

CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
September 10, 2019

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Walker called the Commission Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM

Meleigh Sullivan 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 Chad Floyd, County Attorney. John Lang, County Engineer, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 27, 2019 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED

Commissioner Watson made the motion to approve the minutes from the August 27, 2019 Commission Meeting; approve appropriations, expenditures, personnel actions, payroll, requisitions and all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC /UPDATES

No public comments were made.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider authorizing the Chairman to sign the Alabama Department of Youth Services Agency Grant Agreement for FY 2019-2020 in the amount of \$248,984.00 for the benefit of Cullman, Blount, and Jackson Counties

Kay Bell, Juvenile Probation Director, addressed the commission and explained in January the commission signed an agreement for Cullman County to serve as fiscal agent for Blount, Jackson, and Lauderdale counties. Each county has their own separate grant system. This year Cullman, Blount, and Jackson counties have been combined and we have permission from any funds left over to be used for the Youth Advocate Program. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to authorize Chairman to sign the Alabama Department of Youth Services Agency Grant Agreement for FY2019-2020. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider authorizing the Chairman to sign the Alabama Department of Youth Services Agency Grant Agreement for FY 2019-20 as the fiscal agent for Lauderdale County

Juvenile Probation Director, Kay Bell, explained the Chief in Lauderdale County would sign the agreement and then the funds would be sent to Cullman County to be distributed out and Cullman County would be overseeing the funds. Commissioner Watson made a motion authorizing Chairman to sign the Alabama Department of Youth Services Agency Grant agreement for FY2019-2020 as the Fiscal Agent for Lauderdale County. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider authorizing the Chairman to sign the Alabama Department of Youth Services Long Term Detention Subsidy Contract for FY 2020

Kay Bell from Juvenile Probation explained to the Commission the contract is with Tennessee Valley Detention Center in Tusculumbia, Alabama. It is a long term facility that Cullman County can use, and the facility also provides education and medical services. Ms. Bell also stated the county could be reimbursed a small amount of money, paid for services, by the Department of Youth Services. Commissioner Marchman made a motion authorizing Chairman to sign the Alabama Department of Youth Services Long Term Detention Subsidy Contract for FY 2020. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider a request from the Cullman County Partnership for Children, Inc. to allow the detention of juveniles from other jurisdictions to be housed in the Cullman County Detention Facility

Juvenile Probation Director, Kay Bell, addressed the commission and stated Walker County Juvenile Detention Center is currently having issues with their alarm system. Walker County requested using our short term facility and is willing to pay \$85 a day per child while they are being housed. Ms. Bell's recommendation would be that the County Commission waive the \$85 a day because right now the Cullman County Juvenile Detention Center is currently under renovations and when the time comes that we have to move out of our detention center for the completion of the renovations, Walker County is willing to let us house juveniles at their facility as needed at no cost. Walker County is certain they will have their alarm issues resolved within 6 months. Commissioner Watson made a motion approving the request that Walker County be able to house juveniles in Cullman County Juvenile Detention Center and waive the fee for a 6-month period. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider authorizing the Chairman to sign the North Alabama Highway Safety Grant for FY-2020

Erik Ryan from the Cullman County Sheriff's Office addressed the commission and stated the North Alabama Highway Safety Grant is a grant the county has received for several years. The grant reimburses overtime pay for deputies working driver's license check points. Mr. Ryan also stated nothing within the grant changed this year except for the location designated by the state for the check points. All check point locations will still be within Cullman County. Commissioner Marchman made a motion authorizing Chairman to sign the North Alabama Highway Safety Grant for FY- 2020. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider purchase of 20 radios for the Sheriff's Department from Sharp Communication, INC., for Public Safety- Cost \$19,439

Lt. Rebekah Cash from the Cullman County Sheriff's Department addressed the commission and stated the quote from Sharp Communications is for 20 additional radios for the units. The radios would be replacing broken radios and radios

that are outdated and not compatible with the new radio system. Lt. Cash also stated these replacements are very critical for the safety of the officers so they can communicate with one another while working. Commissioner Watson made a motion approving the purchase of 20 radios for the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider renewal of annual Stop-Loss Insurance with HCC. Projected cost will be \$586,212 (increase of \$243,461)

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, addressed the commission and explained the stop-loss insurance covers anything over \$125,000. Mr. Teichmiller also stated the county has had some extreme losses over the last year or two, which has reflected in the huge increase in the cost for the stop-loss insurance. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the renewal of stop-loss insurance with HCC. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider renewal of annual Enrollment Agreement with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama. Continue current self-insured medical/dental plan. No change in fee structure

County Administrator, Gary Teichmiller, explained the county has an annual agreement with Blue Cross to administer all of the county's claims. Blue Cross pays the claims and the county reimburses Blue Cross, with an added administrators fee. Commissioner Watson made a motion approving the renewal of the annual enrollment agreement with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider a one (1) year maintenance agreement with Johnston Technologies, Inc., for battery backup for the Sheriff's Department- cost \$5,094

Timothy Kerber from the Cullman County Sheriff's Department addressed the commission and explained the agreement with Johnston Technologies, Inc., is an annual maintenance agreement for battery backup at the 911 center for dispatch. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the 1-year maintenance agreement with Johnston Technologies, Inc., for battery backup. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider Surplus of Courthouse Security Rapiscan System

Chairman Walker explained the old scanning system used by security was replaced. Commissioner Watson made a motion to surplus the Courthouse security rapiscan system. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Commissioner Marchman to reappoint Dewayne Goodwin to the E-911 Board of Commissioners for a term to expire 09-01-2023

Commissioner Marchman stated he would like to reappoint Dewayne Goodwin to the E-911 Board because he believed Mr. Goodwin has done a fantastic job and Mr. Goodwin desired to serve again. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to reappoint Dewayne Goodwin to the E-911 Board of Commissioners with term expiring on 09-01-2023. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider proposed plat for Shady Cove Subdivision, located in District 2 off County Road 51

Keith Creel, Assistant Engineer, explained to the commission the proposed plat is for 8 lots and it does comply with the county regulations. Commissioner Watson made a motion approving proposed plat for Shady Cove Subdivision. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

WORK SESSION

The Commission will hold a Work Session on September 24, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. in the commission conference room.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, September 24, 2019 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 10:12 a.m.

/s/ _____
Kenneth Walker,
Chairman

/s/ _____
Kerry Watson,
Associate Commissioner

/s/ _____
Garry Marchman,
Associate Commissioner