

**CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**July 14, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Chairman Walker called the Commission Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM**

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

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 23, 2015 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED.**

Commissioner Watson made the motion to approve the minutes from the June 23, 2015 Commission Meeting; approve appropriations, expenditures, payroll, requisitions and all journal entries to be posted. Chairman Walker seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Chairman Walker congratulated the Cullman County EMA Office as this year's recipient of the Statewide 2014-2015 Preparedness Program of the Year Award presented by the Alabama Association of Emergency Managers for their ten years of work with SMORT.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Consider termination of Lease Agreement with David Dover for house at Smith Lake Park**

Attorney Heath Meherg stated Doug Davenport, Park Director, has requested the lease agreement with Mr. Dover be terminated. They want to use the house for park expansion. Mr. Dover will be given 90 days to vacate the house. Commissioner Watson made a motion to terminate the lease agreement with David Dover for the house at Smith Lake Park. Chairman Walker seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider a joint Engineering Services Proposal between Cullman County, the City of Cullman and the City of Good Hope with St. John & Associates for Interstate I-65 Access Concept**

The proposal is for a traffic study for a portion of County Road 222 from County Road 469 to Stewart Road, a distance of approximately 0.75 miles. The cost of the study will be divided between the three entities. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the engineering service proposal with St. John & Associates for the traffic study for the I-65 access at County Road 222. Chairman Walker seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize the County to obtain an appraisal for property located at 205 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, Cullman**

Attorney Meherg stated any time the County looks at property with the possibility of purchase, it is advisable to have the property appraised to determine fair market value before going into negotiations. Commissioner Watson made a motion to obtain an appraisal for property located at 205 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE. Chairman Walker seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 2015-39 – Submit Application for Airport Taxiway Realignment**

David Parker with Goodwin Mills & Cawood explained the application is for the realignment of the south taxiway. The FAA grant will be a 90/10 grant with the City of Cullman and the County splitting the 10% match. The total cost of the project, including engineering cost, is \$548,388. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the submission of the grant application for the airport taxiway realignment project. Chairman Walker seconded and upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Resolution 2015-40 – Enter into Contract with Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood for Engineering Services for Taxiway Realignment at the Cullman Regional Airport**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign a contract with Goodwin, Mills & Cawood for engineering services for the south taxiway realignment project at the airport. Chairman Walker seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize payment to ALDOT for Resurfacing of County Road 703 and County Road 781 from County Road 747 to State Road 91 - \$186,398, ATRIP 22-05-24**

John Lang, County Engineer, stated the payment is the County's match for the ATRIP project. Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize the payment of \$186,398 for the resurfacing of County Road 703 and County Road 781 from County Road 747 to Hwy 91. Chairman Walker seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider approval of Battery Maintenance Service Agreement with Johnston Technologies, Inc. for the Sheriff's Department – Cost \$5,826.91**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the service agreement with Johnston Technologies, Inc. for battery maintenance for the Sheriff's Department. Chairman Walker seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

**Consider approval of proposal for Engineering Services with CDG Engineering for Emergency Generators for four (4) Pump Stations at the Water Department**

Randall Waldrep, Water Department Manager, stated the engineering services are for four (4) pump stations; Trimble, Stouts Mountain, Oden Ridge and Hamby, and upgrades to the Kelly Booster Pump Station. Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the proposals for the engineering services with CDG Engineering. Chairman Walker seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider authorizing the Water Department Manager to sign change orders in the amount of \$5,000 or less**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize the Water Department Manager to sign change orders that are \$5,000 or less. Chairman Walker seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider a request for the establishment of the Wilks Family Cemetery located at 1047 County Road 1859**

Heath Meherg, County Attorney, stated the County has received a request from the Wilks family to establish a family cemetery. All necessary tests have been provided to the Health Department and the department has made a site visit. They have approved the site and provided guidelines for the development of the cemetery. Following the Commission's approval of the cemetery, all paperwork will go to the Probate Judge where approval will be given and recording fees paid by the owner. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the Wilks Family Cemetery located at 1047 County Road 1859 following the guidelines provided by the Health Department. Chairman Walker seconded and the motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider approval for the "Heritage Rally" to be held on the front steps and south parking lot of the courthouse Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Joshua McElhone stated the Sons of Confederate Veterans want to hold a "Heritage Rally" to show that Cullman is a diversified community. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the use of county property for the rally to be held on July 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Chairman Walker seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider approval for a rally of "Jay's Last Ride" to be held on the front steps and south parking lot of the courthouse Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-9:00 p.m.**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the rally for Jay's Last Ride" to be held on the front steps and south parking lot of the courthouse Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Chairman Walker seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider transfer of authorization for the purchase of a 2015 Jeep Patriot from the Sales Tax Office to the Reappraisal Department**

Attorney Meherg explained in March of this year, the Commission approved the purchase of the Jeep for the Sales Tax Office and a pickup truck for the Reappraisal Department. There has been some confusion and the delivery of these vehicles was not made in a timely manner. The Reappraisal Department will now take delivery of the Jeep. Commissioner Watson made a motion to transfer of authorization for the purchase of a 2015 Jeep Patriot from the Sales Tax Office to the Reappraisal Department. Chairman Walker seconded. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

**Rescind authorization for the purchase of a 2015 Dodge R1500 Extended Cab 4WD Pickup for the Reappraisal Department from the March 24, 2015 Commission Meeting**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to rescind the authorization for the purchase of a 2015 Dodge R1500 Extended Cab 4WD Pickup for the Reappraisal Department which was granted in the March 24, 2015 Commission Meeting. Chairman Walker second and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider a request from the Brooklyn Community Center for \$500 for polling maintenance and operational support**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve \$500 for polling maintenance and operational support for the Brooklyn Community Center. Chairman Walker seconded and the motion was approved on a unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 2015-38 – Set speed limit on County Road 1384 at 25 MPH**

John Lang, County Engineer, stated residents from County Road 1384 have requested a speed limit be posted. This road is a dirt dead-end road and he recommended a 25 MPH speed limit. Commissioner Watson made a motion to set the speed limit on County Road 1384 at 25 MPH. Chairman Walker seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

**Consider the surplus of a Duraco Trailer Durapatcher, Model 125DJT, from the Road Department to be sold on GovDeals**

John Lang, County Engineer, stated the equipment is old and is no longer used by the Road Department. Commissioner Watson made a motion to surplus the Duraco trailer durapatcher. Chairman Walker seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider the surplus of various office equipment/printers from the Economic Development Office for disposal or use as spare parts**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to surplus the various office equipment and printers from the Economic Development Office for disposal or use as spare parts. Chairman Walker seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Bid No. 1167 – Extension One (1) year - Gas and Diesel Fuel– Eidson Petroleum**

John Lang, County Engineer, stated Eidson Petroleum has agreed to extend the bid for gas and diesel fuel for one year and he recommended extending the bid. Commissioner Watson made a motion to extend the bid with Eidson Petroleum for gas and diesel fuel for one year. Chairman Walker seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Bid No. 1204 – Aggregate**

John Lang, County Engineer, stated they want to award the bid to Blount Springs Material and Madison Material, Inc. and then use the supplier that is closest to the job site. Commissioner Watson made a motion to award the bid for aggregate to Blount Springs Material and Madison Material, Inc. as recommended by the engineer. Chairman Walker seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

**Bid No. 1206 – Fog and Scrub Seal**

John Lang, County Engineer, stated only one bid was received for the emulsion. Commissioner Watson made a motion to award the bid for fog and scrub seal to Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions, Inc. Chairman Walker seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Bid No. 1207 – One (1) or more full Size SUV’s**

Joyce Echols, Director of CARTS, stated one bid was received for the SUV for CARTS. Commissioner Watson made a motion to award the bid to Eckenrod Ford. Chairman Walker seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**WORK SESSION**

The Commission will hold a Work Session on Tuesday, July 28, 2015, at 8:30 a.m. in the commission conference room.

**NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING JULY 28, 2015**

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, July 28, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the commission meeting room.

**ADJOURN THE MEETING**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Walker seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

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

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Kerry Watson,  
Associate Commissioner

(ABSENT) \_\_\_\_\_  
Garry Marchman,  
Associate Commissioner