

CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
March 24, 2015

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Walker called the Commission Meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM

The County Clerk called the roll; present were Chairman Kenneth Walker, Commissioner Kerry Watson, Commissioner Garry Marchman and County Attorney Heath Meherg. The invocation was given by Randall Waldrep. Phyllis Little led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 10, 2015 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED.

Commissioner Marchman made the motion to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2015 Commission Meeting; approve appropriations, expenditures, payroll, requisitions and all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Certificate of Appreciation to Sanitation Department Employees

Danny Drinkard
Ricardo Nava
Lee Screws

Chairman Walker explained the individual from the Sanitation Department are being recognized for going beyond their scope of work. Following the winter storm earlier this month, they stopped to assist a nine year old boy who was struggling to get two week's worth of family garbage to the road. He had managed to get one can to the roadway but the second one overturned and spilt trash. His mother emailed the County to report how touched she was that the workers would take the time to help a little boy pick up the trash and get all of the garbage to the road. The certificates were given to Mr. Rollo, Sanitation Director, to be presented to the employees. *(The employees were unable to attend the meeting due to their work schedule)*

Proclamation - Child Abuse Prevention Month

The County Clerk read the proclamation aloud and it was accepted by Javon Daniel, Director of Cullman Caring for Kids. He stated five children die every day in this country from child abuse or neglect. Last year eighteen children in Alabama died due to child abuse. In 2014 there were 849 cases of child abuse reported in Cullman County.

Proclamation – Sexual Assault Awareness Month

The County Clerk read the proclamation aloud and it was accepted by representatives from Victim Services. They thanked the Commission for drawing attention to the problem of sexual assault where unfortunately most assaults go unreported.

NEW BUSINESS

Reconsider proposal from Multi Modal Division of ALDOT regarding rail/highway grade crossings

Heath Meherg, County Attorney, stated in the last commission meeting it was determined the County would not enter into an agreement with ALDOT for the marking and maintenance of two rail/highway grade crossings. One of the commission's concern is there are additional crossing in the county which are not included in the scope of work recommended by ALDOT. There has been additional discussion with ALDOT and it is our understanding some additional funding may be available which has not been accepted by other agencies. This would help with the cost of additional crossing work.

John Lang, County Engineer, stated the two crossing proposed by ALDOT are County Road 605 and County Road 607. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve an agreement with the Multi Modal Division of ALDOT for rail/highway grade crossing work. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement with the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts for the audit – Cost \$11,868

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, stated the agreement is for the County's annual audit performed by the Department of Examiners with a cost of \$11,868. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the signing of an agreement with the Department of Examiners for the audit. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider Engineering Services Proposal for I-65 Access Concept

John Lang, County Engineer, stated the engineering proposal from St. John & Associates is a proposed joint project between Cullman County, the City of Good Hope and the City of Cullman for an I-65 access concept. The engineering cost for services is \$25,300 with the County paying one third the cost. Commissioner Watson made a motion for the County not enter into an agreement for the engineering services. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion not to enter into the agreement passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize the Chairman to sign a G-17 Letter with Piper Jaffray

Heath Meherg, County Attorney, explained a G-17 Letter is a statement of disclosure required by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for underwriters issuing governmental securities. The County has had discussions with Walter Jones from Benchmark Securities concerning the possible refinancing of the 2005, 2007 and 2010 water warrants. The County currently has a binding G-17 Letter with Benchmark. Mr. Jones has recently left Benchmark Securities and joined Piper Jaffray. Benchmark Securities has agreed to release the County from the binding G-17 Letter and we would be under no further obligation to the firm. The proposed G-17 Letter from Piper Jaffray is not binding. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign a g-17 Letter with Piper Jaffray. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize the Chairman and EMA Director to sign the EMPG Supplemental Grant in the amount of \$11,616

Phyllis Little, EMA Director, requested the EMPG funds be set aside for vehicle replacement. Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize the signing of the EMPG Supplemental Grant in the amount of \$11,616. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of new sub-division regulations for Cullman County

John Lang, County Engineer, stated he and Engineering Assistant Keith Creel have worked on the new sub-division regulations and feel the end product will be easier to work with for the developers and the County. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the new sub-division regulations. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider awarding bid for Hwy 278 Water Main Replacement to Norris Bros. Excavating LLC – Bid Price \$898,095

Randall Waldrep, Water Department Manager, stated bids were opened on March 3. The low bidder was Norris Bros. Excavating, LLC out of Tennessee. The company is not familiar in this area. The engineering firm for the project, CDG Engineering, has checked references and feels the company will be able to do the work. He recommended awarding the bid based on the engineering recommendation. Commissioner Watson made a motion to award the bid for the Hwy 278 water main replacement to Norris Bros. Excavating LLC with the bid price of \$898,095. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of the Annual Spring Clean-Up “Free Day @ the Dump” program for the month of May 2015

James Rollo, Director of Sanitation, stated the County has sponsored the “Free Day @ the Dump” for several years. It allows sanitation customers to bring one load of trash to the landfill during the month of May at no charge. This gives everyone opportunity to dispose of large or unwanted items, hopefully eliminating “roadside dumping”. Certificates go out to all sanitation customers in the monthly billing from the Electric Co-op. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the program. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Consider approval of the annual maintenance contract with Otis Elevator Service for all county offices – Cost \$12,000

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, stated the annual maintenance contract will cover elevators in all county building. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the maintenance contract with Otis Elevator Service at a cost of \$12,000. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of the purchase of a 2015 Jeep Patriot from the State Bid List through Ben Atkinson Motors for the Sales Tax Office – Cost \$20,829

Chris King, Director of Sales Tax, stated the replacement of the vehicle for Sales Tax is budgeted for this year. One vehicle was replaced last year and with the purchase of the Jeep, this completes the fleet replacement. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2015 Jeep Patriot from the State Bid List through Ben Atkinson Motors for the Sales Tax Office at a cost of \$20,829. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of the purchase of a 2015 Dodge R1500 Extended Cab 4WD Pickup from the State Bid List through Ben Atkinson Motors for the Reappraisal Department – Cost \$24,656

Barry Willingham, Revenue Commissioner, stated this is part of the fleet rotation program and is a budgeted item. It will be paid by the Reappraisal Department. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2015 Dodge R1500 Extended Cab 4WD Pickup from the State Bid List through Ben Atkinson Motors with a purchase price of \$24,656. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Authorize 2005 Chevy Colorado from Sales Tax, previously authorized to be sold on Govdeals, to be sold to the Road Department for \$900

John Lang, County Engineer, stated the truck will be used as a general purpose truck at the Road Department possibly for herbicide spraying or to follow the patch crew. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to authorize the purchase of the 2005 Chevy Colorado for the Road Department from Sales Tax for \$900. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Declare surplus of the following items from the Garage to be sold on Govdeals:

- Various used tires
- Westinghouse Wire Welder, Serial # EO-35
- Savin 8111 Copier

Commissioner Watson made a motion to surplus various items from the Garage to be sold on Govdeals. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Declare surplus of the following from the Road Department to be sold on Govdeals:

Alamo Eagle 10 Batwing Rotary Cutler, Serial # 10409
2000 Dodge 2500 Pickup, VIN # 3B7KC26Z91M268285

John Lang, County Engineer, stated the expense to repair the truck is greater than its value and the bush hog is being replaced. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the surplus of the equipment to be sold on Govdeals. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1189 – Pest Control Service

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, recommended the bid for pest control services be rejected, the bid specs be rewritten and rebid. Commissioner Watson made a motion to reject and rebid the pest control service. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

WORK SESSION

The Commission will hold a Work Session on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, at 8:30 a.m. in the commission conference room.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING APRIL 14, 2015

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the commission meeting room.

ADJOURN THE MEETING

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

/s/ _____
Kenneth Walker,
Chairman

/s/ _____
Kerry Watson,
Associate Commissioner

/s/ _____
Garry Marchman,
Associate Commissioner