

**CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
December 15, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Clemons called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM

Tiffany Merriman, County Clerk, called the roll; present were Chairman Jeff Clemons, Commissioner Kerry Watson, Commissioner Garry Marchman, County Administrator Gary Teichmiller, County Engineer Bryan Cheatwood, and County Attorney Emily Johnston. Matt Smith, Pastor at Eastside Baptist Church, gave the invocation. Matt Kinsland, Project Coordinator at Economic Development, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2020 MEETING AND DECEMBER 9, 2020 SPECIAL MEETING ; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS, AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED

Commissioner Marchman made the motion to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2020 meeting and the minutes of the Special Meeting December 9, 2020; 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

Senator Garlan Gudger stated, " As Senator, I went to Montgomery this last session, and there are certain times when an opportunity presents itself. We are able, as a State Delegation, to come together to fight for Cullman County. What we fought for was Agriculture. How we did that was through a construction project. We brought \$215,000 for AG Center upgrades to the roof that has been leaking, especially during the Rodeo."

Ben Haynes with ALFA stated, " I appreciate you recognizing the importance of agriculture in Cullman and recognizing the value of the AG Center. The Ag Center is such a tremendous asset to the county. I am so proud that we could help secure money to ensure the AG Center stays in good shape and continues to be the asset that it always has been."

Representative Corey Harbison stated, "I just want to say that it is an honor for me to represent solely Cullman County. I know that nobody ever agrees on every political issue, but I think it is good we all work together to do what we can for, especially Cullman."

NEW BUSINESS

Proclamation-January 2021 Human Trafficking Awareness Month

Emily Johnston, County Attorney, read the Proclamation that was presented to Kathy Wilson. Kathy Wilson addressed the Commission and stated, " we certainly appreciate the county and the support you have given to us. We certainly appreciate you doing the Proclamation for year 2021. This past year we were able to partner with Wallace State Community College. We put out our first public service announcement video. It is a 2.5-minute video. It is on YouTube under Cullman County Human Trafficking Task Force." Commissioner Watson made a motion to

accept the Proclamation for January 2021 Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion then passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2021-04: December 31, 2020 as a County Holiday

Commissioner Marchman made a motion approving Resolution 2021-04: December 31, 2020, as a County Holiday to allow employees the opportunity to enjoy some additional time with their families over New Year's break. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2021-05: Agreement with Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) relating to CARTS with partial funding by the Federal Transit Administration for FY 2021-2022

Joyce Echols, Director of CARTS reported this an ongoing agreement with ALDOT.

This is for FY 2021-2022. Commissioner Watson made a motion approving Resolution 2021-05: Agreement with Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) relating to CARTS with partial funding by the Federal Transit Administration for FY 2021-2022.

Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Resolution 2021-06: Award Contract to Install a Community Storm Shelter at the New Canaan Community Center

Bradley Williams, Director of Economic Development, addressed the Commission and reported a FEMA Grant would fund this project. Mr. Williams recommended awarding this project to the lowest bidder, Harbor Enterprises, LLC, d.b.a. Survive-A-Storm. Commissioner Marchman made a motion approving Resolution 2021-06: Award Contract to Install a Community Storm Shelter at the New Canaan Community Center. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2021-07: Agreement with the City of Cullman to construct improvements and resurface 24th Street SW and a portion of County Road 715 in Cullman Industrial Park #2

Bradley Williams, Director of Economic Development, reported, this is a CBDG Grant and a ARC Grant that the City of Cullman is doing to repair/repave our portion of County Road 715 and 24th Street. The County will provide \$50,000 of in-kind service. Commissioner Watson made a motion approving Resolution 2021-07: Agreement with the City of Cullman to construct improvements and resurface 24th Street SW and a portion of County Road 715 in Cullman Industrial Park #2. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Authorize Chairman Clemons to reappoint Judge Rusty Turner to the Public Library Board for a 4-year term expiring 09/30/24

Commissioner Marchman made a motion authorizing Chairman Clemons to reappoint Judge Rusty Turner to the Public Library Board for a 4-year term expiring 09/30/24. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.

Authorize Chairman Clemons to sign the 5311 Agreement between CARTS and ALDOT for FY 2021-2022

Joyce Echols, director of Cullman county CARTS, addressed the Commission and advised that the agreement is between the Cullman County Commission, CARTS, and ALDOT. Commissioner Watson made a motion authorizing Chairman Clemons to sign the 5311 Agreement between CARTS and ALDOT for FY 2021-2022. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Authorize Chairman Clemons to sign Certificate of Compliance with the Beason-Hammon AL Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act

Joyce Echols, Director of CARTS, addressed the Commission advising that this Certificate of Compliance is part of the contract with ALDOT. Commissioner Marchman commented that it is part of the contract so that Cullman can continue to receive funding from ALDOT. Commissioner Marchman then made a motion authorizing Chairman Clemons to sign the Certificate of Compliance with the Beason-Hammon AL Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.

Consider appointing Chairman Clemons to the Airport Board expiring 11/2024

Commissioner Watson made a motion appointing Chairman Clemons to the Airport Board expiring 11/2024. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider approval of the Veteran's Memorial Park Advisory Board by-laws

Wiley Kitchens addressed the Commission and stated, "I do not think you can appreciate the Veteran's Memorial Park unless you are a Veteran or affiliated in some way. I was one of the ones privileged to be able to start the Park along with George Mann and Neil Morrison." Mr. Kitchens further stated, Veteran's Park is "something that is dear to me because, as a Veteran, I am proud of my service, proud of my country and proud of a country that I live in and a country where we still have our freedoms." Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the Veteran's Memorial Park Advisory Board by-laws. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.

Consider letting bid for replacement equipment of the AWOS at the Cullman Regional Airport

Ben Harrison, Airport Manager, stated, "this is our automated weather station we have to have to weather for aircraft to come in. It has reached the end of its useful life." The bid will include engineer, and design cost will be included as part of the bid. Commissioner Watson made a motion to allow letting bid for replacement equipment of the AWOS at the Cullman Regional Airport. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider letting bid for proposals for design build hanger at the Cullman Regional Airport

Ben Harrison, Airport Manager, explained to the Commission that we are looking at two different sizes of hangers. We will send out specifications in getting these two hangers designed so that it will comply with FAA and ALDOT guidelines and regulations. There will be approximately \$5000.00 in design cost, but we can roll that cost back into the hanger when they are rented. The design cost will be split 50/50 between the County and City.

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve bid proposals for design build hanger at the Cullman Regional Airport. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.

Consider donation to Saving Forgotten Warriors

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve a donation to Saving Forgotten Warriors. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider donation to VFW

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve a donation to VFW. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.

Consider 3-year agreement with Georgia Pacific for dispenser refills for all county businesses, excluding parks

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve 3-year agreement with Georgia Pacific for dispenser refills for all county businesses excluding parks.

Commissioner Marchman seconded.

Upon unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider Renewal of the ACCA Liability Self-Insurance- cost \$412,189.11

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, addressed the Commission and reported this is our annual liability coverage with the ACCA. It is about a 4% increase. Mr. Teichmiller recommended renewal of the policy. Commissioner Marchman made a motion approving the renewal of the ACCA Liability Self-Insurance. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of Employment Contract for the County Administrator

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Employment Contract for the County Administrator. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider awarding bid for the Agricultural Trade Center Pump Station Improvements Project to Apel Machine & Supply Co. Inc. upon recommendation of St. John & Associates

David Haynes, Engineer with St. John & Associates Inc, addressed the Commission and stated the Agricultural Trade Center is a vital asset to the county and this pump station is necessary for its operation. It has reached the end of its useful life. Mr. Haynes stated that Apel Machine was the lowest responsive bidder. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to award the bid for the Agricultural Trade Center Pump Station Improvements Project to Apel Machine & Supply Co. Inc. upon recommendation of St. John & Associates.

Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.

Authorize Chairman Clemons to serve as owners authorized representative to sign all documents pertaining to Agricultural Trade Center Pump Station Improvements

Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize Chairman Clemons to serve as owners authorized representative to sign all documents pertaining to Agricultural Trade Center Pump Station Improvements. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider payment to St. John & Associates for Engineering Services in the amount of \$10,095.00

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to authorize payment to St. John & Associates for Engineering Services in the amount of \$10,095.00. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.

Bid # 1333: Complete Roofing Project for the Cullman County Garage-Willoughby Roofing and Sheet Metal Inc.

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, stated the only bid was from Willoughby Roofing & Sheet Metal Inc. for \$56,965.00. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Bid # 1333: Complete Roofing Project for the Cullman County Garage-Willoughby Roofing and Sheet Metal Inc. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

WORK SESSION

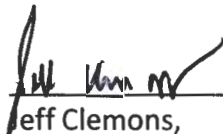
The Commission will hold a Work Session on Thursday, January 21, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. in the commission meeting room.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING Thursday, January 21, 2021

Chairman Clemons announced the next commission meeting would Thursday, January 21, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the commission meeting room.

ADJOURN THE MEETING

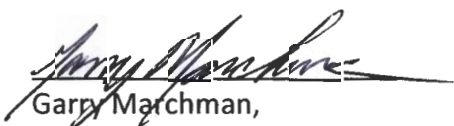
Commissioner Marchman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.



Jeff Clemons,
Chairman



Kerry Watson,
Associate Commissioner



Garry Marchman,
Associate Commissioner