

CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

August 11, 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 Hitt, Administrative Assistant, called the roll; present were Chairman Kenneth Walker, Commissioner Kerry Watson, Commissioner Garry Marchman, Bryan Cheatwood, County Engineer, and County Attorney Emily Johnston. Commission on Aging Director, Dusty Baker, gave the invocation. Airport Manager Ben Harrison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JULY 28, 2020 MEETING, APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS, AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED

Commissioner Marchman made the motion to approve the minutes from July 28, 2020, Commission Meeting, appropriations, expenditures, personnel actions, payroll, requisitions, and all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC /UPDATES

Dusty Baker, Director of Commission on Aging, addressed the Commission and stated "I want to update on the USDA Farms to Families food drop. So far, we have been able to deliver over 100,000 pounds of food throughout the communities, and we just got approved for the next two weeks. So we will deliver to the municipalities tomorrow and next Wednesday."

NEW BUSINESS

Consider approval of County Abatement for Southern Integrity, LLC in the amount of \$335,000

Stanley Kennedy from the City of Cullman addressed the Commission and stated he was presenting an abatement for a company called Southern Integrity, LLC. They are going to do a startup operation right outside of West Point. The company will be located in Cullman County and is a County abatement. Mr. Kennedy stated the company will be processing meat, have some retail, and slaughtering. The total investment will be \$335,000. The abatement package would save the company just under \$19,000 in 10 years, but based on their sales projection, the County will receive an annual sales tax of \$33,655. They will hire 6-8 people, and the starting wages will range about \$24 per hour. Mr. Kennedy explained he thinks this is a quality investment for the County and a way to have a new startup local business here in the County in an area that does not even have a grocery store. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the County Abatement for Southern Integrity, LLC., in the amount of \$335,000. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion then passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Set Public Hearing on October 14, 2020, for a proposed vacation of a 50-foot right-of-way between Lots 3 and 4 on Lake David Dr. N.W. Cullman, Alabama

County Attorney Emily Johnston addressed the Commission and stated the adjoining landowners are asking for the vacation of a portion of Lake David Drive. Ms. Johnston said she would make sure all utility providers and adjoining landowners were notified properly before the October 14, 2020 hearing. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to set a Public Hearing on October 14, 2020, for a proposed vacation of a 50-foot right-of-way between Lots 3 and 4 on Lake David Dr. N.W. Cullman, Alabama. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the purchase of a Hydrostatic Power Control Unit (HPCU) for a 973 Caterpillar Track Loader

Bryan Cheatwood, County Engineer, addressed the Commission and stated the hydrostatic Power control unit is a critical piece of equipment for material handling. Mr. Cheatwood stated given the overall value of the piece of equipment, even with this purchase, we are still way ahead if we sold the piece of equipment as is. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the purchase of a hydrostatic power control unit for a 973 Caterpillar Truck Loader. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider request from Festhalle Market Steering Committee requesting \$3,000

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, explained that the Commission has been doing this for the past few years. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the request from Festhalle Market Steering Committee in the amount of \$3,000. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Authorize purchase of 3 easements adjacent to Cullman Regional Airport to maintain existing runway approach

Ben Harrison, Airport Manager, addressed the Commission and stated the Airport would like to purchase 3 easements. These easements are on the South end of the airport and would be cleared to help maintain the runway approach. Commissioner Watson made a motion approving the purchase of 3 easements adjacent to the Cullman Regional Airport to maintain existing runway approach. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize Chairman Walker to sign a memorandum of agreement between the Town of South Vinemont and Cullman County Commission

County Engineer, Bryan Cheatwood addressed the Commission and stated the memorandum would clarify the County's participation in the ADECA Grant with the Town of South Vinemont. Mr. Cheatwood stated the County would be reimbursed for all materials purchased. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to authorize Chairman Walker to sign a memorandum of agreement between the Town of South Vinemont and Cullman County Commission. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion then passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider and adopt the Annual Transportation Plan for FY 2021

Bryan Cheatwood, County Engineer, addressed the Commission and stated the Transportation Plan consisting of \$1.3 million of Rebuild Alabama funds and Federal Exchange funds. Mr. Cheatwood stated he currently has County Road 1514, County Road 1212, and County Road 1282 as far as the Transportation Plan, and he would release the final details to the press and the ACCA for advertising once the plans were finalized. Commissioner Watson made a motion to adopt the Annual Transportation Plan for FY-2021. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize Chairman Walker to sign a Construction Agreement for a Federal Aid Project with ALDOT for the resurfacing of County Road 1141

County Engineer Bryan Cheatwood addressed the Commission and stated the Construction Agreement would be for the resurfacing of County Road 1141 from Hwy 278 all the way to West Point using last year's Rebuild Alabama Funds, Federal Exchange funds, and funds from the ATRIP. Commissioner Marchman made a motion authorizing Chairman Walker to sign a Construction Agreement for a Federal Aid Project with ALDOT for the resurfacing of County Road 1141. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion then passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2020- 39: Resurfacing of County Road 1141

Commissioner Watson made a motion approving Resolution 2020-39: Resurfacing of County Road 1141. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Ratify two payments to A/C Innovations for Sprayer Machines & Disinfectant due to COVID-19 for a combined amount of \$12,602

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to ratify two payments to A/C Innovations for Sprayer Machines & Disinfectant due to COVID-19 for a combined amount of \$12,602. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion then passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize EMA Director Phyllis Little to sign a Grant from ADPH for the State Mortuary Operations Response Team funding for \$30,000

Phyllis Little, EMA Director, addressed the Commission and stated this is the annual grant from CDC and Public Health to maintain the State Mortuary Operations Response Team. The grant is 100% reimbursable. Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize EMA Director Phyllis Little to sign Grant from ADPH for the State Mortuary Operations Response Team funding for \$30,000. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion carried upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider proposed plat resurvey of Lot 2 of Thrasher Subdivision. A minor subdivision, located in District 3 on County Road 1339

County Engineer, Bryan Cheatwood, addressed the Commission and stated the subdivision meets all requirements, and he recommended the Commission approve the plat. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the proposed plat resurvey of Lot 2 of Thrasher Subdivision. A minor subdivision, located in District 3 on County Road 1339. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion then passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the proposed plat, The Grove Estates. A minor subdivision on a private road, located in District 3 off of County Road 1402

Bryan Cheatwood, County Engineer, stated the subdivision meets all requirements, and he recommended the plat be approved by the Commission. Commissioner Watson made a motion approving the plat for The Grove Estates. A minor subdivision on a private road, located in District 3 off of County Road 1402. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Chairman Walker to reappoint Dana Phillips as the Board Vice-Chair to the E-911 Board for a 4-year term expiring 09/01/2024

Commissioner Marchman made a motion approving Chairman Walker to reappoint Dana Phillips as the Board Vice-Chair to the E-911 Board for a 4-year term expiring 09/01/2024. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Commissioner Watson to reappoint Dorothy Maddox as Board Treasurer to the E-911 Board for a 4-year term expiring 09/01/2024

Commissioner Watson made a motion to reappoint Dorothy Maddox as Board Treasurer to the E-911 Board for a 4-year term expiring 09/01/2024. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Commissioner Marchman to reappoint Samuel Tucker to the E-911 Board for a 4-year term expiring 09/01/2024

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to reappoint Samuel Tucker to the E-911 Board for a 4-year term expiring 09/01/2024. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider approval of a bid to RFP Emergency Services for Clearing and Grubbing at the Cullman Regional Airport with shared cost of 50% City of Cullman and 50% Cullman County as co-owners of the airport. Authorize Chairman Walker to sign any paperwork necessary for the bid award and 50% of the expenses

Ben Harrison, Airport Manager, addressed the Commission and stated this is a section of the airport we need cleared and grubbed, taking it down to the ground and back to pasture. Commission Marchman stated, "This is for A portion of this project, correct?". Mr. Harrison stated, "We had it listed as A, B, C and D, but this is just for portion A". Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the bid to RFP Emergency Services for Clearing and Grubbing at the Cullman Regional Airport with shared cost of 50% City of Cullman and 50% Cullman County as co-owners of the airport and authorize Chairman Walker to sign any paperwork necessary for the bid award and 50% of the expenses. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion then passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1314- Extension- Fog & Scrub to Ergon

Bryan Cheatwood, County Engineer stated this bid is for materials only, and he recommended the bid be extended. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to extend bid no. 1314 for Fog & Scrub to Ergon. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1315- Extension- Pest Control to American Pest Control

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, addressed the Commission and stated everyone has been please with American Pest Control and recommended that the Commission extend the bid. Commissioner Watson made a motion to extend the bid no. 1315 Pest Control to American Pest Control. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Bid No. 1328- Micro Surfacing to Whitaker Contracting

Bryan Cheatwood, County Engineer, addressed the Commission and stated he recommended the bid for Micro Surfacing be awarded to Whitaker Contracting. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to award bid no. 1328 Micro Surfacing to Whitaker Contracting. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

WORK SESSION

The Commission will hold a Work Session on September 9, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. in the commission meeting room.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting would be Wednesday, September 9, 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 10:21 a.m.

/S/ _____
Kenneth Walker,
Chairman

/S/ _____
Kerry Watson,
Associate Commissioner

/S/ _____
Garry Marchman,
Associate Commissioner