

**CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**September 23, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Chairman Walker called the Commission Meeting to order at 10:02.

**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 Keith Creel. Matt Kinsland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2014 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED.**

Commissioner Yarbrough made the motion to approve the minutes from the September 9, 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**

**Joey Hester** from NARCOG addressed the Commission about an ADEM sub-watershed project that will begin next month on the Ryan Creek sub-watershed. It will involve the cities of Good Hope, South Vinemont and City of Cullman along with Cullman County. It will be looking at the impact of the watershed on Smith Lake and developing best management guidelines. There will be more information in the coming months. He also introduced Michael Mills the new regional planner for NARCOG.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Consider approval of the FY 2015 Budget for Cullman County**

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, stated the FY-2015 budget is an overall budget of \$48.6 million with a \$19.3 million general fund budget. It does include a 3% cost of living raise for employees in lieu of merit raises. Provided payroll can get the raises into the system, it will be effective the first payroll in October. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the County's budget for FY-2015. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize the Chairman to sign the contracts with agencies receiving budgeted appropriations**

Mr. Teichmiller stated there are approximately twenty agencies who receive budgeted appropriations and these contracts state funding will be used for the benefit of Cullman County citizens. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the contracts with the agencies. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize the Chairman to sign a contract with Optum for the stop loss health insurance**

Mr. Teichmiller explained the County is self insured for employee health care. The stop loss insurance will cover medical claims that exceed \$100,000 for an employee or family member who reach that cap on insurance provided by the county. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract the Optum for the stop loss health insurance. Commissioner Yarbrough second and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider posting new Nepotism Policy for consideration at the next commission meeting**

Mr. Meherg explained the proposed nepotism policy will be posted for ten (10) days during which time department heads can review the proposal and give feedback or express concerns to the Commission. All current employees will be "grandfathered" under the old policy. At the next commission meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup> the commission will consider adoption of the policy. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to authorize the posting of a new nepotism policy for consideration at the next commission meeting. Commissioner Hicks seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Authorize the Chairman to sign contract with Alabama Department of Youth Services for long term detention at Tennessee Valley Detention Youth Services for FY 2015**

Mr. Teichmiller stated the contract is the standard contract the County has with Youth Services for two (2) beds at Tennessee Valley Detention Youth Services. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract with the Alabama Department of Youth Services for long term detention at Tennessee Valley Detention Youth Services for FY-2015. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize payment of 2014-2015 ACCA Association dues of \$8,149**

Mr. Teichmiller stated the dues to the ACCA have increased approximately \$200 over last year. He recommended payment. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to authorize payment of the dues for 2014-2015 to the ACCA. Commissioner Hicks seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize repairs to be made to the pool at Smith Lake Park by Specialty Pools – cost \$15,486.75**

Doug Davenport, Park Manager, stated it was recommended last year that repairs be made to the pool. There are now several major issues with the pool including a pump which is too small. An evaluation by Specialty Pools, who currently maintains the pool, recommends new floats, surge tank and upgrade to a larger pump that pumps 750 gallons/minute. The current pump, which pumps 350 gallons/minute, is insufficient to meet health department standards of turning the pool water three times a day. The total cost will be \$15,486.75. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to authorize the repairs to the pool at Smith Lake Park by Specialty Pools. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Ratify the signing of an Event Hosting Agreement between the County and Southeast Cross Country Association for an event at the Stony Lonesome OHV Park**

Mr. Meherg, County Attorney, stated there were 200-250 in attendance at the event which promoted Cullman County and the parks. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion ratifying the signing of the agreement with Southeast Cross Country Association for the event at the OHV Park. Commissioner Hicks seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Consider the Commission's appointment of Donny Wilson to the North Alabama Tourism Association for a two (2) year term to expire 9-30-16 replacing Sammie Danford**

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to appointment of Donny Wilson to the North Alabama Tourism Association for a two (2) year term to expire 9-30-16 replacing Sammie Danford. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider acceptance of Volunteer Driver Guidelines for Commission on Aging volunteers**

Mr. Meherg, County Attorney, explained the Commission on Aging desires to use volunteer bus drivers for trips from the senior center. By using volunteer drivers, it will help to lower the cost of transportation and allow more seniors, who might not be able to afford the trips otherwise, to participate. The guidelines which have been drawn up require a CDL license and medical card. Our insurance carrier has reviewed the proposed guidelines and has given their approval. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to adopt the Volunteer Driver Guidelines for the Commission on Aging drivers. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Address the following items from previous commission meeting:**

- Employee agreement with Community Corrections from January 14, 2014 commission meeting
- An agreement with McKoy (individual) and Ladd Engineering from the February 11, 2014 commission meeting

County Attorney Heath Meherg explained Community Corrections has hired an employee that they wanted to come under the County's benefits and they would reimburse the County. They have now decided not to do this. Therefore the agreement was never executed.

The agreement with McKoy and Ladd Engineering was not executed. The lawsuit was settled out of court with Ladd Engineering paying a settlement to Mr. McKoy. The County was not involved.

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to have the explanation of the items added to the minutes of the meeting to clarify why there are missing agreements from the January 14, 2014 and February 11, 2014 commission meetings. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion and it passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 2014-32 – ALDOT Agreement for the widening and resurfacing of County Road 1223 from US Hwy 31 to County Road 1242**

Jon Brunner, County Engineer, stated the agreement with ALDOT is a part of Phase 2 ATRIP. The County has completed the drainage enhancement and is ready to widen the road. The bid should be let by the end of the month. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement with ALDOT for the widening and resurfacing of County Road 1223 from US Hwy 31 to County Road 1242. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider release of Surety Bond held by Cullman County Commission for Lakeshore West, Phase VIII and VIII-A, located in District 2 off County Road 175**

Keith Creel, Engineering Assistant, stated the road in Lakeshore West has been paved and inspected by the county engineer and assistant engineer and it meets the county's specifications and is in good condition. He recommended the County releasing the bond. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to release the surety bond for Lakeshore West, Phase VIII and VIII-A, located in District 2 off County Road 175. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider plat for re-subdivision of lots 109 and 110 in Bluewater Estates Subdivision, located in District 2 on County Road 890**

Keith Creel, Engineering Assistant, stated the owners of lots 109 and 110 in Bluewater Estates Subdivision have exchanged properties. The plat calls for the lot line to be moved approximately 17' for a length of approximately 300'. It does not affect any roadway. He recommended approval of the plat contingent on proper verbiage being added to the plat. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to approve the plat for the re-subdivision of lots 109 and 110 in Bluewater Estates Subdivision, located in District 2 on County Road 890 contingent on the verbiage change. Commissioner Hicks seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider surplus of a 2002 Chevrolet Trail Blazer, VIN # 1GNDT13D822492903, from Juvenile Probation to be donated to Mitnick Boot Camp (purchased with law enforcement grant)**

Mr. Teichmiller stated the vehicle was purchased with grant funds from State Juvenile Justice. ADECA has approved the transfer of the vehicle. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to surplus the 2002 Chevrolet Trail Blazer, VIN # 1GNDT13D822492903, from Juvenile Probation and to donate it to the Mitnick Boot Camp. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider the surplus of an American Airworks Compressor, Model # AC 9552, from the EMA Office to be transferred to the Cullman County Volunteer Fire Association**

Phyllis Little, EMA Director, stated in 2004 the compressor was bought with a Homeland Security grant and has been housed at the Good Hope VFD. It is used for filling air bottles. The EMA Office does not use the equipment.

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to surplus an American Airworks Compressor, Model # AC 9552, from the EMA Office to be transferred to the Cullman County Volunteer Fire Association. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

**Bid No. 1153 – Extend One (1) year – Motor oil, hydraulic oil, transmission fluid, grease – Stewarts Auto Parts**

Jon Brunner, County Engineer, state Stewarts Auto Parts has given the County good service and recommended extending the bid. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to extend the bid with Stewarts Auto Parts for motor oil, hydraulic oil, transmission fluid and grease for one (1) year. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Bid No. 1174 – Computer Equipment – Reject and Rebid; extend current bid for 30 days**

Joey Martin, IT Director, stated some on the bid specs needed to be changed. White River Services has agreed to extend the current bid for 30 days during the rebid process; therefore he recommended rejecting and rebidding the computer equipment. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to reject and rebid the equipment and approve the 30 day extension. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**WORK SESSION**

The Commission will hold a Work Session on Tuesday, October 14, 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, October 14, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. in the commission meeting room.

**ADJOURN THE MEETING**

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

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

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

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