

**CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
November 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. Randall Waldrep led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 17, 2017 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED

Commissioner Watson made the motion to approve the minutes from the October 17, 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

There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing – Vacating County Road 121

Commissioner Watson made a motion to open the public hearing. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the hearing was opened. Attorney Floyd stated a petition was received from all abutting landowners requesting the vacating of County Road 121. Publication was made in the *Cullman Times* on October 3, 10, 17, and 24; notice was posted in the courthouse; and all utilities were notified.

Attorney Floyd stated the County has received correspondence from John Hollis, representative for Martha Hollis, opposing the closing of County Road 121. She owns property located north of County Road 121. Closure of County Road 121 would block access to her property.

Mary Emma Hollis Watson addressed the Commission about the same property. There is a plat of approximately 40 acres that is owned by a number of the Hollis descendants. She has a house located about .3 of a mile down a dirt section of road off County Road 121. If County Road 121 is vacated she will not have access to her home.

Mr. Floyd asked if she were granted an easement down the proposed section of road to be vacated, would this be acceptable since she would still have access to her home. She said there are strained relationships within the family and she did not believe this would be a viable option.

There were no other public comments. Commissioner Watson made a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The hearing was closed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2018- 04 - Vacation of the Entirety of County Road 121

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to table action on the vacating of County Road 121 to see if some type of agreement could be reached to satisfy all parties involved. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion to table which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Public Hearing – Vacation a portion of County Road 1601

Commissioner Watson made a motion to open the public hearing for the discussion of vacating County Road 1601. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the public hearing was opened. Attorney Floyd stated a petition was received from the City of Cullman Industrial Development Board requesting the vacating of a portion of County Road 1601. Publication was made in the *Cullman Times* on October 3, 10, 17, and 24; notice was posted in the courthouse; and all utilities were notified. No objections have been received.

Danny McAfee with the City ID Board stated Royal Technologies employees 130 people and with the expansion an additional 25 jobs will be created. In conjunction with the expansion the Board is requesting to vacating of a section of County Road 1601.

Dale Bright, an engineer with St. John & Associates, presented graphics of the proposal. The area is a cul-de-sac at the end of County Road 1601. The building expansion at the Royal Technologies facility has caused a traffic control problem for truck entering the facility. The engineering proposal will remove the cul-de-sac so truck traffic can be redirected to the rear of the facility.

Jack Swartz from Royal Technologies stated the new design will allow development of an esthetically pleasing landscape. Currently visitors are confused on where visitor parking and the front entrance are located. The overall redesigned will enhance truck delivery safety as well as serve as a beautification project.

There were no other public comments. Commissioner Watson made a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the hearing was closed.

Resolution 2018- 05 – Vacation of a Portion of County Road 1601

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the resolution for the vacating of a portion of County 1601. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2018-06 - Agreement with ALDOT for resurfacing of County Road 222 from County Road 96 to County Road 109; Project # STPNU-2217(250), CCP 22-67-18, CPMS Ref# 100067551

Keith Creel, Engineering Assistant, explained the section of County Road 222 to be resurfaced is the 2018 federal aid project. Bids will be let in mid-December. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the resolution for the agreement with ALDOT for the resurfacing of County Road 222 from County Road 96 to County Road 109. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider application for the establishment of the Mt. Hermon Cemetery

Chad Floyd, County Attorney, stated request was received from the trustees of the Mt. Hermon Baptist for the establishment of a cemetery on property adjacent to the church at 4312 County Road 1570. The County has received the sanitation inspection from the Health Department and a survey of the proposed cemetery plat. All paperwork is in order and inspections are in order. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the establishment of the Mt. Hermon Cemetery. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider a request from the City of Good Hope to collect their new ½ cent sales tax effective 1/1/2018

Chris King, Director of Sales Tax, addressed the Commission about the request the County has received from the City of Good Hope requesting their office collect the additional city sales tax that has been passed. Currently the office is collecting taxes for the cities of Cullman, Dodge City and Fairview. The addition of Good Hope collections will not be a problem. However, if other municipalities pass local taxes and ask the department to collect their taxes, at some point in the future, the Sales Tax Department will need to ask for an additional employee. By law, the Sales Tax Office charges 1% for collection. So if \$10,000 in tax is collected, the Department will only recoup \$100. This obviously not enough to cover the expenses which means the cost of an addition employee will fall to the County. Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize the Cullman County Sales Tax Office to collect the City of Good Hope's ½ cent sales tax effective 1/1/2018. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Resolution 2018-07 - Request to ADECA for amendment of CDBG Grant CY-CM-PF-16-002 to use excess funds for the resurfacing and striping of County Road 1188

Ashley Graves from the Economic Development Office reported the County Road 1568 project came in under budget and there is approximately \$34,000 left. The amendment is a request to use the excess funds for the resurfacing and striping of County Road 1188. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the resolution for the ADECA amendment request. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider awarding bid for Trimble Pump Station up-grade

Randall Waldrep, Water Department Manager, stated during the summer months the Trimble Pump Station is being maxed out with the additional summer residents. Work must be done in order to provide reliable water to the area. Five bids were received with Mark Johnson Construction having the low bid at \$539,000. Mr. Waldrep stated he was not familiar with the company, but Chuck Chitwood with CDG Engineering is comfortable they can perform the work. Commissioner Watson made a motion to award the bid for the Trimble Pump Station up-grade to Mark Johnson Construction. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider “Converging for Success” program with the Chamber of Commerce

Chairman Walker explained the Chamber of Commerce has approached the Commission about funding for their “Converging for Success” program, a joint effort with the City of Good Hope and the City of Cullman to increase tourism in the county. The program was discussed in the work session before the commission meeting. The Chamber has requested \$150,000 annually for the program with a three year commitment. The Commission wants an opportunity of evaluate the success of the program before any long term commitment is made. For 2018, the Commission feels \$75,000 to be paid in quarterly installments, beginning with the first quarter in FY-2018, can be a starting point to see how the programs works and if it will be a beneficial investment. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve a \$75,000 appropriation for the “Converging for Success” program to be paid in quarterly installments to the Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Commissioner Watson to reappoint Wes Warren to the Building Authority Board for a six (6) year term to expire November 2023

Commissioner Watson made a motion to reappoint Wes Warren to the Building Authority Board for a six (6) year term to expire November 2023. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Walker to appoint Joey Martin to the Community Action of North Alabama Board, replacing Earlene Johnson, for a term expiring November 2020

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to appoint Joey Martin to the Community Action of North Alabama Board, replacing Earlene Johnson, for a term expiring November 2020. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider payment of Volunteer Fire Association Worker’s Comp Insurance with Knight-Free Insurance for a period of December 1, 2017 through November 30, 2018 – Premium \$39,525

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, stated the premium for the worker’s comp insurance is up about 1%. This will be paid from the appropriation the Association receives from the County. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the payment of Volunteer Fire Association worker’s comp insurance with Knight-Free Insurance for a period of December 1, 2017 through November 30, 2018, with a premium cost of \$39,525. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider payment of property and inland marine insurance with Travelers Insurance for a period of 12-1-2017 through 12-1-2018 – Premium \$345,813

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, state the property insurance premium is up about 1% from the previous year. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the payment of \$345,813 for the annual premium for property and inland marine with Travelers Insurance through local agency Smith-Gray. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Consider approval of an equipment cooling unit for Forestry Department from G.R. Manufacturing, Inc. – Cost \$6,380

Albert Mayo from the Forestry Department stated G.R. Manufacturing is the sole supplier for the equipment. The cooling unit will cool down the engine of the dozer while they are fighting fires. Currently the equipment overheats and must be turned off to allow it to cool. It will be paid from Forestry's annual appropriation from the County. Commissioner Watson made motion to approve the purchase of an equipment cooling unit for Forestry Department from G.R. Manufacturing, Inc. at a cost of \$6,380. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of time & attendance annual software agreement with Gorrie-Regan for courthouse and road personnel – Cost \$ 8,078.20

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, stated the cost is up about 16% over last year with no change in services. He recommended tabling consideration until the company provides an explanation for the sizable cost increase. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to table action on the Gorrie-Regan agreement until more information can be provided. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion to table passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider Maintenance Agreement with Office Equipment Co., Inc. for Commission Office copier

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the annual maintenance agreement with Office Equipment Co., Inc., at a cost of \$1,700, for copier maintenance and supplies for the County Commission Office. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of \$500 polling maintenance and operational support appropriations to be done annually unless rescinded by the Commission

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve a \$500 polling maintenance and operational support appropriation to be done annually unless rescinded by the Commission at a future date. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider purchase of six (6) Kenworth T800 dump chassis from TruckWorx off the ACCA Bid List – Cost \$110,802 each

Keith Creel, Engineering Assistant, explained the purchase is part of the fleet rotation program the County started several years ago. Trucks are purchase, used for one year while they are under warranty, then auctioned which recoups enough money to pay for new trucks. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the purchase of six (6) Kenworth T800 dump chassis from TruckWorx off the ACCA Bid List at a cost of \$110,802 each. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the purchase of six (6) beds from Childersburg Truck Service off the ACCA Bid List – Cost \$20,989 each

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the purchase of six (6) beds from Childersburg Truck Service off the ACCA Bid List at a cost \$20,989 each. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Bid No. 1271 – Lease of New Model Excavator

Keith Creel, Engineering Assistant, stated an analysis shows it is cheaper to lease the equipment than to own it when the cost of maintenance is considered. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the lease of an excavator from Warrior Tractor Co., the low bidder. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1272 – Lease of New Model Motor grader

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the lease of four (4) motor graders from Warrior Tractor Co. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a voice vote.

Bid No. 1273 – Structural Steel

Keith Creel stated Apel Steel Corp. was the low bidder for structural steel. Commissioner Watson made a motion to award the bid for structural steel to Apel Steel Corp. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1274 – Reinforcing Steel

Keith Creel, Engineering Assistant, stated Apel Steel Corp. was the low bidder for reinforcing steel. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to award the bid for reinforcing steel to Apel Steel Corp. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1275 – Current Model Compact-size SUV

Revenue Commissioner Barry Willingham was not in attendance to discuss the vehicle bid for his department. Commissioner Watson made a motion to table action until Commissioner Willingham could be in attendance and recommend which vehicle he wants to purchase. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the item was tabled on a unanimous voice vote.

WORK SESSION

The Commission will hold a Work Session on Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the commission conference room.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING DECEMBER 14, 2017

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Thursday, December 14, 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 10:36 a.m.

/s/ _____
Kenneth Walker,
Chairman

/s/ _____
Kerry Watson,
Associate Commissioner

/s/ _____
Garry Marchman,
Associate Commissioner