

**CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**December 13, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Chairman Walker called the Commission Meeting to order at 10:02 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, County Administrator Gary Teichmiller and County Attorney Chad Floyd. The invocation was given by J.L. Parker. Ella Abbott led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 16, 2016 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED**

Commissioner Watson made the motion to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2016 Commission Meeting; approve appropriations, expenditures, payroll, requisitions and all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairman Walker wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. Both associate commissioner seconded the sentiment.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Public Hearing -Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Funding for CARTS**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to open the public hearing. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Joyce Echols, CARTS Director, explained JARC is a partnership between ALDOT, DHR and CARTS. The program is designed to assist qualified participants with transportation to their job site and their children to daycare. DHR will be responsible for qualifying applicants; CARTS will provide transportation; and ALDOT will reimburse the County for expenses. All cost will be reimbursed to the County. A representative from DHR explained most of the participants are single mothers that qualify for welfare. The objective is to help the individual to obtain job skills and/or schooling in order to become self-sufficient. They can either do volunteer work or work in the labor market. There must be a child in the household and daycare is provided. Most receive about \$200/month for basic needs. There were no further public comments. Commissioner Watson made a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The hearing was closed.

**Set date of February 28, 2017, for a public hearing concerning vacating an unnamed county road based on a request from John Bryant**

Attorney Floyd explained a petition has been received from John Bryant requesting the vacating of an unimproved unnamed county road off County Road 1082. He is the only property owner involved. Mr. Floyd requested a public hearing be set for February 28, 2017. This will give adequate time to notify all parties and utilities involved and to accomplish the required advertising. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to set the date for a public hearing on February 28, 2017. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider authorizing payment to the ACCA Liability Self-Insurance Fund for renewal of liability insurance for a period of January 1, 2017 to January 1, 2018 – premium \$406,673**

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, stated the annual renewal premium for the liability insurance is down about 5% or approximately \$21,000. Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize the payment of \$406,673 to the ACCA Liability Self-Insurance Fund for the County's liability insurance for a period of January 1, 2017 to January 1, 2018. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Designate bank depositories for Cullman County funds**

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, stated each year the County must designate which banks will be used as depositories for County funds. He recommended using any bank which is in the SAFE Program. The Security for Alabama Funds Enhancement, or SAFE Program provides a uniform program for the security of public funds deposited with financial institutions in the State of Alabama that qualify to serve as depositories for public funds. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve any institution in the SAFE Program as a depository for County funds. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

**Authorize the Chairman to execute a License Agreement with the Sheriff concerning the gun range**

Sheriff Matt Gentry explained that two years ago when Sheriff Rainey left office the gun range project was incomplete and he would like to work with the Commission to complete the range bringing everything in compliance with existing regulations. The range will be used by the Sheriff for department training and public training by certified personnel. The license agreement spells out the responsibilities and both the County and the Sheriff in the completion and running of the gun range. Commissioner Watson made a motion authorizing the Chairman to execute a License Agreement with the Sheriff concerning the gun range. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize the Chairman to sign a Consent Order detailing the terms under which a Taxpayer shall repay their delinquent sales and use tax to the Cullman County Sales Tax and Revenue Enforcement Office in the Circuit Court of Cullman County, Alabama, CV 2016-028**

Chris King, Director of Sales Tax, reported the account has delinquent taxes going back as far as 1998. They have worked with the business owner to come to a satisfactory repayment plan. Commissioner Marchman made a motion authorizing the Chairman to sign the consent order for the repayment of delinquent sales and use taxes to Cullman County. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice.

**Consider the purchase of a Yamaha Wolverine R-Spec for the OHV Park with funding from an Outdoor Access Initiative grant; MSRP of machine is \$14,799; voucher in the amount of 50% coupled with \$9,500 grant makes the transaction a net gain for the parks in the amount of approximately \$2,101.50**

Doug Davenport, Park Director, explained the County has received a \$9,500 Outdoor Access Initiative grant from Yamaha and a 50% voucher to go toward the purchase of a Yamaha Wolverine R-Spec for the OHV Park. The list price for the equipment is \$14,799. The County will see a net gain of \$2,101.50 on the transaction. The County received a similar grant approximately 18 months ago. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the purchase of the equipment from Yamaha for the OHV Park. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider approval of a server for the Sales Tax Department from White River Services – Cost \$6,643.17**

Chris King, Director of Sales Tax, stated they have purchased new software and have now discovered it is not compatible with their current server. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the purchase of a server for the Sales Tax Department from White River Services at a cost of \$6,643.17. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize payment of \$15,000 to the City of Hanceville for the maintenance of Mud Creek**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize the payment of \$15,000 to the City of Hanceville for the maintenance of Mud Creek. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion was approved on a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize the Chairman to sign a Reversionary Agreement with the Alabama Forestry Commission concerning the following pieces of equipment:**

Honda Foreman Rubicon ATV, VIN: 1HFTE4501G4100051

Z1 Oxford White Super Cab 4X4, VIN: 1FT7X2B63GEC17272

Attorney Floyd explained the Forestry Department has recently purchased the listed equipment. It was bought with funds appropriated by the County. The reversionary agreement stipulates if at any time Forestry no longer uses the equipment, it will revert back to the County. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the reversionary agreement with the Forestry Commission. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

**Consider replacement of Outdoor Warning Siren Activation Equipment – Precision Communications, Inc. - Cost \$11,275**

Phyllis Little, EMA Director, reported the current warning system crashed before Thanksgiving. The proposed system is completely computerized and will be directly connected to the National Weather Service. Warnings will be issued based on the polygon system instead of a county wide alert. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the purchase of a replacement system for the outdoor warning system from Precision Communications, Inc. at a cost of \$11,275. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider proposal from Cullman Overhead Door & Glass, Inc. for glass counter tops for the Revenue Office - \$5,350**

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the proposal from Cullman Overhead Door & Glass for the scope of work for the Revenue Department. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider awarding bid for painting of Hamby Chapel Water Tank – Walker Brothers, LTD - \$240,800**

Randall Waldrep, Water Department Manager, stated nine bids were received for the water tank project which is budgeted for this year. The lowest bidder withdrew his bid. Walker Brothers, LTD had the second lowest bid of \$240,800. He recommended awarding the bid. Commissioner Watson made a motion to award the bid for the painting of the Hamby Chapel water tank to Walker Brothers, LTD. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Commissioners Watson and Marchman voted "aye". Chairman Walker abstained. The motion passed on a majority vote.

**Consider the purchase of 2017 Dodge Ram 2500 truck for EMA from Tallassee Automotive, Inc. – Price - \$42,325**

Phyllis Little, EMA Director, stated the vehicle was previously bid locally and all bids came in over budget. The price from Tallassee Automotive, a state vendor, is \$42,325. The vehicle will replace the 2008 Expedition. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2017 Dodge Ram 2500 truck for EMA for Tallassee Automotive, Inc. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider the purchase of one man pothole patcher from the ACCA County Joint Bid Program – Cost \$198,777**

John Lang, County Engineer, stated the cost of the equipment is going up by about \$8,000 the first of the year and he would like to go ahead and order it at the lower price. Through attrition, the cost should be recouped in four years. Commissioner Watson made a motion to purchase the one man pothole patcher from the ACCA County Joint Bid Program at a cost of \$198,777. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

**Consider the surplus of the old Lucent Phone System and Avaya phones to be auctioned or disposed of as scrap**

Joey Martin, Director of IT, stated the new phone system installation is almost complete. Most of the equipment has no value and will be disposed of as scrap. A few of the phones will be sold at an online auction. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to surplus the phone equipment for disposal. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider the surplus 2011 Ford Starcraft bus, VIN # 1FDEE3FL4BDA97236, from Commission on Aging to be sold to the ARC of Jackson County through ALDOT for \$5,200**

Dusty Baker, Director of Commission on Aging, stated the bus was one of the buses from the 5310 program that is no longer operational. The bus will be sold to ARC of Jackson County. Commissioner Watson made a motion to surplus the

2011 Ford Starcraft bus, VIN # 1FDEE3FL4BDA97236, to be sold for \$5,200 to ARC of Jackson County through ALDOT. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider the surplus of the following vehicles from the Sheriff's Department to be sold as scrap:**

2009 Ford Crown Vic VIN # 2FAHP71V09X111735

2008 Dodge Charger VIN # 2B3KA43H28H149369

Sheriff Gentry explained the vehicles have been striped for parts and no longer have any value. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to surplus the vehicles to be sold as scrap. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Bid No. 1178 – Extension- Herbicide- Helena Chemical**

John Lang, County Engineer, stated Helena Chemical has agreed to extend the bid for herbicide for one year. Commissioner Watson made a motion to extend the herbicide bid with Helena Chemical. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**WORK SESSION**

The Commission will hold a Work Session on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the commission conference room.

**NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING JANUARY 10, 2017**

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, January 10, 2017 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 and the meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

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

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

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Garry Marchman,  
Associate Commissioner