

**CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
February 14, 2017**

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, Commissioner Garry Marchman, County Administrator Gary Teichmiller and County Attorney Chad Floyd. The invocation was given by J.L. Parker. Matt Hogue led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 24, 2017 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED

Commissioner Watson made the motion to approve the minutes from the January 24, 2017 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

West Point Mayor Kenneth Kilgo addressed the Commission concerning the building of a turn lane off AL Hwy 157 onto County Road 1242 in West Point. There have been several accidents in the area as well as fatalities. Over the past few weeks, he has met with Senator Paul Bussman who serves on ATRIP Committee and Representative Randall Shedd who serves on the Transportation Committee along with ALDOT about funding for the project. The project is projected to cost \$200,000 with ALDOT agreeing to fund half that amount. Currently West Point has contributed \$15,000 toward the project to pay for permitting fees. The town will also take over permanent maintenance of the turn lane. There is also a developer with economic interest in the project for an economic development project in the town. The Cullman County ID Board has agreed to contribute \$40,000 once the development project is complete and open.

Mayor Kilgo requested the County consider \$40,000 in-kind services toward the project's cost. He invited the Commission to a town hall meeting tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. at the West Point Town Hall. Representatives from ALDOT, St. John Engineering firm and the Town of West Point will be there for discussion and questions.

Dawn Owens from the Link of Cullman County addressed the Commission about the services which are offered through The Link, a non-profit organization whose mission is to break the cycle of poverty through encouragement, education, and employability training. They have been serving Cullman County for five years and last year they assisted approximately 2,800 people. The organization will be moving into a 22,000 sq. ft. building of 9th Street next month. She requested the Commission consider an appropriation to The Link in next year's budget.

Phyllis Little, EMA Director, announced the Sales Tax Holiday for storm supplies will be the weekend of February 24-26, where certain weather related items will be tax free. March 2, there will be storm watcher training at Colony Town Hall at 6:00 and on March 21, the FEMA National Disaster training will be held for public officials at the EMA Department from 12:30 to 4:30. She encouraged the Commissioners to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratify the City of Cullman abatement for Reliance Worldwide Corp. in the amount of \$2,500,000 for building and equipment

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to ratify the City of Cullman's abatement for Reliance Worldwide Corp. in the amount of \$2,500,000 for building and equipment. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on unanimous voice vote.

Consider lifting Emergency Water Restrictions

Randall Waldrep, Water Department Manager, stated rainfall over the past few weeks has raised the level at Lake Catoma. The lake is still 8.5 to 9 feet below full pool. The City of Cullman lifted their water restrictions last week and he recommended the County lifting the Phase I restrictions which are currently in place. Commissioner Watson made a motion to lift all water restrictions currently in place. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of the Emergency Evacuation Plan for Dam Failure and Flood for Lewis Smith Dam

Phyllis Little, EMA Director, stated the department has worked for over a year with the County Attorney, Alabama Power, local volunteer fire departments and municipalities, which would be involved if an evacuation became necessary, to develop the plan. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve adoption of the Emergency Evacuation Plan for Dam Failure and Flood for Lewis Smith Dam. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider authorizing the Chairman and EMA Director to sign the State Allocation for Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) in the amount of \$2,342

Ms. Little, EMA Director, stated this is an annual allocation from the State. Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize the Chairman and EMA Director to sign the State Allocation for Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) in the amount of \$2,342. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Consider authorizing the Chairman to sign a Memorandum of Agreement with Government Services & Associates for audits of Personal Property Accounts selected by the County Revenue Commissioner - \$16,500

Barry Willingham, Revenue Commissioner, informed the Commission the contract for audit services in an on-going service with an automatic renewal clause. The company performs five audits annually on larger companies in the county. He feels that the service pays for itself. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement with Government Services & Associates for audits of personal property accounts at a cost of \$16,500. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2017-16 – Enter contract with Banner Industrial Construction, Inc. for the construction of the South Pedestrian Footbridge at Duck River (Project # 14-RT-54-07) - Bid Price \$204,508

Chairman Walker explained the construction has been a two part bid process. Several months ago a bid for steel for the construction was awarded. The contract today is for the actual building of the bridge structure. The County applied for the RTP grant which was awarded for \$100,000. The matching funds and all additional cost over the grant are being paid by the City of Cullman Utility Board. The low bid came in over budget, but the Utility Board has agreed to cover the additional cost. Commissioner Watson made a motion to award the contract for the construction of the South Pedestrian Footbridge at Duck River to Banner Industrial Construction, Inc. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider authorizing the signing of an Agreement with Post Panda Promotions, LLC, to book and pay all of the entertainment for the three summer festivals at Smith Lake Park in 2017 (Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day) - \$14,800 for all events

Doug Davenport, Park Director, stated previously the Park Department has been responsible for all booking and paperwork surrounding the entertainment for the summer events held at Smith Lake Park. Booking of entertainment takes a lot of time and last minute cancellations by entertainers has been a problem. Also all payments must be processed through our accounting department which has been a time consuming process. Post Panda Promotions will book all entertainment, provide the sound system and pay all cost associated with the entertainment for Memorial Day, Independence Day and the two days for Labor Day/ Sweet Tater Festival at a cost of \$14,800, which is the approximate cost the County incurred last year. Post Panda Promotions has requested some changes to the final agreement. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to authorize the signing of the agreement, contingent to some minor changes, for the entertainment at Smith Lake Park festivals for the summer of 2017. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider one-half of local matching funds for Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA) grant for RFID system for the Cullman County Library in the amount of \$7,070

Chairman Walker explained the Public Library has received a grant for \$56,565 for a Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) system. They are requesting assistance from the County and the City of Cullman with the \$14,140 matching funds. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve \$7,070 for half the matching funds for the Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA) grant. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the Coroner's request to purchase a 2017 Ford Police Interceptor AWD Utility vehicle off the State Bid list through Stivers Ford- Cost \$26,523

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the Coroner's request to purchase a 2017 Ford Police Interceptor AWD Utility vehicle off the State Bid list through Stivers Ford at a cost of \$26,523. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider replacement 4 ton 3 phase air conditioning unit for the Water Department –Bama Air Systems; Cost \$5,280

Randall Waldrep, Water Department Manager, stated the air conditioner is a replacement unit for one of the units at the main water department. Three quotes were obtained and Bama Air Systems had the lowest price. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the replacement of the air conditioning unit by Bama Air Systems at a cost of \$5,280. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider replacement of a hydraulic elevator jack for the Economic Development/Sales Tax Office by Bagby Elevator Service – Cost \$39,992

Chad Floyd, County Attorney, explained three quotes were obtained for the replacement of the hydraulic elevator jack. The Maintenance Department was unable to get any favorable references on work performed by the low bidder. It is the recommendation to the Commission that Bagby Elevator Service, the next lowest bidder, be considered to do the work. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to authorize Bagby Elevator Service to replace the hydraulic elevator jack for the Economic Development/Sales Tax Office by Bagby Elevator Service at a cost of \$39,992. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Ratify the emergency purchase of a 60 lb. capacity washer for the Detention Center – Service South Laundry Equipment Sales – Cost \$10,748

Major Matt Hogue from the Sheriff's Department, stated the replacement part for the washer was approximately half the cost of a new machine. Since the equipment was installed when the jail was built, it was determined it would be cost effective to replace rather than repair. Commissioner Watson made a motion to ratify the purchase of the washer for the Detention Center from Service South Laundry Equipment Sales with a delivery/install purchase price of \$10,748. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider rescinding Bid No. 1252 – Micro Surfacing: Vance Brothers

John Lang, County Engineer, stated when Bid No. 1252 was written there was an administrative defect in the wording. The bid will be evaluated, rewritten and put out for rebid. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to rescind the bid for micro surfacing which was awarded to Vance Brothers. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1228 – Polypropylene Pipe – Extension - Bear Concrete

John Lang, County Engineer, stated Bear Concrete has agreed to extend their pricing for polypropylene pipe for one (1) year. Commissioner Watson made a motion to extend the bid for polypropylene pipe with Bear Concrete. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1242 – Computer Equipment – 30 day Extension

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to extend the bid for computer equipment for 30 days to give opportunity to evaluate bid options. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1256 – Resurfacing of County Roads with Bituminous Plant Mix

John Lang, County Engineer, stated three bids for asphalt were received and Good Hope Contracting was the low bidder and recommended awarding the bid. Commissioner Watson made a motion to award the bid for resurfacing of county roads with bituminous plant mix to Good Hope Contracting. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1257 – Bituminous Plant Mix (Product Only)

Engineer Lang stated he has been doing this for fourteen years and this is the first time he has seen the price of asphalt go down. This reduction will help the County to stretch the paving dollar this next year. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to award the bid to Good Hope Contracting, the low bidder, for product only of bituminous plant mix. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

WORK SESSION

The Commission will hold a Work Session on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the commission conference room.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING FEBRUARY 28, 2017

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, February 28, 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