackson stated Mach III Properties, located in the Battleground area, is a secondary supplier to local auto manufacturers. The \$300,000 abatement is anticipated to create five new jobs. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the abatement for Mach III Properties. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2013-36 – Commission Appointment of the President of the Cullman County Mayor/Commissioner Association to the NARCOG Board

Commissioner Yarbrough explained the NARCOG Board has been re-organized under the new by-laws for NARCOG. The Board will now consist of fourteen (14) members with four (4) members from Cullman County. The chairman and two associate commissioners will make up three members on the Board. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to approve the appointment of the President of the Cullman County Mayor/Commissioner Association (CCMCA) as the fourth member of the NARCOG Board. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider a request from the Cullman County Fair Association in the amount of \$1,056.32 for assistance with the utilities incurred with Christmas Love

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve an appropriation of \$1,056.32 to the Cullman County Fair Association to assist with the utility payment for the Christmas Love program. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the Commission's re-appointment of Rex Smith to the Cullman Regional Airport Board for a four (4) year term to expire January 2017

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to re-appoint Rex Smith to the Cullman Regional Airport Board for a four (4) year term to expire January 2017. Commissioner Hicks seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Bid No.1131 – Uniforms for the Sheriff's Department

Chief Deputy Max Bartlett stated two bids which were received for uniforms for the Sheriff's Department were considered. Galls, LLC had a lower price for men's uniforms while McCain Uniforms price for women's uniforms was lower. He recommended awarding the bid to Galls even though their price for women's uniforms was higher because significantly more men's uniforms are purchased than women's. He stated that previously the department had experienced slow delivery from McCain Uniforms. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to award the bid to Galls, LLC. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider awarding the bid for the renovations for the Cullman County Economic Development Building

Jock Leonard architect from LeonardDesign, PC stated the low bidder for the renovations for the Economic Development Building was Reidco Construction of Vinemont. The base cost bid was \$185,200. With the addition of Alternate Bid No. 1, 3 and 4 the cost will be \$210,949.20. Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, stated the cost of the project will be covered by the insurance proceeds received for the old Economic Development Building which was destroyed in the April 2011 tornado. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to award the bid including alternate project numbers 1, 3 and 4. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Reject the bid submitted for the demolition and removal of the Hays House

Chairman Walker stated the Commission had hoped to receive a bid where the County would be paid for the Hays House. The bid received was not acceptable. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to reject the bid. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Request bids for the salvage value for the fixtures of the Hays House

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion for the County to request bids for the salvage value for the fixtures of the Hays House. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Ratify the following personnel actions:

Steve Johns	Road
Shontae Walton	Revenue
Dennis Grove	CARTS
Hilda Teague	Commission
Dustin Bentley	Sheriff's Dept
Josh McNatt	Sheriff's Dept
Marlin Johnson	Sheriff's Dept
David Sandlin	CARTS
Jannie Thomas	Sheriff's Dept
Stacy Earwood	Sheriff's Dept
John Davidson	Sheriff's Dept
Ryan Fortenberry	Sheriff's Dept
Corey Harbison	Sheriff's Dept
Christopher Willingham	Sheriff's Dept
Margaret Robinson	Sheriff's Dept
Joey Clark	Sheriff's Dept
Brittney Barnett	Smith Lake
Dena Williamson	Smith Lake

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

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MAY 28, 2013

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, May 28, 2013, 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 Walker adjourned the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

/s/ _____
Kenneth Walker,
Chairman

/s/ _____
Darrell Hicks,
Associate Commissioner

/s/ _____
Stanley Yarbrough,
Associate Commissioner