

**CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**September 24, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Chairman Kenneth Walker called the Commission Meeting to order at 10:00 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 Hick and Commissioner Stanley Yarbrough. The invocation was given by Commissioner Hicks. Chief Max Bartlett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2013 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED.**

Commissioner Yarbrough made the motion to approve the minutes from the September 10, 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**

**Consider adoption of the FY-2014 Budget for Cullman County totaling \$49,280,521**

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, stated the \$49,280,521 budget for fiscal year 2014 has an increase of approximately 6% reflecting the County's matching funds for the road improvements and a 3% cost of living (COLA) effective November 1, 2013 for all county employees. Commissioner Hicks made a motion for the adoption of the FY-2014 budget. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider approval of renewal of health care reinsurance coverage with HCC**

Mr. Teichmiller stated the catastrophic medical reinsurance covers medical costs in excess of \$100,000. The premium cost is \$247,000 with HCC the County's current carrier. He recommended renewal of the coverage. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to approve the renewal of the health care reinsurance coverage. Commissioner Hicks seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Approve payment of 2013-2014 ACCA association dues in the amount of \$7,896**

Mr. Teichmiller explained these are the annual association dues to the ACCA and are the same amount as last year. The ACCA serves as the County's lobbyist in Montgomery and the County also uses the ACCA as provider for workers' compensation and liability insurance. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve payment of the annual dues to the ACCA in the amount of \$7,896. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Ratify payment of \$482,998.52 to the ACCA Workers' Compensation Self-Insurers' Fund**

Mr. Teichmiller stated the renewal premium for the County's workers' compensation is approximately \$50,000 less this year due to the implementation of recommended safety measures and a lower loss ratio. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to ratify the \$482,998.52 payment to the ACCA for workers' compensation insurance. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider payment of \$3,500 for 2.7 acres to Lisa Hullett, Trustee for the Arnold Grandchildren's Trust for property on the County Road 950 project**

Commissioner Yarbrough explained County Road 950 was closed earlier this year when a portion of the road washed away. The road is being relocated and additional right-of-way is needed. He made a motion to approve payment of \$3,500 to Lisa Hullett, Trustee for the Arnold Grandchildren's Trust, for 2.7 acres of land for the completion of the road. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider the termination of the Openshaw Media Group Agreement for services provided to Sales Tax**

Chris King, Director of Sales Tax, stated the local Sales Tax Office has used the Openshaw Media Group since 2004 for the processing of online filing of sales tax returns. The State of Alabama has instituted a website for the filing of all taxes. The State's ONE SPOT filing system service is free to the County. Currently the service with Openshaw cost between \$1,000 and \$1,200 per month. Cancellation of the agreement will save over \$12,000 a year. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the cancellation of the service agreement with Openshaw Media Group. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

**Consider a request from Cullman Oktoberfest for \$5,000 for the 2013 Oktoberfest**

Chairman Walker stated the annual Oktoberfest brings in tourist for the ten day festival and the Commission has supported Oktoberfest for a number of years. Edna Leeth, a citizen of Cullman County, asked if other organizations could ask for commission funding for events. Chairman Walker stated a written request could be submitted for the Commission's consideration. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve a request for \$5,000 for the Oktoberfest. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider the purchase of a hot water pressure washer from C&F Pressure Systems, cost \$5,442, for the Road Department**

Jon Brunner, County Engineer, stated the pressure washer currently at the Road Department was purchased in 1985 and is beyond repair. Quotes were received and the low price for a new hot water pressure washer is \$5,442. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to authorize the purchase of the pressure washer from C&F Pressure Systems. Commissioner Hicks seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

**Consider surplus of the following equipment:**

**2006 Chevrolet Express van from the Sheriff's Department, VIN # 1GAHG39U561223510, to be donated to the City of Cullman Police Department**

Max Bartlett, Chief Deputy, addressed the Commission concerning the donation of the van to the City of Cullman Police Department. The van has over 200,000 miles. It has been used for the transport of federal prisoners and is no longer reliable to use for transport out of town. The City will use the van to transport prisoners to city court. Edna Leeth questioned why the van was being donated to the City of Cullman instead of a smaller municipality that does not have the revenue that the City of Cullman has for purchase of equipment. It was explained the van will allow the City Police Department to transport their prisoners instead of the County being responsible for the transport. In the long term, this will save the County money on fuel and cost of a jail staff for transport. She asked the value of the van. Chief Bartlett estimated the value to be approximately \$5,000. He stated the van was purchased with the Sheriff's discretionary funds. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to surplus the 2006 Chevrolet Express van from the Sheriff's Department, VIN # 1GAHG39U561223510, and to donate it to the City of Cullman Police Department. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Steam cleaner machine from the Road Department to be used as trade-in for a new hot water pressure washer**

Jon Brunner stated the steam cleaner will be used as traded-in to C&F Pressure System for a safety switch for the new hot water pressure washer. The value of the safety switch is \$530. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to surplus the steam cleaner machine from the Road Department and use it as trade-in for a new hot water pressure washer safety switch. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Five (5) broken office chairs to be disposed from Juvenile Detention**

Tanya Sears, Director of Juvenile Detention, state the chairs are broken and present a safety hazard. Chairman Walker asked the value of the chairs. Ms. Sears stated they are broken and have no value. Ms. Leeth questioned why the Commission is approving the disposal of broken chairs. It was explained that any equipment in the County's inventory must be approved for disposal by the Commission. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to surplus the chairs from Juvenile Detention and approve the disposal. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider awarding the following bids:**

**Bid No. 1152 – Lowboy Trailer**

Jon Brunner, County Engineer, stated Better Built Trailers, Inc. was the low bidder and met the specifications at a cost of \$33,600. However, there is optional equipment of a winch mount and wheel that is to be included bringing the total cost to \$33,930. He recommended awarding the bid. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to award the bid for the lowboy trailer to Better Built Trailers, Inc. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Bid No. 1153 – Motor Oil**

Mr. Brunner stated three bids were receive and Stewart Auto Supply was the low bidder. He recommended awarding the bid. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to award the bid for motor oil to Stewart Auto Supply. Commissioner Hicks seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

**Ratify the following personnel actions:**

Chaz Brouillette	Smith Lake Park	Angela Carter	Commission on Aging
Isom Carden	Smith Lake Park	Rachel Ross	Sheriff's Department
Alexis Duncan	Smith Lake Park	Mark Blackwood	Road Department
Laura Weaver	Smith Lake Park	Daniel Presley	Road Department
Chloe Harbison	Smith Lake Park	Andy Coffey	Road Department
Brookelyn Cook	Smith Lake Park	Jeff Hadley	Road Department
Kyle Norris	Smith Lake Park	David Tucker	Road Department
Casey Watts	Sheriff's Dept	Mark Kilpatrick	Sheriff's Department

Chairman Walker stated the Smith Lake Park personnel were seasonal summer employees. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to ratify the personnel actions. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**WORK SESSION**

The Commission will hold a Work Session on Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. in the commission conference room.

**NEXT REGUALR COMMISION MEETING OCTOBER 8, 2013**

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, October 8, 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 10:29 a.m.

/s/  
Kenneth Walker,  
Chairman

/s/  
Darrell Hicks,  
Associate Commissioner

/s/  
Stanley Yarbrough,  
Associate Commission