

**CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING  
May 22, 2018**

**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 Randall Waldrep. Chad Floyd led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE April 24, 2018 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED**

Commissioner Watson made the motion to approve the minutes from the April 24, 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.

**Public Comments**

**Ashley Graves** announced there will be a County/City Blood Drive, June 8 from 8:00 – 5:00. The City collection will be at Walmart on Olive Street and the County collection will be at the Courthouse.

**Scott McDonald** from the EMA Office gave an update on the FEMA Disaster Center operations. To date, 421 residents have filed applications with FEMA. The local office will remain open until June 1<sup>st</sup>. The deadline for business to file for assistance is May 24<sup>th</sup> and online filing for individuals has a deadline of June 24<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Certificate of Appreciation – Doug Davenport - Recipient of North Alabama Elite Tourism Professional Award**

The Certificate of Appreciation was read by the County Clerk and presented by the Commission to Mr. Davenport in appreciation for the work he has done in the parks and the Alabama Mountain Lakes Association recognizing his accomplishments. Mr. Davenport thanked the park staff for the work they do stating the award really goes to them. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appreciation recognizing Doug Davenport as the recipient of the of North Alabama Elite Tourism Professional Award. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Cancel Public Hearing scheduled for June 12, 2018 concerning the vacating of a portion of County Road 1614**

Chad Floyd, County Attorney, stated on March 3, 2018 the Probate Judge signed papers for the incorporation of the Town of Berlin. The portion of County Road 1614 which was petitioned for vacating now lies within the corporate limits of Berlin. Mr. Floyd said all paperwork will be transferred to the Town of Berlin once the mayor and council are elected and their government is in place and the petitioner can resubmit the request to the Town of Berlin. Commissioner Watson made a motion to cancel the public hearing scheduled for today on the vacating of a portion of County Road 1614. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 2018-21 – Application submission for Better Utilizing Investment of Leverage Development (BUILD) competitive grant program for repair and resurfacing county road**

Ashley Graves from the Economic Development Office state the BUILD grant program was formally known as the TIGER grant program under the Obama administration. This is an application for an 80/20 grant for the repair and resurfacing of twelve county roads. The grant request is for approximately \$12.6 million with the County's matching portion being \$2.5 million. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the submitting of the application for the BUILD competitive grant for road resurfacing. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

**Approve agreement between the Cullman County Commission, the Cullman County Sheriff's Office and Larry Amerson for jail consultation services**

County Attorney Floyd explained the agreement under consideration is for consultant services for the Detention Center to include policy and procedures creation, staff motivation and facility and equipment review. Mr. Amerson will be paid hourly by the Sheriff. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the agreement between Cullman County Commission, the Cullman County Sheriff's Office and Larry Amerson for jail consultation services. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider request from Cook Ministries to hold a Suicide Prevention Awareness meeting at the front of the Courthouse on September 7, 2018 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

Karen Cook from Cook Ministries addressed the Commission on the statistics of suicide in the United States. Last year there were almost 45,000 suicides nationally or one every twelve hours. According to the Cullman County Coroner, there were 28 suicides in the county last year. In Alabama, suicide is the 11<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death. She personally started Cook Ministries because of her brother's suicide. The organization is requesting permission to pass out material inside the courthouse on September 7<sup>th</sup> followed by an awareness meeting on the front steps of the courthouse. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the request for the public assembly on September 7, 2018 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider approval of installation of lighting for the Smith Lake Park Boat Launch by Cullman Electric Coop – Labor & Material \$22,452.36**

Doug Davenport, Park Director, stated with the new boat ramp and park lot, lighting needs to be replaced at Smith Lake Park. LED lighting will be used for the project. The cost estimate from the Cullman Electric Coop includes almost \$6,000 for trenching. Mr. Davenport believes this can be done by park employees in-house and bring the cost down to approximately \$16,500. The cost will be covered from tourism funds. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the lighting installation at Smith Lake Park to be done by the Cullman Electric Coop. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider approval of repairs to electrical equipment at Smith Lake Park by Cullman Electric Coop for damages caused by hail storm – Labor & Materials \$16,732.28**

Park Director Doug Davenport reported an apparent lightning strike during the hail storm on March 19<sup>th</sup> damaged underground wiring at the park. It was not in conduit and the extent of the damage is not repairable. There is a \$5,000 insurance deductible but the remaining cost will be covered by insurance proceeds. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to authorize the repairs to be made by Cullman Electric Cooperative. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider issuing purchase order to Yeltek for completion of camera surveillance equipment for the Sheriff's Department – approximate total \$50,000**

Lt. Rebekah Cash reported the surveillance equipment update project is now in its third year. This phase should complete the project. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the issuance of the purchase order to Yeltek in the amount of \$50,000 for the completion of the detention center surveillance equipment. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider request from the Link of Cullman County for support of \$5,000 for 2018 Summer Kindergarten Readiness Program**

Regina Roat from The Link explained their summer camp will be held the last of July at four locations around the county. It is geared for students entering kindergarten who have been targeted during registration as delinquent in required kindergarten skills. They will have spaces for 120 students and already have 69 pre-registered. There is also a class for parents for instruction on how to work with their kindergartener. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve support of \$5,000 for the 2018 Summer Kindergarten Readiness Program. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Commissioner Watson to reappoint Pam Nail to the CCCDD 310 Authority Board for a six (6) year term to expire 4-1-2024**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to reappoint Pam Nail to the CCCDD 310 Authority Board for a six (6) year term to expire 4-1-2024. Commissioner Marchman seconded and upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Consider approval of the purchase of five (5) pick-up trucks by the Water Department off the State Bid List through Tallassee Automotive, Inc.- 4 trucks \$26,017 each and Donohoo Chevrolet -1 truck \$32,369.25: Total \$136,437.25**

Randall Waldrep, Water Department manager, stated the Water Department had vehicles damaged in the hail storm. Local bids were not within 3% of the state bid, therefore he requested authorization to buy off the State Bid List. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the purchase of five trucks off the State Bid List; four trucks from Tallassee Automotive, Inc. and one from Donohoo Chevrolet. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider approval of the purchase of one (1) pick-up truck by CARTS off the State Bid List through Tallassee Automotive, Inc. \$27,107**

Joyce Echols, CARTS Director, stated their service truck was totaled in the hail storm and she requested authorization to purchase one truck off the State Bid List at a cost of \$27,107 through Tallassee Automotive, Inc. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the purchase of the truck from the State Bid List. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Bid No. 1280 – Lease for Rubber Tired Excavator**

John Lang, County Engineer, stated Cowin Equipment Company was the low bidder. There will be about a two-month period of time between the time the currently leased John Deere equipment is picked up and when Cowin can deliver the Volvo equipment. He requested authorization to lease temporary equipment at the same rate as the lease price of the new excavators for the two-month interim. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to award the bid for the lease of excavator to Cowin Equipment Company. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Bid No. 1281 – Full-Size SUV**

Juvenile Detention had three vehicles destroyed last month by hail. At this time, they will be replacing one vehicle. The low bidder was Mitch Smith Chevrolet at \$41,118.55. Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize the purchase of one full-size SUV for Juvenile Detention. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Bid No. 1282 - Concrete**

John Lang, County Engineer, stated there was one bid from DCA Ready Mix who currently has the concrete bid. He recommended awarding the bid. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to award DCA Ready Mix the concrete bid. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Chairman Walker recognized local Boy Scout John Paul Krassick who attended the meeting as part of earning his merit badge for Citizenship in the Community. One requirement is for him to attend a local government meeting and report on one item that was discussed.

**WORK SESSION**

The Commission will hold a Work Session on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. in the commission conference room.

**NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING JUNE 12, 2018**

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, June 12, 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 10:18 a.m.

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

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

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