

CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
July 12, 2011

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman James Graves called the Commission Meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. and welcomed the visitors.

CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Charlotte Slatton, County Clerk, called the roll; present were Chairman James Graves, Commissioner Darrell Hicks, Commissioner Stanley Yarbrough and County Attorney Tim Culpepper. The invocation was given by Buchanan Jackson. Barry Willingham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 28, 2011 MEETING, APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS, TRAVEL EXPENSES; AND APPROVE ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED.

Commissioner Yarbrough made the motion to approve the minutes from June 28, 2011 Commission Meeting, approve appropriations, expenditures, requisitions, travel expenses and approve all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Culver thanked Commissioner Yarbrough for the job he was doing on the west side of the County.

DISCUSSION OF DEBRIS REMOVAL AND CLEAN SWEEP PRIVATE PROPERTY DEBRIS REMOVAL

Chairman Graves addressed the public with an overall view of the progress of the clean up operation. However, the County still does not have a cost estimate from FEMA on the charges the County will have to pay. The County's portion has gone to 12.5% effective today. The Commission does not feel it can continue with the Army Corps of Engineers and pay 12.5% of an unknown amount. The Commissioners reminded the public this operation is for storm debris only, not general cleaning of property. The County will be discontinuing the contract with the Corps effective July 29, 2011.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratify the Chairman signing a contract with AT&T for telephone service

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign a contract with AT&T for telephone service. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize the Chairman to sign the software agreement with Delta Computer Systems, Inc.
Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, stated this is the annual maintenance agreement for the

County's software. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the software agreement with Delta Computer Systems, Inc. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Authorize the Chairman to file the grant application for individual safe rooms through Alabama EMA

Sammie Danford, Director of Economic Development, stated over 200 applications have been turned in for grants for safe rooms. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to authorize the Chairman to file the grant application for individual safe rooms through Alabama EMA. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize the Chairman to file the grant application for various community safe rooms through Alabama EMA

Ms. Danford stated there are grant monies for community safe rooms through the State EMA. These could include municipalities, parks etc. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to authorize the Chairman to file the grant application for various community safe rooms through Alabama EMA. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2011-49 – Digital Information Agreement with ALDOT regarding the acquisition and establishment of 2011 computerized mapping project with the Revenue Department

Revenue Commissioner Barry Willingham stated the new ALDOT Director John Cooper and the Chief Engineer Donald Vaughn have endorsed this program which will save the State money by avoiding duplication of services. The County will receive reimbursement of \$13,600 on the cost of the project. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the agreement with ALDOT for the mapping project. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Consider surplus of 1994 Chevy Blazer from the Sheriff Department to be donated to a Volunteer Fire Department

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to surplus a 1994 Chevy Blazer Serial # 1GNCS13W1RO177528 from the Sheriff's Department to be donated to one of the volunteer fire departments. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1083 – Service for Sheriff's Department and various other department vehicles

Major Darrell Price from the Sheriff's Department stated Quick Lube was the low bidder who met the specifications. Mr. Teichmiller stated they currently have the bid. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to award the service bid to Quick Lube. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider plat for Halbrook Subdivision, located in District 1 on County Road 1225

Keith Creel, Assistant Engineer, stated the plat is eight (8) acres which is to be divided into two four acre plots with road frontage. It meets the County’s regulations for a minor subdivision. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to approve the plat for Halbrook Subdivision, located I District 1 on County Road 1225. Commissioner Hicks seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Ratify employment contract with the Director of Sales Tax and Director of Economic Development

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to ratify employment contracts for the Director of Sales Tax and Economic Development. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Ratify the following personnel actions:

Resignations: Harry Van Johnson CARTS

New Hires: Mark Persall Sheriff Department
 Rachel Ross Detention Deputy
 Gilbert Hancock CARTS – temporary
 Melvin Williams CARTS – temporary
 Jimmie Johnson CARTS – temporary

Promotions: Crystal Bryan Juvenile Detention

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to ratify all personnel actions. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Consideration of David Bussman claim

Tim Culpepper, County Attorney, stated David Bussman, former director of the County Water Department, has filed a claim against Cullman County which is a prerequisite to a lawsuit. He has made a formal request that the County pay him his remaining salary under an alleged contract totaling \$428,942.28; benefits package totaling \$144,467.80; \$1 million for slander and defamation; and \$500,000 for mental anguish and emotional distress. The Commission must affirm or deny the claim.

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to deny Mr. Bussman’s claim. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Set a public hearing date of August 23, 2011 for the vacating of County Road 988

Attorney Culpepper stated a date must be set to allow for advertising. August 23, 2011 was set for the public hearing for vacating of County Road 988

The next NARCOG meeting will be July 20, 2011 at the Decatur office of NARCOG.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING TUESDAY JULY 26, 2011

Chairman Graves announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, July 26, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Meeting Room.

ADJOURN THE MEETING

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion. Chairman Graves adjourned the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

/s/ _____

James D. Graves, Chairman
Hicks,
Commissioner

/s/ _____

Darrell
Stanley Yarbrough,
Associate
Associate Commissioner

/s/ _____