

CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
August 26, 2014

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman 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. Revenue Commissioner Barry Willingham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 12, 2014 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED.

Commissioner Yarbrough made the motion to approve the minutes from the August 12, 2014 Commission Meeting; approve appropriations, expenditures, payroll, 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

Report of the Standard & Poor's (S&P) rating for Cullman County

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, reported the County has received the review Standard & Poor's does approximately every two years. The County received a favorable review and will maintain its AA- rating, which is an excellent rating for a governmental entity. The S&P outlook review stated "our view of Cullman County's consistently strong financial profile, indicated by its strong budgetary flexibility and liquidity. We do not expect to revise the rating over the next two years because we believe the management team will remain committed to maintain the existing financial position." Commissioner Hicks made a motion to include the S&P review as a part of the minutes of the commission meeting. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider a Tax Abatement for The Shaddix Company, Inc. in the amount of \$380,000 for expansion

Kevin Jackson from the City Economic Development Office stated The Shaddix Company, which produces precast concrete, is doing an expansion with the addition of three phase power. The expansion will create five new jobs. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to approve the tax abatement for The Shaddix Company, Inc. in the amount of \$380,000. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Confirm Tax Abatement by the City of Cullman for Property Developers & Consultants LLC in the amount of \$2,700,000 for new and/or existing building

Kevin Jackson from the City of Cullman Economic Development Office stated the abatement for Property Developers & Consultants LLC is for the renovation of a spec building for a tenant. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to confirm the abatement in the amount of \$2,700,000. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Authorize the payment of \$850,767.65 to the ACCA Self-Insurance for Workers' Compensation Insurance and Liability Insurance for FY-2015

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, stated the premiums for the 2015 insurance are lower and with the safety incentives the County will save \$143,000. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to approve the payment of \$850,767.65 to the ACCA Self-Insurance for the FY-2015 workers' compensation insurance and liability insurance. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize the Revenue Commissioner to sign an annual agreement with Cummins-Allison Corp. for check and currency scanning and maintenance for the Revenue Department – total cost \$9,125.70

Barry Willingham, Revenue Commissioner, stated his office processes over 75,000 checks annually. This equipment will scan 400 checks/minute and transmit them to banks for deposit. It also has the capability to count currency. He anticipates this will save the bookkeeping staff approximately 30 hours/month. The set up cost may be less than the quote since some of their existing equipment may be compatible with the new system. The maintenance portion of the contact is \$450 annually. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to authorize the Revenue Commissioner to sign an agreement with Cummins-Allison Corp. for scanning equipment and maintenance. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Ratify the purchase of an air conditioning unit for the Crane Hill Senior Center from Alabama Electrical Contractors – total cost \$5,132

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to ratify the purchase of an air conditioning unit for the Crane Hill Senior Center from Alabama Electrical Contractors at a cost of \$5,132. Commissioner Hicks seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider a request for the vacating of a portion of County Road 264

Heath Meherg, County Attorney, stated the County has received a request from Larry Creel for the vacating of a cul-de-sac portion of County Road 264. The vote will start the process of the road vacation. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to begin the process for the vacating of a portion of County Road 264. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1173 – Corrugated Plastic Pipe

Jon Brunner, County Engineer, stated Bear Block Company, Inc. was the low bidder. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to award the bid for corrugated plastic pipe to Bear Block Co., Inc. Commissioner Hicks seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

WORK SESSION

The Commission will hold a Work Session on Tuesday, September 9, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in the commission conference room.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING SEPTEMBER 9, 2014

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, September 9, 2014, 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 and the meeting was adjourned at 10:13.

/s/ _____
Kenneth Walker,
Chairman

/s/ _____
Darrell Hicks,
Associate Commissioner

/s/ _____
Stanley Yarbrough,
Associate Commissioner