

**CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
August 30, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman James Graves called the Commission Meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and welcomed the visitors.

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

The County Clerk called the roll; present were Chairman James Graves, Commissioner Darrell Hicks, Commissioner Stanley Yarbrough and County Attorney Heath Meherg. The invocation was given by Buchanan Jackson. Phyllis Little led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 14, 2012 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 the August 14, 2012 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.

Recognition of Patricia South by the House and Senate as Alabama Examiner of the Year and the Inaugural International Drivers License Examiner of the Year

Senator Paul Bussman and Representative Mac Buttram each presented Ms. South with proclamations from the Alabama Senate and House of Representatives recognizing her accomplishments as a State employee for the Department of Transportation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Representative Mac Buttram addressed the commission meeting concerning the special election to be held on September 18th to authorize the State to borrow \$146 million for the Oil and Gas Trust Fund to shore up the general fund. If the loan is not approved, there will be severe cuts to the Medicaid, prison and state trooper budgets. Part of the \$146 million will be used for federal matching funds thus preventing a larger shortfall in funding for Medicaid.

A resident of County Road 589 requested the County repair her road. Chairman Graves directed the County Engineer to talk with her following the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Effective October 1, 2012 the Animal Shelter will be closed on Saturday
- Duck River Reservoir website for current information and photos www.duckriver.org
- Duck River Dam site is not open to the public since work is in progress and entrance is restricted
- City of Cullman's abatements for REHAU a) \$17,000,000 for land and building and b) \$72,000,000 machinery

NEW BUSINESS

Authorize the Chairman and EMA Director to sign for the Federal EMPG Funds for FY-2012

Phyllis Little, EMA Director, stated the Federal Emergency Management Performance Grant is the federal funding for operation of EMA. The FY-2012 grant is for \$49,672. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to authorize the Chairman and EMA Director to sign the grant. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement with the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts for audit for the period of October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement with the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts for the annual audit. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the re-appointment of Clarice Shafer to the E-911 Board at the City of Cullman's request for a term to expire 9-1-2016

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to re-appoint Clarice Shafer to the E-911 Board at the City of Cullman's request for a term to expire 9-1-2016. Commissioner Hicks seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider a \$5,000 appropriation for repairs at the Agriculture Center

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve \$5,000 to the Agriculture Center for repairs. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider a donation of \$1,000 to the Berlin Community Center, a polling location

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to donate \$1,000 to the Berlin Community Center, a polling location. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider a donation of \$1,000 to the Kelley Community Center, a polling location

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to donate \$1,000 to the Kelley Community Center, a polling center. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Resolution 2012-38 – Set the speed limit on County Road 1825 at 20 MPH

Jon Brunner, County Engineer, stated local residents have requested a speed limit be posted on County Road 1825. He recommended 20 MPH. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to set the speed limit on County Road 1825 at 20 MPH. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Resolution 2012-39 – Logging Notice

Heath Meherg, County Attorney, stated in July 2012, the State passed laws concerning logging regulations. It is mandatory the counties adopt these guidelines to be in compliance with State law. Some individuals from logging companies questioned the commission as to why the logging industry was being singled out with restrictions on use of county roads.

Commissioners Hicks and Yarbrough explained that the County does look at other industries and agriculture for the possibility of damage to county roads and right of ways. They asked the individuals to meet with the County Attorney following the meeting.

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to approve the resolution on the logging notice. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2012-40 – Appointing Logging Compliance Inspector

Attorney Meherg stated the resolution regarding a logging compliance inspector is related to the enforcement of Resolution 2012-39. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2012-41 – Authorize County Engineer to Apply for Alabama Transportation and Improvement Program (ATRIP) Funding for County Road 222

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to authorize the County Engineer to apply for ATRIP funds for the construction of the interchange off I-65 on County Road 222. Commission Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2012-42 – Re-Authorize funding for Court Attendant

Chairman Graves stated due to budgetary cuts in the State Court System, the local circuit court has asked the County to assist with funding for a court attendant. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the funding for a circuit court attendant. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

The next NARCOG meeting will be August 29, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2012

Chairman Graves announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday September 11, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Meeting Room.

ADJOURN THE MEETING

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. Chairman Graves adjourned the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

/s/ _____
James D. Graves, Chairman

/s/ _____
Darrell Hicks,
Associate Commissioner

/s/ _____
Stanley Yarbrough,
Associate Commissioner