

CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
February 23, 2023

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME GUESTS

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

CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM

Tiffany Merriman, County Clerk, called roll; present were Chairman Jeff Clemons, Commissioner Kerry Watson, Commissioner Garry Marchman, Commissioner Kelly Duke, County Administrator John Bullard, County Attorney Emily Johnston, and Assistant County Engineer Jon Brunner. Clarence Benefield gave the invocation. Colton Olinger from Welti School led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Corey Freeman and County Engineer Bryan Cheatwood were not present.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 10, 2023, MEETING, JANUARY 26, 2023, SPECIAL CALLED MEETING, APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, PERSONNEL ACTIONS, PAYROLL, AND REQUISITIONS, AND APPROVE ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes of January 10, 2023, meeting, January 26, 2023, special called meeting, appropriations, expenditures, personnel actions, payroll, and requisitions, and approve all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/UPDATES

Chairman Clemons announced that we did not receive a request for public comments by the agenda deadline.

NEW BUSINESS

Recognition: Ashley Wilson named Farm City Family of the Year 2023 by the Cullman County Farm-City Committee

Chairman Clemons stated, "It is an honor to recognize you and we appreciate everything you do for the families in Cullman County."

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve Recognition: Ashley Wilson named Farm City Family of the Year 2023 by the Cullman County Farm-City Committee. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Ratify abatement for BBLU Inc./dba ProBin Global for the Town of South Vinemont in the amount of \$168,004.00

Cullman Economic Development Agency Project Manager Stanley Kennedy stated BBLU INC which does their business in the name of Probing Global, is located next to Perfection Chain in Vinemont. They are doing a 45,000-square-foot expansion, this company is only 3 years old. This company is looking for some abatement assistance with the rising cost of everything. This will create 4 new jobs with wages over \$20 an hour for these positions. The total of this investment of this project is \$2.5- \$2.6 million dollars. This is going to create \$94,000 plus in educational revenues over 10 years. The abatement amount is \$168,000 for the same period.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to Ratify abatement for BBLU Inc./dba ProBin Global for the Town of South Vinemont in the amount of \$168,004. Commissioner Duke seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Ratify abatement for Project Redesign for the City of Cullman in the amount of \$4,007,670

Cullman Economic Development Agency Project Manager Stanley Kennedy addressed the Commission and stated this project Redesign, is a project for one of our existing industries. The reason that it is under this name is due to it being a very competitive situation in a cut-throat market. This company is spending \$66 million trying to redesign their plant to compete with our new standards for the product they produce. Our community Cullman and our Cullman company is competing against out-of-state and out-of-town companies for the business tied to

this expansion. This expansion will create 50-plus jobs with wages over \$20 an hour, create \$57,000 plus a year in additional tax revenues to our community, and \$640,000 in local business revenues. During the 10-year period of this abatement, it will create over \$3.5 million dollars for community schools. This abatement will save them over \$4 million over the 10-year period.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to Ratify abatement for Project Redesign for the City of Cullman in the amount of \$4,007,670. Commissioner Duke seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2023-13: Change speed limit to 20 mph on County Road 514

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-13: Change speed limit to 20 mph on County Road 514. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2023-14: Change speed limit to 35 mph on County Road 700 (Bolte Road) from 3rd Avenue to County Road 702

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-14: Change speed limit to 35 mph on County Road 700 (Bolte Road) from 3rd Avenue to County Road 702. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2023-15: Set “No Thru Trucks, Local Delivery Only” for County Road 700 (Bolte Road) from 3rd Avenue to County Road 702

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-15: Set “No Thru Trucks, Local Delivery Only” for County Road 700 (Bolte Road) from 3rd Avenue to County Road 702. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2023-16: For Payment to Non-Profit from American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Replacement Funds: North Alabama Agriplex in the amount of \$200,000

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-16: For Payment to Non-Profit from American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Replacement Funds: North Alabama Agriplex in the amount of \$200,000. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2023-17: For Payment to Non-Profit from American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Reduction Funds: Cullman County Fire Association in the amount of \$100,000

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-17: For Payment to Non-Profit from American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Reduction Funds: Cullman County Fire Association in the amount of \$100,000. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2023-18: Allocating American Rescue Plan Act Funds, Revenue Reduction Funds to the Purchase of Road Materials for County Road Projects in the amount of \$1.2 million

County Administrator John Bullard addressed the Commission and stated this is the American Rescue Plan Revenue production money, the \$1.2 million would go to purchase materials and our County forces will do the paving. This is to finish up roads that were remaining from last year’s paving season.

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-18: Allocating American Rescue Plan Act Funds, Revenue Reduction Funds to the Purchase of Road Materials for County Road Projects in the amount of \$1.2 million. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2023-19: Allocating American Rescue Plan Act Funds, Revenue Reduction Funds to the Purchase of 55-ton Detachable Low Boy Trailer in the amount of \$83,075.38

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-19: Allocating American Rescue Plan Act Funds, Revenue Reduction Funds to the Purchase of 55-ton Detachable Low Boy Trailer in the amount of \$83,075.38. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2023-20: Renew Participation in the Liability fund for calendar years 2024-2026 and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork

County Administrator John Bullard stated this is our annual participation in the liability fund with CRS and the ACCA, this would be committing for the long term but we would get a refund due to longevity and we have gotten a sizeable amount over the years.

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-20: Renew Participation in the Liability fund for calendar years 2024-2026 and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2023-21: Allocating American Rescue Plan Act Funds, Revenue Reduction Funds to the purchase of two 2024 T480 Tandem Dump Trucks in the amount of \$299,000 and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-21: Allocating American Rescue Plan Act Funds, Revenue Reduction Funds to the purchase of two 2024 T480 Tandem Dump Trucks in the amount of \$299,000 and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize Chairman and County Attorney to sign the Federal FY 2023 Certifications and Assurances for FTA Assistance Programs For CARTS

CARTS Director Joyce Echols addressed the Commission and stated this is our annual certification and assurances that we are operating within the guidelines and regulations without Federal funding which we get from the State of Alabama.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to Authorize Chairman and County Attorney to sign the Federal FY 2023 Certifications and Assurances for FTA Assistance Programs For CARTS. Commissioner Duke seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of an allocation agreement with Teva, Allergan, CVS, and Walgreens negotiated by Attorney General Steve Marshall as part of a state-wide opioid settlement. Authorize Chairman Clemons to sign all related documents

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve an allocation agreement with Teva, Allergan, CVS, and Walgreens negotiated by Attorney General Steve Marshall as part of a state-wide opioid settlement. Authorize Chairman Clemons to sign all related documents. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of the Walmart settlement sign-on agreement negotiated by Attorney General Steve Marshall as part of a state-wide opioid settlement. Authorize Chairman Clemons to sign all related documents

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the Walmart settlement sign-on agreement negotiated by Attorney General Steve Marshall as part of a state-wide opioid settlement. Authorize Chairman Clemons to sign all related documents. Commissioner Duke seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of opening a new bank account for the Opioid Settlement Funds at Traditions Bank with Chairman and all Commissioners as signers

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve opening a new bank account for the Opioid Settlement Funds at Traditions Bank with Chairman and all Commissioners as signers. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider Approval of participation with Access 2 Care to provide transportation for Medicaid and Insurance patients to medical appointments within Cullman County and authorize Chairman to sign all documents

CARTS Director Joyce Echols stated this is going to be a great thing. We have been unable to provide service to these clients. This agreement will allow us to be able to provide medical transportation to insurance and

Medicaid clients. This would not cost them anything out of pocket. It would be paid by their insurance or Medicaid.

Chairman Clemons stated this will be great for our seniors and veterans.

Commissioner Marchman asked does it have to be Medicaid?

CARTS Director Joyce Echols, no. It is insurance or Medicaid, it may be Medicare as well but I am not sure about that. If they have insurance that will cover their transportation then we will be able to provide for them.

Commissioner Marchman stated is this just in Cullman County?

CARTS Director Joyce Echols said that is the way it is stipulated.

Commissioner Marchman stated is it stipulated by our design, or did they design it? We have local veterans that we are trying to help outside of Cullman.

County Administrator John Bullard stated, I think that is the stipulation that they have to live in Cullman County. This is just the application, there is nothing that I can see that says it only has to be in Cullman County.

CARTS Director Joyce Echols stated some other agencies are already doing it like Baldwin County and it has been great.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the participation with Access 2 Care to provide transportation for Medicaid and Insurance patients to medical appointments within Cullman County and authorize Chairman to sign all documents. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider Chairman Clemon's nominee, Bradley Williams, for appointment to the Industrial Development Board for a term to expire 1/19/2029 to replace Layne Lowery

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Chairman Clemon's nominee, Bradley Williams, for appointment to the Industrial Development Board for a term to expire 1/19/2029 to replace Layne Lowery. Commissioner Duke seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of Catastrophic Inmate Medical Insurance with Hunt Insurance Group/Sirius America Insurance Option 2 in the amount of \$73,184.40 and authorize Chairman to sign all documents

County Administrator John Bullard addressed the Commission and stated this is our annual catastrophic insurance for inmate medical, fiscal year 2022 we will have claims of around \$25,000 that we will get back. If we had a major claim it would cover up to \$300,000, which could happen at any time. I would recommend approval of this.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to the approval of Catastrophic Inmate Medical Insurance with Hunt Insurance Group/Sirius America Insurance Option 2 in the amount of \$73,184.40 and authorize Chairman to sign all documents. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of the annual Tek84 maintenance agreement for jail scanner equipment in the amount of \$8,995 and authorize Chairman to sign all related documents

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve the annual Tek84 maintenance agreement for jail scanner equipment in the amount of \$8,995 and authorize Chairman to sign all related documents. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider adding 4 doors at the Courthouse for security system in the amount of \$13,903.41

Commissioner Watson stated is it 4 extra doors.

County Administrator John Bullard stated it is not adding doors it is actually adding key card scanners to doors. There will be two for the District Attorney's Office and two for the Circuit Clerk's Office.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve adding 4 doors at the Courthouse for security system in the amount of \$13,903.41. Commissioner Duke seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the surplus of 151 miscellaneous obsolete automotive filters from the Garage to be auctioned on GovDeals

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve the surplus of 151 miscellaneous obsolete automotive filters from the Garage to be auctioned on GovDeals. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the surplus of the following items from the Road Department to be auctioned on GovDeals

- 20132 Freightliner 108SD (Vin # 1FVHG58SOEHFJ0570)
- 2015 International Dump Truck Model 7 (Vin # 3HAWNSUT3GL220169)
- 2009 Isuzu Nprhd (Vin # JALE5W16597300150)
- 1995 Ford F350 (Vin # 1FDJF37H9SEA)
- 2014 Freightliner 108SD (Vin # 1FVHG5BS2EHFJ0571)
- Etnyre Asphalt Distributor (Serial # S2330)
- Etnyre Asphalt Distributor (Serial # S3421)
- 2015 International 7500 6x4 Tandem Dump Truck (Vin # 3HAWNSUT3GL22169)
- AM GENERAL 8X6 MILITARY TRUCK (Vin# OT58166710150)
- 1979 AM GENERAL 8X6 MILITARY TRUCK M917 (Vin # OT58166710350)
- 1979 AM GENERAL 8X6 MILITARY TRUCK M917 (Vin # OT58166710250)
- 1997 Stewart Stevenson m1083 (Vin # BT4999BCBF)
- CASE FORKLIFT (Serial # 548801)
- 2005 Dually truck bed with bumper
- 144 Boxes of Miscellaneous Filters

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the surplus of the following items from the Road Department to be auctioned on GovDeals: 20132 Freightliner 108SD (Vin # 1FVHG58SOEHFJ0570), 2015 International Dump Truck Model 7 (Vin # 3HAWNSUT3GL220169), 2009 Isuzu Nprhd (Vin # JALE5W16597300150), 1995 Ford F350 (Vin # 1FDJF37H9SEA), 2014 Freightliner 108SD (Vin # 1FVHG5BS2EHFJ0571), Etnyre Asphalt Distributor (Serial # S2330), Etnyre Asphalt Distributor (Serial # S3421), 2015 International 7500 6x4 Tandem Dump Truck (Vin # 3HAWNSUT3GL22169), AM GENERAL 8X6 MILITARY TRUCK (Vin# OT58166710150), 1979 AM GENERAL 8X6 MILITARY TRUCK M917 (Vin # OT58166710350), 1979 AM GENERAL 8X6 MILITARY TRUCK M917 (Vin # OT58166710250), 1997 Stewart Stevenson m1083 (Vin # BT4999BCBF), CASE FORKLIFT (Serial # 548801), and 2005 Dually truck bed with bumper. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the surplus of the following items from the Parks to be auctioned on GovDeals

- 7ft Landpride bushhog (Serial #826-376C)
- 8ft 6-way blade attachment for skid steer (Serial # G059265)
- 2000 White Single Cab GMC Sierra (Vin # 1GTEC14V6Y2300724)
- Green Tandem Axle Dump Truck (Vin # 1HTCF2570DHA182C3)

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve the surplus of the following items from the Parks to be auctioned on GovDeals. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the surplus of the following items from CARTS to be auctioned on GovDeals

- 1995 Ford E350 Van (Vin # 1FDKE30F55HA54734)
- 2007 Ford E350 Van (Vin # 1FDXE45P57DA32096)

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the surplus of the following items from CARTS to be auctioned on GovDeals: 1995 Ford E350 Van (Vin # 1FDKE30F55HA54734) and 2007 Ford E350 Van (Vin # 1FDXE45P57DA32096). Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider new labor rate schedule for the County Garage as follows: Remainder of FY 23 change from \$40 to \$60 per hour. Beginning October 1, 2023, change to \$80 per hour

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve the new labor rate schedule for the County Garage as follows: Remainder of FY 23 change from \$40 to \$60 per hour. Beginning October 1, 2023, change to \$80 per hour. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Approve the County Rebuild Alabama Annual Report (CRAAR) for FY 2022 as required by the Rebuild Alabama Act

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the County Rebuild Alabama Annual Report (CRAAR) for FY 2022 as required by the Rebuild Alabama Act. Commissioner Duke seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Proposed preliminary plat Fair Harbor Subdivision. A major subdivision containing 7 Lots located off County Road 102

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the proposed preliminary plat Fair Harbor Subdivision. A major subdivision containing 7 Lots located off County Road 102. Commissioner Duke seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Proposed preliminary plat COBO Subdivision. A minor subdivision containing 6 Lots located off County Road 337

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the proposed preliminary plat COBO Subdivision. A minor subdivision containing 6 Lots located off County Road 337. Commissioner Duke seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Proposed preliminary plat Amelia Acres Subdivision. A minor subdivision containing 11 Lots located off County Road 1338 and County Road 1435

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the Proposed preliminary plat Amelia Acres Subdivision. A minor subdivision containing 11 Lots located off County Road 1338 and County Road 1435. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Proposed preliminary plat Archer's Point Subdivision. A Major subdivision containing 19 Lots located off County Road 2015

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the Proposed preliminary plat Archer's Point Subdivision. A Major subdivision containing 19 Lots located off County Road 2015. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Award Bid # 1426: Shoulder Material (Installed) to Wheeler Contracting, LLC and Wiregrass Construction Company, Inc based on availability and vicinity.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to Award Bid # 1426: Shoulder Material (Installed) to Wheeler Contracting, LLC and Wiregrass Construction Company, Inc based on availability and vicinity. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Award Bid # 1427: Painting (Labor Only) for the County Owned Property at 310 3rd Ave NE to Bryant Enterprises

Commissioner Duke made a motion to Award Bid # 1427: Painting (Labor Only) for the County Owned Property at 310 3rd Ave NE to Bryant Enterprises. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

WORK SESSION

Chairman Clemons announced the next Commission Work Session will be Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room


THE NEXT COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSION MEETING ROOM

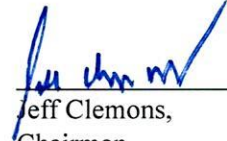
Chairman Clemons announced that the next Commission Meeting will be Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room.

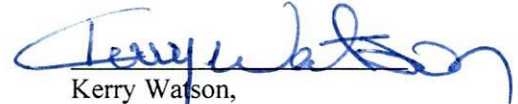
ADJOURN THE MEETING

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to Adjourn. Commissioner Duke seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Attest:


Tiffany Merriman,
County Clerk


Jeff Clemons,
Chairman


Kerry Watson,
Commissioner


Garry Marchman,
Commissioner


Kelly Duke,
Commissioner


Corey Freeman,
Commissioner