

CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
September 12, 2017

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, County Administrator Gary Teichmiller and County Attorney Chad Floyd. The invocation was given by Randall Waldrep. Ben Harrison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 31, 2017 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED

Commissioner Watson made the motion to approve the minutes from the August 31, 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

Phyllis Little, EMA Director, reported Cullman County has about 400 evacuees from Florida who have taken shelter in the County ahead of Hurricane Irma. EMA has provided cots to one shelter but other have necessary supplies through donations. Several churches have been providing meals at local hotels and at the churches.

NEW BUSINESS

Authorize the Chairman and EMA Director to sign for additional Federal EMPG funding for FY-2017 in the amount of \$12,000

Phyllis Little, EMA Director, stated the additional funding is tied her annual continuing education certification. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to authorize the Chairman and EMA Director to sign for additional Federal EMPG funding for FY-2017 in the amount of \$12,000. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize the Chairman to sign the Department of Youth Services Grant Agreement for FY-2018 in the amount of \$196,000

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, stated the annual grant from the Department of Youth Services is a 100% grant for the operation of Juvenile Probation. Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the grant agreement for the FY-2018 grant in the amount of \$196,000. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of additional Senior Center Manager for the Fairview Senior Center pending approval from Alabama Department of Senior Services (ADSS) for the position

Chairman Walker stated the new Senior Center in Fairview will be a full time center. Commission on Aging is waiting for approval from ADSS for the additional center manager. When authorized, the County will hire a manager. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve an additional center manager pending the approval form ADSS for the position. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize the Chairman to sign an Agreement with the Cullman Electric Cooperative for billing and collection of Sanitation Department accounts

Chad Floyd, County Attorney, stated in addition to the collection of commercial and residential accounts, the new contract includes roll-off accounts. It is a one year contract. Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement with the Cullman Electric Cooperative for billing of Sanitation Department accounts. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider authorizing the Chairman to sign a contract with Keet Contracting Services for GIS software, training and support in conjunction with Voter Address Management

Revenue Commissioner Barry Willingham stated he has contacted Keet Contracting Services about the GIS location software. Several other counties have had the company do work for them. Once the work is completed a number of departments will be able to utilize the information; Revenue, Board of Registrars, Road Department, E-911 as well as use for census information. After the initial investment, the annual cost for updates will be minimal. The City of Cullman is also using the company to update their records. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign a contract with Keet Contracting Services for software, training and support at a cost of \$23,250. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider authorizing the Economic Development Office to proceed with application for Community Safe Rooms through Federal Pre-Disaster Mitigation funding

Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorizing the Economic Development Office to proceed with application for Community Safe Rooms through Federal Pre-Disaster Mitigation funding. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize the payment to the ACCA Workers' Compensation Fund for Worker's Compensation Insurance for 10-1-2017 to 10-1-2018 at a cost of \$472,798.91

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, stated premium cost is based on payroll. This year's premium is up about \$40,000. Commissioner Marchman made a motion authorizing payment to the ACCA Workers' Compensation Fund for Worker's Compensation Insurance for 10-1-2017 to 10-1-2018 at a cost of \$472,798.91. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider awarding bid for a Security Fence at the Cullman Regional Airport to Columbus Fence – Base bid and Alternate 1; 50/50 State Grant: Total \$184,408.50 – County Portion \$46,102.12

Ben Harrison, Airport Manager, briefed the Commission on the overall fencing project for the airport. Currently there are large sections of the airport which are not secured by fencing. TSA mandates a secure perimeter. This puts the airport in jeopardy of losing eligibility for future FAA funding. The proposed plan for FY-2018 is Phase 1 and 2 of a five-year plan. This calls for two sections of fence installation; one being a six foot fence with three strands of barbed wire and the second section an eight foot fence with three strands of barbed wire. The total cost of those phases is \$184,408.50. A State grant will cover half the cost with the other half being split by the County and City of Cullman; County cost \$46,102.12. Commissioner Watson made a motion to award the bid for the security fence at the Cullman Regional Airport to Columbus Fence; the base bid and Alternate 1. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2017-34 – Retiree One-time Lump Sum Payment to be paid in October 2017

Judy Bradford, Human Resource Manager, informed the Commission in the Alabama Legislature passed Act 2017-367 in this year's regular session. This Act allows the County to grant a one-time lump payment to retired employees or beneficiaries of deceased retirees. Those who retired prior to May 1, 2017 would receive payment of \$2.00 for each month of service or a minimum of \$300.00, whichever is greater. This cost to the County would be \$88,988.00. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the resolution for the one-time lump sum payment to retirees. Commissioner Watson stated he must abstain from voting on the item since he is a county retiree. Chairman Walker seconded the motion. At that time Commissioner Marchman made a motion to rescind his motion for approval stating he wanted more time to consider the issue. Chairman Walker concurred to have the motion rescinded and the motion passed. Commissioner Marchman then made a motion to table consideration. Chairman Walker seconded and on a vote by Commissioner Marchman and Chairman Walker the item was tabled.

Consider approval of a contract with Health Management Systems (HMS) for a Dependent Eligibility Verification Audit and Business Associate Agreement – Cost \$14,118 based on approximately 730 dependents

Judy Bradford, HR Manager, stated at a personnel conference time was spent on discussion of health care cost containment. The suggestion was made that those who are self-insured, the County being one, should consider an eligibility verification audit to verify dependents being covered under the County's insurance are actually eligible for benefits. HMS has been used by several other counties in the state. The cost of the audit is based on 730 dependents at a cost of \$14,118. The company guarantees to find that much in savings to the County or they do not charge for their services showing the County a positive return on investment. Commissioner Watson made a motion to the contract with Health Management Systems for the Dependent Eligibility Verification Audit and Business Associate Agreement. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the purchase of trucks for the Road Department off the State Bid List

John Lang, County Engineer, stated equipment is getting old and repair costs are becoming problematic. Commissioner Marchman stated he would not make a motion to approve the purchase of trucks. Chairman Walker asked if he wanted to table consideration or remove the item from the agenda. He stated he wanted the item removed from consideration and made a motion to that effect. Commissioner Watson seconded and the item was removed from consideration.

Bid No. 1209 – Extension – Emulsified Asphalt – Ergon

Commissioner Watson made a motion to extend the bid for emulsified asphalt with Ergon, Inc. for one (1) year. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1214 – Extension- Corrugated Plastic Pipe – Bear Block & Concrete

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to extend the bid for corrugated plastic pipe with Bear Block & Concrete for one (1) year. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Bid No. 1270- Cold Mix

John Lang, County Engineer, stated two bids were received for cold mix. Good Hope Contracting was the low bidder at \$84.50/ton. Commissioner Watson made a motion to award the bid for cold mix to Good Hope Contracting. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Rescind the bid award to Cullman Dodge Dealership for one (1) or more Service Trucks for the Water Department

Randall Waldrep, Water Department Manager, stated the Dodge dealership was awarded the bid at the last commission meeting. They had one truck on the lot and it did not meet bid specifications. Other trucks would have to be ordered and could not be delivered by the date specified in the bid. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to rescind the bid awarded to Cullman Dodge since they could not perform to the bid specs. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Award the bid for the purchase of one (1) or more Service Trucks for the Water Department to Mitch Smith Chevrolet

Mr. Waldrep, Manager of the Water Department, stated Mitch Smith Chevrolet was the second lowest bidder for trucks for the department. The trucks meet the specs and he has a letter in hand the trucks can be delivered this week. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the purchase of one (1) or more service trucks for the Water

Department from Mitch Smith Chevrolet. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Revised Commission Meeting Schedule

Chairman Walker announced due to special senatorial election and other conflicts, the Commission will hold regular meeting on the following dates:

- Thursday, September 28, 2017
- Tuesday, October 17, 2017
- Tuesday, November 14, 2017
- Tuesday, November 28, 2017
- Thursday, December 14, 2017
- Thursday, December 28, 2017

WORK SESSION

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

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING SEPTEMBER 28, 2017

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Thursday, September 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 10:21 a.m.

/s/ _____
Kenneth Walker,
Chairman

/s/ _____
Kerry Watson,
Associate Commissioner

/s/ _____
Garry Marchman,
Associate Commissioner