

**CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**April 10, 2018**

**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. Tim Collins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 27, 2018 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED**

Commissioner Watson made the motion to approve the minutes from the March 27, 2018 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.

**APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2, 2018 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes of April 2, 2018 Special Called Meeting. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Kenneth Kilgo**, Mayor of West Point, addressed the Commission about the history surrounding Confederate history and Confederate Memorial Day. He and two other members of the Thomas Jefferson Denny chapter of the Sons of the Confederacy were in attendance. He stated the organization is a patriotic, historical, benevolent, non-political, non-racial organization that meets monthly. They have made a \$1,000 donation for the building of the Confederate Museum in Tennessee. They also do work locally with cleaning of cemetery property and grave markers.

**Ron Stone** addressed the Commission asking their support for a local vote to increase the gasoline/ diesel tax by two cent per gallon. Fuel tax has not increased in over 24 years and county road are in desperate need of repair. By his calculations, with the average family owning 2.5 cars and driving 12,000 annually, this additional tax should cost about \$30 per family. He would like to take his proposal to the legislatures for a vote of the people in the fall.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Consider approval of payment to NARCOG for FY-2018 dues and matching funds in the amount of \$56,299 – Tabled 3-27-18**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the payment of \$56,299 to NARCOG for the 2018 dues and matching funds. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Proclamation – National Library Week**

The proclamation was read by the County Clerk and presented by the Commission to Cullman County Head Librarian Sharon Townson. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the proclamation for National Library Week. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Proclamation - Confederate Heritage and History Month**

The proclamation for Confederate Heritage and History Month was read and presented by the Commission to representatives Thomas Jefferson Denny chapter of the Sons of the Confederacy. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the month of April as Confederate History Month. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider authorizing the Chairman to sign the proposed contract for professional fees related to the 2018 AIP project at Cullman Regional Airport**

Ben Harrison, Airport Manager, reported this is the fourth year of the five year plan. This phase will be the completion of the north taxiway which will finish all taxiway projects. The next phase will be to begin the runway rehab. The bid will be let in August and construction will begin sometime after October in the next fiscal year. The funding will be 90/5/5 with 90% federal; 5% state and the final 5% being split between the City of Cullman and the County. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the proposed contract for professional fees related to the 2018 AIP project at Cullman Regional Airport. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider authorizing the Chairman to sign a resolution with ALDOT for the replacement of a bridge on Hwy 278 over Brindley Creek**

John Lang, County Engineer, stated the bridge replacement on Hwy 278 toward Holly Pond will affect traffic on County Road 723 and County Road 724 as these will be used as detour routes during part of the construction. Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution with ALDOT for the replacement of a bridge on Hwy 278 over Brindley Creek. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize the Chairman and County Attorney to execute Consent Order to settle pending litigation with tax payer – CV 2018-009**

Chad Floyd, County Attorney, explained the County filed a court action in March for the nonpayment of sales tax. The order stipulates the amount and schedule of payments for taxes owed. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to authorize the execution of the Consent Order for case CV 2018-009. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize the payment of all expenditures related to the March 19, 2018 storm damage**

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, stated most storm damage will be covered by insurance. However, until insurance proceeds are received authorization needs to be made for payment to contractors and suppliers for work done relating to the storm damage last month. Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize payment of all expenditures related to the storm damage. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous vote, the motion passed.

**Authorize the Chairman to sign a contract with F&O Architects for work related to the March 19<sup>th</sup> storm damage**

Chad Floyd, County Attorney, stated F&O Architects has delivered a proposed contract for work to be done with the Commission and the general contractor, Craft & Assoc., for damage caused by the storm last month. Commissioner Marchman stated the proposal calls for \$10,000 to be paid at the time the contract is signed. It was agreed this clause will be removed. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract with F&O Architects contingent on the removal of the \$10,000 payment at time of signing. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 2018-19 - Emergency Change to Precinct Location from Bolte-White Grove Church (Precinct Number 36) to Belle Vue Hall at Stone Bridge Farms**

Benson Clark, Election Coordinator from the Probate Office, stated the Bolte-White Grove church building sustained significant damage from the March 19<sup>th</sup> hail storm. It is anticipated repairs will not be complete in time for the June election and July run-off. Ron Foust from Stone Bridge Farms has offered, at no charge, the use of Belle Vue Hall as a temporary polling location. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the resolution for the emergency relocation of Precinct 36 voting. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider a request from the Sons of the Liberty Riders to hold a “Stand Up for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment” rally on April 14, 2018 in the parking lot south of the courthouse**

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the Sons of the Liberty Riders request to hold a “Stand Up for the 2nd Amendment” rally on April 14, 2018 in the parking lot south of the courthouse. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider CARTS request to purchase a 2012 Chevrolet Malibu from Eva Surplus to replace a Crown Vic which was totaled in the March hail storm – Cost \$10,00**

Joyce Echols, CARTS Director, reported the Crown Vic at CARTS was destroyed in the hail storm. They have found a Malibu at Eva Surplus with about 35,000 miles costing \$10,000. Payment will come from the CARTS escrow account. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the purchase of the vehicle. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider CARTS request to purchase an ADA compliant minivan, to replace vehicle destroyed in hail storm, off the State Bid List through Transportation South; Total purchase price, \$38,750. Federal funds \$31,000, local match \$7,750**

Ms. Echols reported a 2013 van, which was totaled by the hail storm last month, also needs to be replaced. ALDOT has approved the replacement with funding of \$31,000. The remaining \$7,750 will be paid from the CARTS escrow account. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the purchase of an ADA compliant minivan off the State Bid List from Transportation South. With a second by Commissioner Watson, the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider a request from the Alabama Bicentennial Committee for \$5,000 to promote tourism in connection with the Alabama Bicentennial Celebration**

Drew Green, with the local Bicentennial Committee, stated this is the second year leading up to the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary in December 2019. Several committees from throughout the state have visited Cullman to see the events that are planned. He requested the Commission support the celebration with the same funding as last year. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve \$5,000 to the Bicentennial Committee to promote tourism for the Alabama Bicentennial Celebration. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider authorizing County Administrator to purge miscellaneous equipment under the GASB financial threshold**

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, stated the inventory data base needs to be purged of miscellaneous equipment, file cabinets, chairs, desk etc., whose value falls under the GASB financial threshold. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the data cleanup of miscellaneous equipment. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider request from Festhalle Market Committee for \$3,000 for seasonal operation for the 2018 market season**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve \$3,000 for 2018 seasonal operations at the Festhalle Market. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider request from Saving Forgotten Warriors for assistance - \$5,000 consideration**

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve a \$5,000 appropriation to Saving Forgotten Warriors. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider request from VFW for \$8,000 for 2018 Veteran’s Day Celebration**

The Commission received a request from the VFW for support for the annual Veteran’s Day Celebration in November. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve \$8,000 support for the Veteran’s Day Celebration. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider acceptance of County Road 5000, located in District 4 off County Road 504**

John Lang, County Engineer, stated all right-of-way has been obtained and the road has been brought to standards by the developer. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to accept County Road 5000, located in District 4 off County Road 504 into the county’s maintenance system. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**WORK SESSION**

The Commission will hold a Work Session on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. in the commission conference room.

**NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING APRIL 10, 2018**

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the commission meeting room.

**ADJOURN THE MEETING**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

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Kenneth Walker,  
Chairman

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Kerry Watson,  
Associate Commissioner

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Garry Marchman,  
Associate Commissioner