

**CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
SEPTMEBER 22, 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 Niezer Johnston. Senator Garlan Gudger gave the invocation. Ben Harrison, Airport Manager, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2020 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS, AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED

Commissioner Marchman made the motion to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2020, Commission Meeting; approve 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

Phyllis Little, EMA Director, stated Alabama Department of Public Health would be doing a drive-thru flu shot clinic on October 2, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. in the parking lot of the Ag Center. It will be the usual cost of \$5.00, and they will take Medicare.

NEW BUSINESS

Recognition- June Bailey retiring after 34 years of service to Cullman County Commission

Judy Bradford, HR Manager, addressed the Commission and read aloud a certificate presented to Ms. June Bailey for her retirement after 34 years of service to the County Commission. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the certificate presented to Ms. Bailey. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Ratify the Proclamation for Pilot International Founders Day for the Pilot Club

Commissioner Marchman made a motion approving the ratification of the proclamation for Pilot International Founders Day for Pilot Club. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion then passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize Chairman Walker to sign a Release of Liability for the transfer of the old Crane Hill Senior Center building to the Crane Hill Volunteer Fire Department

County Attorney, Emily Johnston addressed the Commission and stated the Release of Liability states the Commission is releasing the building as is. Commissioner Watson made a motion authorizing Chairman Walker to sign a Release of Liability for the transfer of the old Crane Hill Senior Center building to the Crane Hill Volunteer Fire Department. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Authorize Chairman Walker to sign a construction agreement for the resurfacing and traffic stripping of Welcome Road/County Road 1564

Chairman Walker stated "I would like to give a big amen to Senator Gudger for getting this project done. It will be 100% funded through the State. It is a farm-to-market road where one end starts at Hwy 69 and ends at a different point on Hwy 69. I think that was part of the rules about getting it done on the State side. Senator, do you have anything you would like to share?"

Senator Garlan Gudger addressed the Commission and stated "I appreciate you guys working with me. It has been a long road and as you all know, when you are dealing with roads there is never enough money. There are always people who need help but there is not enough time or money to get it all done. I am thankful that through relationships we have built in Montgomery that we were able to get this money so it is not coming out of the taxpayers general fund budget, your budget, or anyone's budget in Cullman County. We are thankful this money is coming from Montgomery directly so you can put your money toward other roads. It is \$1.4 million total, and I am thankful we can bring this project to you. We are going to turn this over to local assistance, which is you guys to keep the bid as low as possible and to get it done as soon as possible. If I am not mistaken, you guys are starting by the end of the year. I just wanted to say thank you and be present today. As a city councilman, I could make something happen pretty quick. Just like you guys, within a month or two we can make something happen. Being at the State level, that is not the case. It usually takes a year to a year and a half to get a big project. I am thankful this finally came to the Commission and we can help all the taxpayers of Cullman County. This is just the first project of many."

Chairman Walker stated, "Thank you. I have been here almost 8 years, and this is the first money from Montgomery that we have got as a Commission and we want to say thank you."

Commissioner Watson stated, "Senator, I would like to thank you too. What I like about this project is it also helps two municipalities, the Town of Fairview and the Town of Baileyton. It also helps Fairview School and Parkside School."

Senator Gudger stated, "One last thing, we had Mr. John Lang before he left that gave us the original quote. He turned that in over a year and a half ago. That quote had to be updated which came back with the \$1.4 million. So, thank you Mr. Cheatwood, I appreciate that."

Chairman Walker stated, "Bryan, I want to thank you for working with Senator Gudger and the people in Montgomery to get that together for us."

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to authorize Chairman Walker to sign a construction agreement for the resurfacing and traffic stripping of Welcome Road/County Road 1564. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion then passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2020-40: Resurfacing and traffic striping of Welcome Road/County Road 1564

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-40: Resurfacing and traffic striping of Welcome Road/County Road 1564. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2020-41: FY 2021 ALDOT Matching Funds

Ben Harrison, Airport Manager, addressed the Commission and stated this Resolution is for the preapplication for FY-2021 projects. Mr. Harrison stated the preapplications must be turned in by November 2020. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-41: FY 2021 ALDOT Matching Funds. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion then passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2020-42: FY 2021 FAA Matching Funds

Airport Manager, Ben Harrison explained to the Commission the preapplication for FY-2021 must be turned in by November 2020. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-42: FY 2021 FAA Matching Funds. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize Chairman Walker to sign the Alabama Department of Youth Services Long Term Detention Subsidy Contract for FY 2021

Kay Bell from Juvenile Probation addressed the Commission and stated the contract is with the Tennessee Valley Juvenile Detention Center. We have two beds there to house juveniles. Ms. Bell said she would like to thank Chairman Walker and both Commissioners for all of their support of the Juvenile Program. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to authorize Chairman Walker to sign the Alabama Department of Youth Services Long Term Detention Subsidy Contract for FY 2021. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize Chairman Walker to sign the Alabama Department of Youth Services Agency Grant Agreement for FY 2020-2021 in the amount of \$248,984 for the benefit of Cullman, Blount, and Jackson Counties

Kay Bell from Juvenile Probation addressed the Commission and stated this is a Diversion Group GRANT??? I DON' T THINK IT IS GROUP from the Department of Youth Services. It services three counties including Cullman, Blount, and Jackson Counties. Ms. Bell explained whatever money is left over; the Commission will get to keep. Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize Chairman Walker to sign the Alabama Department of Youth Services Agency Grant Agreement for FY 2020-2021 in the amount of \$248,984 for the benefit of Cullman, Blount, and Jackson Counties. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize Chairman Walker to sign the Alabama Department of Youth Services Agency Grant Agreement for FY 2020-2021 in the amount of \$128,888 as the fiscal agent for Lauderdale County

Kay Bell from Juvenile Probation explained the Commission is the fiscal agent for Lauderdale County. The Commission manages the money and pays the invoices as they come in. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to authorize Chairman Walker to sign the Alabama Department of Youth Services Agency Grant Agreement for FY 2020-2021 in the amount of \$128,888 as the fiscal agent for Lauderdale County. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Authorize County Engineer, Bryan Cheatwood to sign a renewal with Diversified Computer Services, LLC

Bryan Cheatwood, County Engineer addressed the Commission and stated this is the software used for job cost reporting. Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize County Engineer, Bryan Cheatwood to sign a renewal with Diversified Computer Services, LLC. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of payment of \$5,000 to terminate a Lease Hanger Agreement at the Cullman Regional Airport to be in compliance with FAA regulations

Ben Harrison, Airport Manager explained to the Commission a lease was put into place many years ago. Since then, circumstances have changed, and the tenant now needs to leave. We still have about seven years left on the lease. Mr. Harrison explained we have another tenant currently ready to move into the hanger. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the payment of \$5,000 to terminate a Lease Hanger Agreement at the Cullman Regional Airport to be in compliance with FAA regulations. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion then passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the County's appropriation of \$20,000 for the FLW Pro Series Fishing Tournament

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the County's appropriation of \$20,000 for the FLW Pro Series Fishing Tournament. Commissioner Marchman stated this was to bring the tournament to Cullman County, and it was a split appropriation between the County, Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Cullman. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the rental of a 200 Ton Chiller for the Courthouse from Aggreko, LLC- cost \$6,480.25 monthly and a one-time setup fee of \$4,112

Chairman Walker explained due to the chiller going out in the basement of the Courthouse; we are going to rent a 200-ton chiller. We are currently in the process of trying to get a new HVAC system installed at the Courthouse. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the rental of a 200 Ton Chiller for the Courthouse from Aggreko, LLC in the amount of \$6,480.25 monthly and a one-time setup fee of \$4,112. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Resolution 2020-43: CARTS Third Party Service Contracts FY-2021

Joyce Echols, CARTS Director, addressed the Commission and stated the CARTS Third Party Service Contracts are done annually as recommended through ALDOT for funding for CARTS. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-43: CARTS Third Party Service Contracts FY-2021. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Approve the FY-2021 Budget in the amount of \$65,568,678 which includes the General Fund Budget of \$23,553,749

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator explained to the Commission FY-2021 budget is a decrease of about \$3 million due to the purchase of automated sanitation trucks that will not be in the next fiscal year. The county employees will receive a 3% raise increase across the board with no Cost-of-Living raise. The other decrease was due to \$700,000 being paid through the CARES Act for the CARTS buses. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the FY-2021 Budget in the amount of \$65,568,678, which includes the General Fund Budget of \$23,553,749. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

WORK SESSION

The Commission will hold a Work Session on October 14, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the commission meeting room.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 14, 2020

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Wednesday, October 14, 2020 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 10:19 a.m.

/S/ _____
Kenneth Walker,
Chairman

/S/ _____
Kerry Watson,
Associate Commissioner

/S/ _____
Garry Marchman,
Associate Commissioner