

CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
April 9, 2013

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Kenneth Walker called the Commission Meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and welcomed the visitors.

CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM

The County Clerk called the roll; present were Chairman Kenneth Walker, Commissioner Darrell Hicks, Commissioner Stanley Yarbrough and County Attorney Heath Meherg. The invocation was given by Commissioner Hicks. Tammy Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 27, 2013 MEETING; APPROVE PERSONNEL ACTIONS, APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED.

Commissioner Hicks made the motion to approve the minutes from the March 27, 2013 Commission Meeting; approve personnel actions, appropriations, expenditures, requisitions and all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS

Announcement – PALS County/City Clean-up Day will be April 20, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. - 12 noon

Cherrie Haney from the Economic Development Office thanked the Commission for their support of the Clean-up Day. This year the clean-up will be Saturday, April 20th. Dumpsters will be located throughout the County and the City of Cullman for the disposal of unwanted item. No tire, paint or chemicals will be accepted.

Annual Spring Clean-Up month of May

Chairman Walker announced the Commission is once again sponsoring the "Free Day at the Dump" program. The certificates will be mailed to county residents in their April electric bill. Residents are allowed one free visit to the landfill during the month of May for the disposal of items not picked up during the usual weekly garbage collection. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the annual spring clean-up program allowing one free trip to the landfill. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Ratify the lease agreement with Cullman County Court Referral, L.L.C. signed by the Chairman

Attorney Meherg stated the one year lease with Cullman County Court Referral, L.L.C. is for a portion of the old water department located on Golf Course Road. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to ratify the signing of the lease agreement. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Approve the filing of a complaint for the enforcement of sales tax against a certain business on behalf of Sales Tax/Revenue Enforcement Department of Cullman County

Attorney Meherg stated there is an issue where some businesses are not paying the sales tax they have collected. Chris King, Director of Sales Tax, stated several counties in the State, specifically Shelby County, have used this approach in an effort to collect delinquent sales tax. With a down turn in the economy, more businesses are failing to remit collected taxes. Mr. King stated the filing of a complaint will only be used when a business is seriously delinquent on the remittance of taxes. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to authorize the complaint filing for the enforcement of sales tax on behalf of the Sales Tax Department. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider the donation of a 2000 GMC Sierra to the Agricultural Center from Sportsman Lake Park. Vehicle was surplused 12-12-2006 from the Water Department

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to donate a 2000 GMC Sierra to the Agricultural Center from Sportsman Lake Park. The vehicle was surplused 12-12-2006 from the Water Department and transferred to the park. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider awarding the following bids:

Bid No. 1128 – Outdoor Warning System Upgrade

Phyllis Little, EMA Director, stated the 41 outdoor warning systems throughout the County will be upgraded with communication equipment for narrow band. The County has received a federal hazard mitigation grant and a grant from the CCCDC for the matching funds for the project. The two grants will pay the total cost of the project. There were two bids. She has called references provided by both companies and has found nothing negative about either; therefore she recommended awarding the bid to the low bidder, McCord Communications, Inc.. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to award the bid for the outdoor warning system upgrade to McCord Communication, Inc. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1132 – Fireworks Display 4th of July

Doug Davenport, Park Manager, stated four bids were received for the \$20,000 budgeted program. They evaluate the shell count and size and looked at the references of each vendor. Pyro Productions, Inc. was the company which provided the largest show. While some vendors provided more shells, the size of the shells was small and would not have given an impressive show. The proposal from Pyro Productions, Inc. will be a 20 minute show. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to award the bid for the 4th of July firework display to Pyro Productions, Inc. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

NEXT REGUALR COMMISION MEETING APRIL 23, 2013

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, April 23, 2013, 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 Walker adjourned the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

/s/ _____
Kenneth Walker,
Chairman

/s/ _____
Darrell Hicks,
Associate Commissioner

/s/ _____
Stanley Yarbrough,
Associate Commissioner