

CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
January 23, 2019

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. Phyllis Little led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 8, 2019 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED

Commissioner Watson made the motion to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2019 Commission Meeting; approve appropriations, expenditures, personnel actions, payroll, requisitions and all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/UPDATES

Chairman Walker announced that Charlotte Slatton, County Clerk, will be retiring in a few months and Meleigh Sullivan will be joining the Commission Office staff.

Chairman Walker requested a short recess. The architect has come with the bid for the replacement of roofs and this needs to be added to the agenda. Commissioner Watson made a motion for a recess to allow time for the item to be added. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the meeting was recessed at 10:05.

Commissioner Watson made a motion for the meeting to reconvene which was seconded by Commissioner Marchman. The meeting reconvened at 10:10. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to add "Item N", roof replacement at the Sheriff's Office and Water Department. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the item was added to the agenda for consideration.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution 2019-08 - Authorize the Chairman to seek an Opinion from the Attorney General regarding Bid No. 1295 – Tabled 1-8-2019

Chad Floyd, County Attorney, explained Bid No. 1295 was awarded December 11, 2018 to Team Elevator. It has come to the County's attention that Team Elevator does not have a General Contractor's License. The County had received conflicting opinions from the Department of Labor and the General Contractor's Licensing Office about the necessity for the General Contractor License. Following receipt of a letter from the GC Licensing Office, Mr. Floyd feels there is no need to request an AG's opinion and recommended rescinding the bid and rebidding with language containing the requirement for a prime general contractor's license. Commissioner Watson made a motion to rescind and rebid the elevator replacement project for the courthouse. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Authorize Sheriff Matt Gentry to sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on behalf of the Cullman County Sheriff's Office with WellStone Behavioral Health

Chad Floyd, County Attorney, explained the MOA is between the Sheriff's Office and WellStone Behavioral Health for a pilot program to provide mental health services to inmates who are repeat offenders, who may be suffering from mental health issues, in an effort to reduce recidivism. This will be at no cost to the County. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to authorize the Sheriff to sign a MOA with Wellstone Behavioral for inmate mental health care. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Set Public Hearing on the Petition received to vacate County Road 1614 in Berlin. (March 26, 2019)

Attorney Floyd stated the County has received a request from the Town of Berlin to vacate a portion of County Road 1614 which lies within the corporate limits of Berlin. This road was considered for vacation last year prior to Berlin's incorporation. The County did not take any action following the vote for Berlin to become a town. Berlin will not be taking over maintenance of their roads 2020. Mr. Floyd requested a public hearing date of March 26, 2019 to allow time for publication and notification of property owners and utility companies. Commissioner Watson made a motion to set the public hearing date for the vacating of a portion of County Road 1614 in Berlin for March 26, 2019. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of Inmate Re-insurance with Unimerica Insurance Company through Hunt Insurance Group, LLC – Annual premium \$77,837.76

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, informed the Commission the reinsurance for inmates covers health care expense which exceeds \$10,000 for services provided outside Cullman Regional Medical Center. The cost is up about 6% this year due to the increase in inmate population. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the inmate reinsurance with Uniamerica Insurance Company through Hunt Insurance Group and approve the annual payment of \$77,837.76. Commissioner Watson seconded and upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider renewal of the RAVE weather alert system contract

Phyllis Little, EMA Director, reported the County first contracted for the RAVE services in 2015 to provide county residents the 24/7 weather alerts via phone call, text or email. Currently participation is less than four hundred residents. At a cost of \$9,100 annually, she does not feel the cost is justified for the low number of participants and recommended the contract not be renewed. Commissioner Watson made a motion to not renew the RAVE weather alert system contract. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize the Chairman to sign an Agreement with Post Panda Promotions to book the talent for the three summer events (Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day / Sweet Tater Festival) at Smith Lake Park

Chad Floyd, County Attorney, stated this company was used last year for the entertainment scheduling at the park. Post Panda Promotion will arrange, book and pay for all entertainment for the summer events at Smith Lake Park. This includes Memorial Day, Independence Day and two days in September for Labor Day and the Sweet Tater Festival. The cost is \$14,800. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement with Post Panda Promotions to book the talent for the summer events at Smith Lake Park. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of replacement of existing access control at the Water Department by ADS – Cost \$5,984.00

Ken Walling from the IT Department reported the door access locks are failing at the Water Department. This is the original equipment that was installed when the building was built. The replacement by ADS Security for the six doors at the maintenance shed will be \$5,984. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the expenditure for the replacement of the access control. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider payment of \$6,000 to Wallace State Community College for 2018 for Sheriff Deputies at the Regional Basketball Tournament

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, stated the agreement with WSCC was for the County to pay 50% or \$6,000, which ever was less, for sheriff deputies providing security at the Regional Basketball Tournament. The total cost was \$17,587. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the payment of \$6,000 to Wallace State Community College for 2018 for sheriff deputies at the Regional Basketball Tournament. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider release of bond for Hidden Shores Subdivision/County Road 71 and acceptance of road maintenance

John Lang, County Engineer, reported there were issues with the paving of the extension of County Road 71, however a settlement has been reached and he feels like the bond can be released. The County will be accepting the extension of County Road 71 along with County Road 2101, County Road 2104 and County Road 2107. Commissioner Watson made a motion to release the bond for Hidden Shores Subdivision and accept the extension of County Road 71, County Road 2101, County Road 2104 and County Road 2107 into the county maintenance system. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2019-08 – Resurfacing and traffic striping of County Road 1141 from County Road 1147 to County Road 1246

County Engineer Lang explained County Road 1141 will be the federal aide project for FY 2020. The letter of intent describes the project as 3.2 miles of County Road 1141 from County Road 1147 to County Road 1246 at a cost of \$663,000. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the resolution for the resurfacing of County Road 1141. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider plat for Stillhouse Point, Phase 2 Subdivision, located in District 2 off County Road 71

Keith Creel, Engineering, Assistant, stated the plat is five lots and road will remain private. He recommended approval contingent on the addition of the language to the plat stipulating roads will remain private. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the plat contingent on the appropriate language being added. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1257 – Extension – Bituminous Plant Mix (Product Only) – Good Hope Contracting

County Engineer John Lang reported Good Hope Contracting has agreed to a one (1) year extension on the County's bid for bituminous plant mix which the county picks up. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the extension of the bid for bituminous plant mix with Good Hope Contracting. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1276 – Extension- Herbicides – Helena Chemical

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve a one (1) year extension for herbicides with Helena Chemical Co. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Bid No. 1296 – One (1) used Full Size SUV

Benson Clark from the Probate Office stated two bids were received for a vehicle. Bill Smith GMC had the low bid of \$28,515 for a 2014 Chevrolet Tahoe. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the purchase of the vehicle for the Probate Office. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider awarding bds for the impound building and water maintenance shed re-roof

Frank Fagg from F&O Architects reported bids were opened last week for roof replacements from the March hail storm. Genesis Construction, Inc. was the low bidder for the new roofs for the Water Department maintenance building and sheds and the impound building at the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Watson made a motion to award the bid to Genesis Construction for the roof replacements. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

WORK SESSION

The Commission will hold a Work Session on February 12, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. in the commission conference room.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2019

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Wednesday, February 12, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the commission meeting.

/s/
Kenneth Walker,
Chairman

/s/
Kerry Watson,
Associate Commissioner

/s/
Garry Marchman,
Associate Commissioner