

**CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**January 14, 2020**

**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, Administrative Assistant, called the roll; present were Chairman Kenneth Walker, Commissioner Kerry Watson, Commissioner Garry Marchman, Jon Brunner Interim County Engineer and County Attorney Chad Floyd. The invocation was given by County Attorney, Chad Floyd. EMA Director, Phyllis Little, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 10, 2019 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED**

Commissioner Watson made the motion to approve the minutes from the December 10, 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**

**Gwen Parker** stated she was speaking on behalf of the Board of Directors and volunteers from Victim Services of Cullman. Ms. Parker addressed the Commission and read aloud a statement of concern in regard to the Victim Services building owned by the Cullman County Commission, being sold which would result in Victim Services being without a home office. Multiple other citizens associated with Victim Services (Counselor Lauren Orth and employee Jamie Graves) also addressed the Commission with concerns of the property being sold. Chairman Walker addressed Ms. Carol Horstman, Executive Director at Victim Services, and stated he believed the situation was being blown out proportion because the building was not for sale, unless it was to someone within Victim Services that wanted to buy it. Ms. Carol stated the president of the Victim Services was given the impression that the building was not publicly on the market but it was for sale. Chairman Walker assured Ms. Carol that the building is not going anywhere as it is not for sale.

**Debra Sanders**, a resident of County Road 7 stated she had called Commissioner Marchman multiple times regarding her road and wanted to know what was going to be done about it. Commissioner Marchman responded and stated that he understands that the road is bad and that he apologizes but was unsure if County Road 7 would be a road that would be paved in FY-2020. Commissioner Marchman also stated that he would ride out to County Road 7 and see what could be done to fix the road until it could be paved.

**Mark Powell** who is a contractor within Cullman County addressed the Commission and stated he has been a contractor in Cullman for the last 30 years. Approximately one month ago, Mr. Powell had 4-5 dumpsters placed throughout Cullman County and Hycbe dumpsters came and picked every one of them up. Mr. Powell said he did not understand why it cost \$900 to rent a dumpster in Cullman when you can get a dumpster in Addison for \$300 and would like to know what is going to be done about it. Mr. Powell explained he currently has 5 or 6 job sites that he does not have a dumpster on because of cost. Chairman Walker stated the reason the County's roll-off dumpsters are so expensive is due to the fees that the County has to pay to dump at the landfill and as of now due to a resolution passed years ago by a different Commission, Cullman County Sanitation is the only company allowed to have dumpsters in Cullman County. Commissioner Marchman asked Mr. Powell if it would be acceptable to take a close look at the fees and get comparable data of surrounding areas and meet with other contractors to see what can be done about the fees. Mr. Powell agreed that would be ideal.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Proclamation- Human Trafficking Awareness Month**

Chad Floyd, County Attorney, read aloud the Proclamation. Commissioner Watson made a motion naming January Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Proclamation- Seventeenth Annual Sportsman Lake Christmas Lights Display**

County Attorney, Chad Floyd, read aloud the Proclamation and recognized Sportsman Lake Park and each individual who helped during the Christmas Lights Display. Commissioner Marchman made a motion approving the Proclamation for the Seventeenth Annual Sportsman Lake Christmas Lights Display. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution No. 2020-08: One-Half Cent Sales Tax for Cullman City Schools**

Chad Floyd, County Attorney, addressed the Commission and explained the Resolution is confirming and ratifying the levy of County wide school sales tax that was done on March 13, 2012. The City School Board intends this year to issue approximately \$12 million dollars in warrants and they have asked that we continue to collect and pay the same over to their Board. Mr. Floyd stated this is not a new tax. The one-half sales tax was voted on and implemented in 2012. Commissioner Watson made a motion approving Resolution No. 2020-08. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion then passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider the purchase of a final drive for newly acquired Cat track loader**

Jon Brunner, Interim County Engineer, explained to the Commission a price of \$16,741.95 was quoted from Thompson Caterpillar for a new final drive unit. Commissioner Marchman made a motion approving the purchase of a final drive in the amount of \$16,741.95 from Thompson Caterpillar. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider the surplus of a 963 Track Loader from the Garage**

Interim County Engineer, Jon Brunner, addressed the Commission and stated the 963 Track Loader is an old machine that has a used engine in it and it needs to be surplus. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the surplus of the 963 Track Loader from the Garage to be sold on GovDeals. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Designate Bank for Depositories for Cullman County Funds**

County Attorney, Chad Floyd, explained each fiscal year in January the County has to designate a bank for depositories for Cullman County Funds. Mr. Floyd recommended that all banks located within Cullman County that are FDIC insured, or are members of the SAFE Program, be designated as depositories for Cullman County funds. Commissioner Marchman made a motion designating all banks for depositories for Cullman County funds. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion carried upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Ratify purchase of right hand steer to existing curbtender units**

Commissioner Watson made a motion ratifying the purchase of right hand steer to existing curbtender units for the Sanitation Department. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider Approval of the Cullman County Emergency Operations Plan**

Phyllis Little, EMA Director, explained the Commission every 2-3 years, we review and revise the County's Emergency Operations Plan. Ms. Little stated the Emergency Operations Plan is currently ready for approval. Commissioner Marchman made a motion approving the Cullman County Emergency Operations Plan. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider a request from the local Census Committee for an appropriation in the amount of \$10,000 for the 2020 Cullman County Counts campaign**

Ashely Graves from the Economic Development office addressed the Commission and explained on March 12, 2020, citizens may begin filling out the 2020 Census. A local Census Committee has been formed and they received a \$40,000 grant from ADECA to help with marketing and bring awareness of the 2020 Census. Ms. Graves stated the committee is now asking the Commission for \$10,000 along with the City of Cullman. Ms. Graves explained the money would help with partnering with all local municipalities and Senior Centers to host local events, banners, flyers, and different things needed to spread awareness. Ms. Graves also stressed the importance of the filling out the 2020 Census because depending on the calculation from the Census, it affects the Federal money the County and City receives and also affects our representation in Washington, D.C. Commissioner Watson made a motion approving the request from the local Census Committee for an appropriation in the amount of \$10,000 for the 2020 Cullman County Counts Campaign. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion then passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider Change Orders to the metal roof of the Cullman County Courthouse**

Commissioner Marchman approved all Change Orders to the metal roof on the Cullman County Courthouse. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Consider renewal of the ACCA Liability Self-Insurance- cost \$395,725.91**

County Attorney, Chad Floyd, explained to the Commission the ACCA Liability Self- Insurance Fund is renewed annually. It is administered by County Risk Services out of Montgomery. The cost of premiums for 2020 is \$395,725.91. The amount is a 1.1% increase over last year's premiums in 2019. Commissioner Watson made a motion approving the renewal of the ACCA Liability Self- Insurance. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider authorizing the Chairman to sign an Agreement with Loomis Brothers to host a Family Circus Event at the Cullman Ag Trade Center**

Park Director, Doug Davenport, addressed the Commission and explained the Family Circus Event is the same circus we have had in the past. The agreement is due to the Loomis Brothers bringing live animals to the event. Commissioner Marchman made a motion authorizing Chairman Walker to sign an Agreement with Loomis Brother to host a Family Circus Event at the Cullman Ag Trade Center. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion then passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement with Post Panda Promotions to provide live entertainment / musical acts for the three summer festivals at Smith Lake Park (Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day / Sweet Tater Festival)**

Doug Davenport, Park Director, explained to the Commission Post Panda Promotions is the same company we have used for the last 3 years. Post Panda Promotions will handle all transactions and the sound system for each event. Commissioner Watson made a motion authoring Chairman Walker to sign an agreement with Post Panda Promotions to provide live entertainment / musical acts for the three summer festivals at Smith Lake Park. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider setting date for County Engineer Interviews for January 21, 2020, beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Commission Conference Room**

Commissioner Marchman made a motion setting the County Engineer Interviews for January 21, 2020, beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Commission Conference Room. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Consider adopting revisions to the Cullman County Commission Employee Handbook, effective February 1, 2020**

Judy Bradford, Human Resource Manager, addressed the Commission and explained the Cullman County Commission Employee Handbook is reviewed and revised every year. This year, the only changes to the employee handbook are updates to the existing policies, formally add incentive pay and 3 insurance policies (short term, long term and critical). Commissioner Watson made a motion adopting revisions to the Cullman County Commission Employee Handbook effective February 1, 2020. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion then passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider proposed plat for Creekside Estates Subdivision, located in District 3 on County Roads 1494 &1498**

Jon Brunner, Interim County Engineer, addressed the Commission and explained the proposed plat was for a minor subdivision of 3 lots. Mr. Brunner stated the proposed plat met all requirements by the County. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the proposed plat. Commission Watson seconded and the motion passed up a unanimous voice vote.

**CULLMAN COUNTY ENGINEER INTERVIEWS**

Chairman Walker made an announcement making the public aware that the Cullman County Engineer Interviews will be on January 21, 2020 beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Commission Conference Room.

**WORK SESSION**

The Commission will hold a Work Session on January 28, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the commission conference room.

**NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2020**

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, January 28, 2020 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 10:44 a.m.

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

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

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