Commission Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2024

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 Clemons, Commissioner Watson, Commissioner Marchman, Commissioner Duke, Commissioner Freeman, County Administrator John Bullard, County Attorney Emily Johnston, County Attorney Brad Wilson, and County Engineer Philip Widner. Matt Smith gave the invocation. County Engineer Philip Widner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 16, 2024, MEETING AND AUGUST 5, 2024, EMERGENCY 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 the July 16, 2024, meeting and August 5, 2024, Emergency meeting, appropriations, expenditures, personnel actions, payroll, and requisitions, and approve all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Duke seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/UPDATES
Commissioner Watson addressed the Commission and stated, as you all know I am Kerry Watson. I have been a commissioner since 2014. I have been very blessed to service Cullman County. I have enjoyed serving Cullman County. At this time, I am announcing I will not seek another term in the upcoming election in 2026. I have really enjoyed the service, prayers, and friendships and enjoyed serving the people. This morning when I was doing my morning devotional, Proverbs 16:9 a man's heart plans his way, but the Lord plans his steps. So, at this time, I would like to thank everyone for allowing me to serve in this position and I look forward to being involved in Cullman County somewhere down the line.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2024-36: Apply for matching ALDOT grant funds for the airport hangar taxi lane rehabilitation project
Airport Manager Ben Harrison addressed the Commission, this is an extension of the grant we had last year. We were not able to complete some of the grant last year because we did not have enough money for the paving. This is some of the oldest asphalt and it will take some asphalt rehabilitation along with a seal coat. This is the second phase of that grant. This grant is 75/25 grant, this is a $229,000 project and the City and the County would split the 25%, the total is $28,000.
Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-36: Apply for matching ALDOT grant funds for the airport hangar taxi lane rehabilitation project. Commissioner Freeman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2024-37: Allocating American Rescue Funds to purchase paving machine for the Road Department
County Administrator John Bullard stated the next two items are resolutions for equipment using the American Rescue Funds that we have to spend by December 21, 2024, or commit by December 31, 2024. This is much needed equipment.
Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-37: Allocating American Rescue Funds to purchase paving machine for the Road Department. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2024-38: Allocating American Rescue Funds to purchase shoulder widener for the Road Department
Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-38: Allocating American Rescue Funds to purchase shoulder widener for the Road Department. Commissioner Freeman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2024-39: Allocating American Rescue Funds to purchase tractors for the Road Department
Commissioner Duke and Commissioner Watson, do we have an amount?
County Administrator John Bullard, there is 3 tractors listed on the resolution and the amount is $247,548.
Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-39: Allocating American Rescue Funds to purchase tractors for the Road Department. Commissioner Duke seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize Chairman to sign change order from Stateline Mechanical for the Cullman County Courthouse HVAC upgrades in the amount of $12,583
Commissioner Duke made a motion to authorize Chairman to sign change order from Stateline Mechanical for the Cullman County Courthouse HVAC upgrades in the amount of $12,583. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize JMB Holding, LLC to finalize grading for sod and top dress for the Pandemic Response Center in the amount of $19,715
Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize JMB Holding, LLC to finalize grading for sod and top dress for the Pandemic Response Center in the amount of $19,715. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize the purchase of a 2019 John Deere Compact Loader from Ft. Payne Water Authority for the Road Department in the amount of $ 58,000
Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2019 John Deere Compact Loader from Ft. Payne Water Authority for the Road Department in the amount of $ 58,000. Commissioner Duke seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider safe driving program
Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve safe driving program. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider FY 2025 County Transportation Plan
County Engineer Philip Widner addressed the Commission, this is our yearly Rebuild Alabama funding for 2025. It requires that that the road numbers and amounts be in the minutes.
County Road 1282 in the amount of $513,354.93. County Road 223 in the amount of $391,713.62. County Road 719 in the amount of $517,780.34. County Road 1386 in the amount of $311,474.73.
Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve FY 2025 County Transportation Plan. Commissioner Freeman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider buy-out of CAT Financial leases for two (2) hydraulic excavators in the amount of $81,901.29
Commissioner Freeman made a motion to buy-out of CAT Financial leases for two (2) hydraulic excavators in the amount of $81,901.29. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider outdoor light agreement and right-of-way easement with Cullman Electric Cooperative for power supply at Smith Lake Park and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork
Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve outdoor light agreement and right-of-way easement with Cullman Electric Cooperative for power supply at Smith Lake Park and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of Vector Security for upgrade to existing fire alarm system at the Economic Development and Sales Tax building in the amount of $13,975
Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Vector Security for upgrade to existing fire alarm system at the Economic Development and Sales Tax building in the amount of $13,975. Commissioner Duke seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider payment to ServPro for remediation at the County Board of Education building in the amount of $ 19,144.18

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve payment to ServPro for remediation at the County Board of Education building in the amount of $ 19,144.18. Commissioner Duke seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider Commissioner Watson and Commissioner Duke's nominee, Terry Bentley, for reappointment to the E-911 Board for four-year term to expire 9/1/28

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve Commissioner Watson and Commissioner Duke's nominee, Terry Bentley, for reappointment to the E-911 Board for four-year term to expire 9/1/28. Commissioner Duke seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider Commissioner Marchman and Commissioner Freeman's nominee, Samuel Tucker, for reappointment to the E-911 Board for a four-year term to expire 9/1/28

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Commissioner Marchman and Commissioner Freeman's nominee, Samuel Tucker, for reappointment to the E-911 Board for a four-year term to expire 9/1/28. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider City of Cullman's nominee, Brian Bradberry, to the E-911 Board to replace Dana Phillips for a 4-year term to expire 9/1/28

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve City of Cullman's nominee, Brian Bradberry, to the E-911 Board to replace Dana Phillips for a 4-year term to expire 9/1/28. Commissioner Duke seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider Commission's nominee, Kenneth Cornelius, to the Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association for a two-year term to expire 9/30/26

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve Commission's nominee, Kenneth Cornelius, to the Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association for a two-year term to expire 9/30/26. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the renewal of stop-loss insurance with Lloyd's of London. Increasing Specific deductible to $150,000. Renewal effective October 1, 2024. Estimated annual premium is $685,318, a 1% increase in annual costs

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Consider changes in county prescription drug co-pays to be effective January 1, 2025. Consider changes in county and employee funding levels for health insurance to be effective January 1, 2025

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Consider the renewal of air ambulance service with AirMedCare. Covers all active Cullman County employees eligible for employee benefits. Renewal effective October 1, 2024. Estimated annual premium is $32,500 for FY 2025

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Ratify the purchase of a Ford F600 Super Duty Sanitation Truck from Sourcewell Bid (Contract # 060920-NAF) for Sanitation in the amount of $164,601

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the purchase of a Ford F600 Super Duty Sanitation Truck from Sourcewell Bid (Contract # 060920-NAF) for Sanitation in the amount of $164,601. Commissioner Duke seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the surplus of the following items from the Road Department to be auctioned on Gov Deals or by any means necessary

- **1991 International 4900 (Vin # 1HTSHNGR5MH340709**
- **2003 Ford F-150 (Vin # 2FTRX18W63CA45006)**
- **2007 Ford F-150 (Vin # 1FTPW14V47KC94591)**
- **1999 International 8100 (Vin # 1HSHBADN2XH699692)**
- **2010 John Deere 5101E (Vin # LV5101E260640)**
- **2006 Massey Ferguson Model MF5465 (Vin # R023019F25222AF411A)**
- **2019 Wacker Neuson ST31 (Serial # WNCS0506VPUM01317)**

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Consider the surplus of the following items from the Parks to be auctioned on Gov Deals or by any means necessary

- **One (1) air-up slide**
- **Two (2) air-up bounce house**
- **2006 Turf Golf Cart (Serial # RG0639-685620)**
- **2008 Club Car Golf Cart (KG0823-909465)**
- **One (1) Green Bridge-36 ft X 7 ft**
- **One (1) Yellow Bridge-36 ft X 7 ft**
- **One (1) Yellow Bridge-36 ft X 5 ft**
- **Thirteen (13) 7-foot aluminum ladders**
- **One (1) Morse Drum Handler**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the surplus of the following items from the Parks to be auctioned on Gov Deals or by any means necessary: One (1) air-up slide, Two (2) air-up bounce house, 2006 Turf Golf Cart (Serial # RG0639-685620), 2008 Club Car Golf Cart (KG0823-909465), One (1) Green Bridge-36 ft X 7 ft, One (1) Yellow Bridge-36 ft X 7 ft, One (1) Yellow Bridge-36 ft X 5 ft, Thirteen (13) 7-foot aluminum ladders, One (1) Morse Drum Handler. Commissioner Freeman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Proposed preliminary plat Resubdivide of Broadway/Eva Subdivision. A minor subdivision containing 2 Lots in Commission District 1. The subdivision is located on County Road 1435, a quarter mile north of the intersection of Hwy 157 and County Road 1435

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the preliminary plat Resubdivide of Broadway/Eva Subdivision. A minor subdivision containing 2 Lots in Commission District 1. The subdivision is located on County Road 1435, a quarter mile north of the intersection of Hwy 157 and County Road 1435. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Proposed preliminary plat Catalina Crest Subdivision. A major subdivision containing 12 Lots in Commission District 4. The subdivision is located on County Road 287, approximately 1.5 miles West of the intersection of County Road 437 and County Road 287

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the preliminary plat Catalina Crest Subdivision. A major subdivision containing 12 Lots in Commission District 4. The subdivision is located on County Road 287, approximately 1.5 miles West

of the intersection of County Road 437 and County Road 287. Commissioner Duke seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Proposed preliminary plat resubdivide of Green Acres Subdivision. A minor subdivision containing 6 Lots in Commission District 2. The subdivision is located on County Road 1223, at the Morgan County Line
Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the preliminary plat resubdivide of Green Acres Subdivision. A minor subdivision containing 6 Lots in Commission District 2. The subdivision is located on County Road 1223, at the Morgan County Line. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Proposed preliminary plat The Reserve Retirement Village Subdivision. A major subdivision containing 12 Lots in Commission District 3. The subdivision is located on County Road 717, approximately 800 feet West of the entrance to Stonebridge Farms Event Venue
Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve the preliminary plat The Reserve Retirement Village Subdivision. A major subdivision containing 12 Lots in Commission District 3. The subdivision is located on County Road 717, approximately 800 feet West of the entrance to Stonebridge Farms Event Venue. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Proposed preliminary plat Chaney Branch Farms Subdivision. A major subdivision containing 18 Lots in Commission District 2. The subdivision is located on the corner of County Road 1191 and County Road 1196, a quarter mile East of Missionary Grove Church on County Road 1191
Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the preliminary plat Chaney Branch Farms Subdivision. A major subdivision containing 18 Lots in Commission District 2. The subdivision is located on the corner of County Road 1191 and County Road 1196, a quarter mile East of Missionary Grove Church on County Road 1191. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Extend Bid #1443: Jail Supplies – jail supplies and chemicals to North Alabama Chemical. Central Paper for the laundry and kitchen chemicals, and to Apeiro Solutions for the Fogging Machine Chemicals for one year
Commissioner Watson made a motion to Extend Bid #1443: Jail Supplies – jail supplies and chemicals to North Alabama Chemical. Central Paper for the laundry and kitchen chemicals, and to Apeiro Solutions for the Fogging Machine Chemicals for one year. Commissioner Duke seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Extend Bid # 1444: Service of the Sheriff's Office and other various County Vehicles to Berco Inc; DBA Havoline Express Lube for one year
Commissioner Duke made a motion to Extend Bid # 1444: Service of the Sheriff's Office and other various County Vehicles to Berco Inc; DBA Havoline Express Lube for one year. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Award Bid # 1468: for Pest Control to Wayne's Pest Control
Commissioner Watson made a motion to Award Bid # 1468: for Pest Control to Wayne's Pest Control. Commissioner Duke seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Request from Attorney for Executive Session Under Section 7 of Act No. 2005-40
County Attorney Emily Johnston addressed the Commission, Chairman I have drafted a letter advising that executive session is necessary and proper to protect confidential information. The Code Section applicable is found in Alabama Code 36-25A-7(a)(3) and (a)(7). I am an attorney licensed to practice law in Alabama and the executive session will be to discuss pending or threatened litigation. I respectfully recommend and request that a motion for executive session be considered at this time. I estimate it will be approximately 30 minutes and that we will reconvene around that time. Randall Waldrep and I will be the only additional people in the executive session.

Chairman Clemons announced at this time that we have a request that a motion be considered for an executive session based on the recommendation of our county attorney regarding pending or threatened legal matters.

Commissioner Marchman made a motion for executive session based on the recommendation of the county attorney regarding pending or threatened legal matters. Commission Watson seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Tiffany Merriman, County Clerk, called roll to go into executive session.
Chairman Clemons "Yea"
Commissioner Watson "Yea"
Commissioner Marchman "Yea"
Commissioner Duke "Yea"
Commissioner Freeman "Yea"

Chairman Clemons, I would like to call this meeting to order again. Commissioner Watson made a motion to call the meeting back to order. Commissioner Freeman seconded.

Chairman Clemons announced at this time, we have heard information from our county attorney. We will not take any action at this time and no formal action was taken during the executive session.

THE NEXT COMMISSION WORK SESSION WILL BE TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSION MEETING ROOM

Chairman Clemons announced that the next work session will be Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room.

THE NEXT COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSION MEETING ROOM

Chairman Clemons announced that the next Commission Meeting will be Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room.

ADJOURN THE MEETING

Commissioner Watson made a motion to Adjourn. Commissioner Freeman seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Attest:

Tiffany Merriman,
County Clerk

Jeff Clemons,
Chairman

Kerry Watson,
Commissioner

Garry Marchman,
Commissioner

Kelly Duke,
Commissioner

Corey Freeman,
Commissioner