

**CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**July 22, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Chairman Walker called the Commission Meeting to order at 10:01 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 Doug Davenport. Ashley Graves led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JULY 8, 2014 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED.**

Commissioner Yarbrough made the motion to approve the minutes from the July 8, 2014 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**

**Resolution 2014-26 - Authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement with ALDOT for the resurfacing of County Road 565 from County Road 490 to the Hanceville city limits**

This project is part of the ATRIP funding. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement with ALDOT for the resurfacing of County Road 565 from County Road 490 to the Hanceville city limits. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider approve of grant administration contract with Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Inc. for airport project**

Ben Harrison, Airport Manager, stated the FAA requires a FAA certified firm for administration of grants for the airport. Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood have the certification and he recommended them for the oversight of the FY-2014 grants. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to approve Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Inc. as grant administrators. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize the Chairman to sign an amendment to the environmental services in regard to the Cullman Airport runway extension**

Ben Harrison, Airport Manager, stated the FAA has rejected a design for a road which will run north of the airport. The new design will have two roads going to one roadway. A new environmental study will need to be done before a new design can be submitted to the FAA for approval. Commissioner Hicks asked if the FAA will help with the construction cost of the new road. Mr. Harrison stated cost of the road will be included in the grant; however there will be some cost to the County. The Federal FAA grant will have a 10% match along with a 10% match for State funds. The required match will be split with the City of Cullman. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign an amendment to the environmental services in regard to the Cullman Airport runway extension. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider to agree to enter into an FAA grant by approving SF-424 for the Cullman Airport**

Mr. Harrison states the form SF-424 is a required standard form which must sent from the engineers before work can start on the project funded by the grant. The City of Cullman has already done an approval. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to enter into an FAA grant by approving SF-424 for the Cullman Airport. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize the Chairman to sign an entertainment agreement with Terry Kelley Productions LLC for entertainment at the Ag Center on November 15, 2014**

Doug Davenport, Park Manager, stated this will be a new event for the Ag Center this fall. The entertainment agreement is for sound equipment and three bands to perform. The County will keep the gate, admission will be \$10, and the concession. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement with Terry Kelley Productions, LLC for entertainment on November 15<sup>th</sup> at the Ag Center. Commissioner Hicks seconded. Upon a unanimous voice, the motion passed.

**Authorize the Chairman to have settlement authority for a civil mediation set for Thursday**

Attorney Meherg stated the Commission needs to authorize settlement authority for a civil mediation for Thursday morning. Chairman Walker will be out of town. Commissioner Yarbrough stated he would be available.

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to change the agenda item to read "Authorize Commissioner Yarbrough to have settlement authority for a civil mediation set for Thursday". Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to authorize Commissioner Yarbrough to have settlement authority in the civil mediation matter. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize the Chairman to sign discovery request propounded by the plaintiffs in the Big Bridge case**

Attorney Meherg stated there is pending litigation over an easement at Big Bridge. Discovery request has been received from the plaintiffs and has been answered. The Commission needs to give the Chairman authorization to sign on behalf of the Commission in order to send the response to the plaintiffs. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to authorize

the Chairman to sign the discovery response. Commissioner Hicks seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize the EMA Director to sign a Mass Care Agreement with the following agencies:**

Cullman County DHR  
Alabama Department of Public Health  
American Red Cross - Alabama Region

Phyllis Little, EMA Director, stated the mass care agreement between Cullman County EMA, Cullman County DHR, the Alabama Department of Public Health and the Alabama Region of the American Red Cross is to re-establish an existing agreement which more clearly defines the roles of each agency during times of disaster operations. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to authorize the EMA Director to sign the Mass Care Agreement. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**Commissioner Hicks to re-appoint Jim Walker to the Department of Human Resources Board for a six (6) year term to expire 5-15-2020**

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to re-appoint Jim Walker to the Department of Human Resources Board for a six (6) year term to expire 5-15-2020. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded and upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

**Consider a proposal from Vandiver Construction for the construction of a metal building for the Sanitation Department and repair metal roof damage of existing structure – cost \$11,807**

James Rollo, Sanitation Manager, stated the structure is currently a covered open-air structure. They want to enclose it so maintenance and repairs to dumpster can be done inside, especially during the winter. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to authorize the construction of a metal building and necessary roof repairs by Vandiver Construction at a cost of \$11,807.00. Commissioner Hicks seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

**Consider the purchase of a software upgrade for the garage from ManagerPlus – cost \$7,291.06**

Jon Brunner explained the software program at the garage is no longer supported by the manufacturer and upgrades need to be made. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the purchase of software upgrade for the garage from ManagerPlus at a cost of \$7,291.06. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider the purchase of a 2015 Ford Explorer off the State Bid List through Long-Lewis Ford for the Sales Tax Office – cost \$25,276.50**

Chris King, Director of Sales Tax, stated the office will be replacing a vehicle that has over 180,000 miles. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2015 Ford Explorer off the State Bid List through Long-Lewis Ford for the Sales Tax Office at a cost of \$25,276.50. Commissioner Hicks seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Ratify the following personnel actions:**

Nolan Hunt	New Hire-Temp	Road Dept
Steven Johns	Promotion	Road Dept
Gunter Morris	New Hire-Temp	Smith Lake Park
John Calloway	Status Change Part to Full Time	CARTS
Roger Deaver	Reevaluation of Existing Job	Road Dept
Joseph Bagwell	Reevaluation of Existing Job	Road Dept
Chris McAlpin	New Hire	Smith Lake Park
Russell Speegle	New Hire-PT	CARTS

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

**WORK SESSION**

The Commission will hold a Work Session on Tuesday, August 12, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in the commission conference room.

**NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING AUGUST 12, 2014**

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, August 12, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. in the commission meeting room.

**ADJOURN THE MEETING**

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Walker seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 10:15.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Kenneth Walker,  
Chairman

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Darrell Hicks,  
Associate Commissioner

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Stanley Yarbrough,  
Associate Commissioner