

**CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**August 28, 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 and County Administrator Gary Teichmiller. The invocation was given by Barry Willingham. Chairman Walker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 14, 2018 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED**

Commissioner Marchman made the motion to approve the minutes from the August 14, 2018 Commission Meeting; approve appropriations, expenditures, payroll, requisitions and all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Carolyn Shannon addressed the Commission concerning her recent firing from CARTS. She stated Ms. Echols, CARTS Director, did not give a reason for her dismissal, but then went on to say she had returned late from a trip to Muscle Shoals (over an hour late). But she has been told by others in the office that Ms. Echols stated she would get rid of her because of a worker's comp injury. She does not feel she has been treated fairly.

Donna Marcella addressed the Commission about the work conditions at CARTS. She stated she resigned because of a hostile work environment. She also accused Ms. Echols of changing test scores at the local Roadeo event and claimed Ms. Echols said if they came to the Commission "heads would roll".

Becky Taylor another CARTS employee who has resigned, stated Ms. Echols shows favoritism to employees especially male employees.

Charlie Absher, a CARTS patron who is wheelchair bound, address the Commission stating over the past several weeks there have been several new employees at CARTS. The new drivers are not well trained, have had trouble locating is residence and he has been late for appointments because of inefficiency.

Chairman Walker asked the individuals concerned with CARTS to remain after the Commission Meeting and they would discuss their concerns.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Consider authorizing applying for FY-2018-2019 grant funding from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the State of Alabama to make improvements at the Cullman Regional Airport**

Ben Harrison, Manager of the Cullman Regional Airport, stated the application is for the annual grant funding for the continuation of the five-year plan. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to authorize the application for FY-19 grant funding from the FAA and the State for airport improvements. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider awarding the bid for the North Taxiway Reconstruction (Phase II) to Carcel & G Construction, LLC in the amount of \$412,867.17**

Airport Manager Ben Harrison stated the low bidder for the north taxiway reconstruction (Phase II) was Carcel & G Construction, LLC in the amount of \$412,867.17. Commissioner Watson made a motion to award the bid for airport work to Carcel & G Construction. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Approve Memorandum of Agreement between the Cullman County Commission and the Cullman Electric Cooperative increasing the cost of meter reading from \$0.95 to \$1.05 per meter**

The increase in the meter rates will mean about a \$800 increase annually in the cost of meter reading. Whoever the cost for the manual reading will decrease as more electronically read meters are installed. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the MOA between the County and Cullman Electric Cooperative for meter reading. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 2018-31 – Emergency Change to Precinct Location from Bolte-White Grove Church (Precinct Number 36) to Belle Vue Hall at Stone Bridge Farms**

Chairman Walker explained the church building, which has been used as a voting location, sustained extensive damage in the hail storm on March 19 of this year. Repairs have not been completed. The June primary and July run-off elections were moved to Stone Bridge Farms and it will be necessary for them to be moved for the November general election. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the resolution moving voting for Precinct 36 from Bolte-White Grove Church to Belle Vue Hall at Stone Bridge Farms. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider a one (1) year maintenance agreement with Johnston Technologies, Inc. for battery backup of the Sheriff's Office - \$4,472.10**

Lt. Tim Kerber from the Sheriff's Office stated the maintenance agreement is for the battery backup for dispatch. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the agreement with Johnston Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$4,472.10. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Consider approval of installation of audio/visual equipment for the commission meeting room Baker Pro - \$5,458.80**

Revenue Commissioner Barry Willingham explained to the Commission currently the commission meeting room is used by all departments in the courthouse for meeting. He has agreed to pay for permanent audio/visual equipment to be installed, eliminating the need to set up screens and projectors for each meeting. The Reappraisal Department will be paying the cost. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the purchase of the equipment from Baker Pro at a cost of \$5,458.80. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider a request from Cullman County Human Trafficking Task Force for a Walk for Freedom event for use of the front steps of the courthouse and south parking on October 20, 2018 from 8:00 – 12:00**

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the Walk for Freedom event to use county property on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider maintenance acceptance of County Roads 367, 371 & 373 in Grandview Shores - Phase 1 & 2 Subdivision, located in District 2 off County Road 222**

Keith Creel, Engineering Assistant, reported the final plat has been signed, the roads have been inspected by engineering and they meet county specs. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve acceptance of County Roads 367, 371 and 373 in Grandview Shores - Phase 1 & 2 Subdivision, located in District 2 off County Road 222. Commissioner Marchman seconded and upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

**Bid No. 1248 – Extension – Motor Oil, Grease, Hydraulic Fluids – Stewart Auto Parts & Reladyne**

John Lang, County Engineer, stated on recommendation of the Fleet Manager, Joe Perry, they would like to extend Bid No. 1248. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to extend the bid with Stewart Auto Parts and Reladyne for motor oil, grease and hydraulic fluids. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Bid No. 1287 – Structural Steel**

John Lang, County Engineer, reported steel prices are up by about one-third due to the recent tariff that have been placed on imported steel. Two bids were received, Apel Steel and Harris Steel. Harris had the low bid. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to award the bid for structural steel to Harris Steel. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Bid No. 1288 – Reinforcing Steel**

Mr. Lang stated two bids were received for the reinforcing steel. Harris Steel was the low bidder and he recommended awarding the bid. Commissioner Watson made a motion to award the bid for reinforcing steel to Harris Steel. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**WORK SESSION**

The Commission will hold a Work Session on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. in the commission conference room.

**NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING SEPTEMBER 11, 2018**

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, September 11, 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 10:23 a.m.

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

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

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

SIZE	lb per foot	Apel Steel \$ per ft	Harris Steel \$ per ft
W16	40	25.00	23.98
W16	45	28.00	26.52
W16	50	31.00	49.40
W16	57	36.00	33.60
W18	50	31.00	29.40
W18	55	35.00	32.40
W18	60	38.00	35.25
W18	65	41.00	38.31
W21	68	42.00	40.08
W21	73	36.00	46.95
W21	83	52.00	49.95
W21	93	58.00	56.75
W24	68	42.00	40.00
W24	76	47.00	44.80
W24	84	52.00	49.50
W24	94	59.00	56.35
W30	99	62.00	59.35
W30	108	67.00	64.00
W33	118	74.00	70.00
W36	135	84.00	80.00

**BID OPENING: August 27, 2018**  
**BID No. 1288 – Reinforcing Steel**

BAR	Apel Steel \$ per ft	Harris Steel \$ per ft
#3	0.19	0.19
#4	0.34	0.30
#5	0.53	0.48
#6	0.75	0.64
#7	1.02	1.08
#8	1.34	1.30

**August 2018 Claims**

FUND NO.	FUND	Beginning Check #	Ending Check #	TOTAL
001	Operations	152738	153300	3,466,656.29
110 & 124	AOA /COA Fund	9744	9815	66,540.26
129	Law Library	996	997	715.93
143	Revenue Discretionary	1042	1042	583.13
150 & 155	C.A.R.T.S. Fund	10674	10707	103,597.06
156	Special Probate	1405	1456	524.92
166	Sheriff General	1367	1371	9,994.61
710	Payroll	144986	145110	247,415.84
720	Excess Land Sale	1301	1303	5,398.63
765	District Attorney	1550	1550	182.62
770	Worthless Check Fund	1122	1122	4,887.91
	Water Department	34517	34632	948,001.17