

CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

September 9, 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. Commissioner Kerry Watson gave the invocation. Matt Hogue from the Sheriff's Department led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 11, 2020 MEETING, APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS, AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED

Commissioner Marchman made the motion to approve the minutes from August 11, 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

No public comments were made.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider approval of County Tax Abatement for TBS Cattle Farms, LLP., & HH Technologies, Inc., in the amount of \$3,350,000

Luke Satterfield from Cullman City Economic Development Office addressed the Commission and stated the County Tax Abatement for TBS Cattle Farms, LLP., & HH Technologies, Inc., is a 60,000 square foot manufacturing facility that will create 15 jobs. Mr. Satterfield also stated the County would see a \$3.35 million dollar cap. The companies are looking to abate \$189,000, generating \$129,000 in educational revenue. Commissioner Watson made a motion approving the County Tax Abatement for TBC Cattle Farms, LLP., & HH Technologies, Inc, in the amount of \$3,350,000.00. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Ratify the contract amendment by and between Cullman County Commission and Cullman County Partnership for Children, Inc.

Emily Johnston, County Attorney, explained to the Commission it was previously approved for out of County juveniles to be housed in the Cullman County Detention Center, so the contract had to be changed. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the ratification of the contract amendment by and between Cullman County Commission and Cullman County Partnership for Children, Inc. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Ratify the signing of TRANE Maintenance Agreement by Commissioner Watson for the Sheriff's Department/Jail to change out air filters- cost \$5,548.38

Matt Hogue from the Sheriff's Department addressed the Commission and explained this was a one-time agreement with Trane to change out all the air filters at the jail and perform maintenance. Commissioner Watson made a motion to ratify the signing of TRANE Maintenance Agreement by Commissioner Watson for the Sheriff's Department/Jail to change out air filters- cost \$5,548.38. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion then passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize Chairman to sign a one-year contract with TRANE for scheduled maintenance and block of hours if maintenance is needed for the Sheriff's Department and Jail buildings- cost \$15,150

Matt Hogue from the Sheriff's Department explained to the Commission the one-year contract with Trane is for all the HVAC systems on the Jail and Detention Center. Mr Hogue also explained the systems are not out of warranty; this just puts us as a priority to where if we call, they will come right out and fix them. Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign a one-year contract with TRANE for scheduled maintenance and block of hours if maintenance is needed for the Sheriff's Department and Jail buildings- cost \$15,150. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize Chairman to sign a Memorandum of Agreement between the State of Alabama and Cullman County Commission for Federal Exchange Funds

Bryan Cheatwood, County Engineer, addressed the Commission and explained the Memorandum of Agreement between the State of Alabama and Cullman County Commission is for Federal Exchange Funds and Annual State Funds. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to authorize Chairman to sign a Memorandum of Agreement between the State of Alabama and Cullman County Commission for Federal Exchange Funds. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Authorize Chairman to sign a Concurrence of Award Letter for Resurfacing and Traffic Stripe on County Road 1141

County Engineer, Bryan Cheatwood explained he recommended the Resurfacing and Traffic Stripe on County Road 1141 to be awarded to Good Hope Contracting. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to authorize Chairman to sign a Concurrence of Award Letter for Resurfacing and Traffic Stripe on County Road 1141 and award to Good Hope Contracting. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider request from Farm City Committee for \$300

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the request from Farm City Committee for \$300. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion then passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the purchase of 3 mapping computers for Reappraisal from TSA- cost \$7,320

Ken Walling from the IT Department addressed the Commission and stated the request for three mapping computers is for Reappraisal. Mr. Walling said the computers would be paid for out of the Reappraisal budget. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the purchase of three mapping computers for Reappraisal from the TSA bid list in the amount of \$7,320. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of employment contract of the County Engineer, Bryan Cheatwood

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the employment contract of the County Engineer, Bryan Cheatwood. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider transfer of the Crane Hill Senior Center building to the Crane Hill Volunteer Fire Department

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to transfer the Crane Hill Senior Center building to the Crane Hill Volunteer Fire Department. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider expenditure for septic system at the Stony Lonesome Storm Shelter

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the expenditures for septic system at the Stony Lonesome Storm Shelter. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion then passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize EMA Director, Phyllis Little to sign the State Local Disaster Assistance Agreement

Phyllis Little, EMA Director, explained to the Commission this is the standard funding agreement we sign with every federal disaster declaration stating FEMA is responsible for 75% of the payment for damages, and the State and County are each responsible for 12.5% of the payment for damages. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to authorize EMA Director, Phyllis Little to sign the State Local Disaster Assistance Agreement. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider a one (1) year maintenance agreement with Johnston Technologies, Inc., for battery backup for the Sheriff's Department

Matt Hogue from the Sheriff's Office stated this is an extension of the current contract we have with this company for the battery back up in dispatch at the Detention Center. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve a one (1) year maintenance agreement with Johnston Technologies, Inc., for battery backup for the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider authorizing the annual payment to the ACCA Worker's Compensation Fund on October 1, 2020 for worker's comp insurance from 10/1/2020 to 10/1/2021 at a cost of \$529,598.58

County Administrator Gary Teichmiller addressed the Commission and stated the payment is for the annual premiums of the ACCA Worker's Comp Fund. Mr. Teichmiller noted from the last year's premium to this year; it is about a \$3,000 dollar increase. Commissioner Marchman made a motion authorizing the annual payment to the ACCA Worker's Compensation Fund on October 1, 2020 for worker's comp insurance from 10/1/2020 to 10/1/2021 at a cost of \$529,598.58. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the approval of an agreement with Gerber Life Insurance Company/Unity Re to provide Employee Health Stop-Loss Insurance for FY 2021 at a cost of \$660,664. Gerber Life Insurance Company/Unity Re quote was 7% over current costs but 8% less than the renewal quote from the current carrier (HCC)

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, addressed the Commission and stated the County had looked into four different companies, and Gerber Life Insurance Company/Unity Re was the lowest. Commissioner Watson made a motion approving an agreement with Gerber Life Insurance Company/Unity Re to provide Employee Health Stop-Loss Insurance for FY 2021 at a cost of \$660,664. Gerber Life Insurance Company/Unity Re quote was 7% over current costs but 8% less than the renewal quote from the current carrier (HCC). Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider proposed plat for 587 Subdivision. A minor subdivision consisting of 4 lots located on County Road 587 in District 4

Bryan Cheatwood, County Engineer addressed the Commission and stated the subdivision meets all regulations and recommended approval. Commissioner Marchman made a motion approving the plat for 587 Subdivision. A minor subdivision consisting of 4 lots located on County Road 587 in District 4. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider proposed plat for Duck Creek Estates. A minor subdivision consisting of 15 lots located on County Road 1669 and 1668 in District 4

County Engineer, Bryan Cheatwood, addressed the Commission and stated the subdivision meets all regulations and recommended approval. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the plat for Duck Creek Estates. A minor subdivision consisting of 15 lots located on County Road 1669 and 1668 in District 4. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion then passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider proposed plat for Duck River Estates. A minor subdivision consisting of 6 lots located on County Road 1650 in District 4

Bryan Cheatwood, County Engineer explained to the Commission the subdivision met all regulations. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the plat for Duck River Estates. A minor subdivision consisting of 6 lots located on County Road 1650 in District 4. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider proposed plat for Bevel Estates. A minor subdivision consisting of 6 lots located in District 2 on County Road 39

County Engineer, Bryan Cheatwood addressed the Commission and explained the subdivision meets all regulations and recommended approval. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the plat for Bevel Estates. A minor subdivision consisting of 6 lots located in District 2 on County Road 39. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Bid No. 1321- Extension- Structural Steel to Harris Steel for six months

Bryan Cheatwood, County Engineer, addressed the Commission and stated he recommended the extension of Bid No. 1321. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to extend Bid No. 1321 for Structural Steel to Harris Steel for six months. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1322- Extension- Reinforcing Steel to Harris Steel for six months

County Engineer, Bryan Cheatwood addressed the Commission and stated he recommended the extension for Bid No. 1322. Commissioner Watson made a motion approving the extension of Bid No. 1322 for Reinforcing Steel to Harris Steel for six months. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion then passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1329- Services for Sheriff's Deputy and other various County vehicles- Havoline Express Lube

Matt Hogue from the Sheriff's Department addressed the Commission and stated Bid No. 1329 was for services to the Sheriff's Department vehicles and recommended awarding the bid to Havoline Express Lube. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve and award Bid No. 1329 for service for the Sheriff's Deputy and other various County vehicles to Havoline Express Lube. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Bid No. 1331- Cold Laid Plant Mix- Advanced Asphalt Products and Good Hope Contracting Company

County Engineer, Bryan Cheatwood addressed the Commission and stated he recommended awarding Bid No. 1331 as a split bid between Advanced Asphalt Products and Good Hope Contracting Company based upon availability. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve and award Bid No. 1331 for Cold Laid Plant Mix as a split bid between Advanced Asphalt Products and Good Hope Contracting Company based upon availability. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

WORK SESSION

The Commission will hold a Work Session on September 22, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. in the commission meeting room.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2020

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting would be Tuesday, September 22, 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 10:15 a.m.

/s/ _____
Kenneth Walker,
Chairman

/s/ _____
Kerry Watson,
Associate Commissioner

/s/ _____
Garry Marchman,
Associate Commissioner