

**CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
December 9, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Walker called the Commission Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM

The County Clerk called the roll; present were Chairman Kenneth Walker, Commissioner Kerry Watson, Commissioner Garry Marchman and County Attorney Heath Meherg. The invocation was given by J.L. Parker. Matt Kinsland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 25, 2014 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED.

Commissioner Watson made the motion to approve the minutes from the November 25, 2014 Commission Meeting; approve appropriations, expenditures, payroll, requisitions and all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Tax Abatement for American Proteins, Inc. in the amount of \$4,200,000 for building, equipment and machinery

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the tax abatement for American Proteins, Inc. in the amount of \$4,200,000 for building, equipment and machinery. This expansion is anticipated to create approximately thirty jobs. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider Tax Abatement for Topre America Corporation in the amount of \$20,000,000 for equipment and machinery

Kevin Jackson from the City of Cullman Economic Development Office explained Topre is bringing in equipment for production of a new Honda vehicle. They should be operational by 2016 with the creation of seventy-seven new jobs. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the tax abatement for Topre America Corporation in the amount of \$20,000,000 for equipment and machinery. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Designate bank depositories for County funds

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, explained the County is required by law to annually designate depositories for County funds. He recommended the County continue to authorize deposits with any bank who is a member of the SAFE program. *(The Program requires any bank or financial institution in the State of Alabama, accepting any deposits of public funds, to ensure those funds by pledging eligible collateral to the State Treasurer for the SAFE collateral pool. The law further provides for safeguarding of public deposits by requiring the entire pool and each participating financial institution to stand behind each deposit.)* Commissioner Marchman made a motion to designate all banks which are in the SAFE Program as depositories for County funds. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize the Chairman to sign an Affidavit of Legatee for the receipt of real and personal property assets from the Estate of Randy Hale

Attorney Meherg stated Randy Hale's estate was left to the Animal Shelter. In addition to the real estate the County has previously accepted, this is the transfer of approximately \$18,000 in cash. Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign an Affidavit of Legatee for the receipt of real and personal property assets from the estate. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Ratify the Chairman signing the Highway Safety Office Grant for the Sheriff's Office for FY 2014-15

Chief Deputy Max Bartlett explained the grant is for paying overtime for the enforcement of highway safety. It is a 100% grant. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to ratify the Chairman signing the Highway Safety Office Grant for the Sheriff's Office for FY 2014-15. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2015-09 – Grant Agreement for Recreational Trails Program (RTP) project for multi-purpose trail around Duck River Reservoir

Cherrie Haney from the Economic Development office explained this grant is being obtained by the City of Cullman Utility Board through the County. The Utility Board will be paying all matching funds. The walking trail will eventually go completely around the reservoir. This particular phase is for a bridge. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the resolution for the grant. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Resolution 2015-10 – ADECA Grant Lighting Project for Parking Area at Stony Lonesome OHV Park

Matt Kinsland stated the grant has been in the process since May 2013 and paperwork has finally been received. The enhanced lighting will help with safety issues at the park. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the signing of the resolution for the grant for lighting at Stony Lonesome OHV Park. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Ratify the payment of the Transitional Reinsurance Contribution for \$58,596.30 as part of the fees for the Affordable Care Act

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, explained this expense in an unfunded mandate under the Affordable Care Act. Federal law requires all health insurance issuers and third-party administrators on behalf of self-insured group health plans to make contributions under this program to support payments to individual market issuers that cover high-cost individuals. It is mandatory the County pay this reinsurance fee. The County's cost for 2014 is \$58,596.30. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the payment of the Transitional Reinsurance Contribution. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of payment to the City of Hanceville for the maintenance of Mud Creek - \$15,000

Jon Brunner, County Engineer, stated he had inspected the work and deficiencies had been corrected. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve payment of \$15,000 to the City of Hanceville for the maintenance of Mud Creek. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Consider request for \$500 from Beat 36 for polling maintenance and operational support

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve \$500 for polling maintenance and operational support for Beat 36. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider a request for \$500 for polling maintenance and operation support for Logan Fire & Rescue

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the request from Logan Fire & Rescue for \$500 for polling maintenance and operation support. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the purchase of six (6) or more Mack dump trucks and one (1) Mack lowboy tractor off the ACCA Bid List through Nextran – Approximate cost \$872,269

John Lang, Assistant Engineer, explained as part of the equipment rotation program the Road Department will be sending equipment for auction. The selling of this equipment will pay for the new equipment. This program allows the County to maintain a reliable fleet at a cost of routine maintenance and fuel. Commissioner Watson made a motion to purchase six (6) or more Mack dump trucks and one (1) Mack lowboy tractor off the ACCA Bid List through Nextran at an approximate cost \$872,269. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1178 – Herbicide

Jon Brunner, County Engineer, stated three bids were received but only one was a complete bid. He recommended awarding the bid to Helena Chemical Company. He explained the spraying program has been in place for about three years. It has helped to reduce mowing by eliminating the Johnson grass and allowing Bermuda grass to grow. It has also reduced the maintenance on mowing equipment. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to award the bid to Helena Chemical Company for herbicide. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Bid No. 1180 – Specified Aggregate

John Lang, Assistant Engineer, explained the bid is for an alternate base material which has a record of working well. The County can obtain it at a greatly reduced rate as a self-loaded option. This product is not included in the current aggregate bid. The bid will run concurrently with our existing aggregate bid which will expire in July. This should save the County money and allow work to be done that otherwise would not be affordable. Commissioner Watson made a motion to award the bid to Blount Springs Sand & Gravel Company. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

WORK SESSION

The Commission will hold a Work Session on Tuesday, December 23, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in the commission conference room.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING DECEMBER 23, 2014

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, December 23, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. in the commission meeting room.

ADJOURN THE MEETING

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

/s/ _____
Kenneth Walker,
Chairman

/s/ _____
Kerry Watson,
Associate Commissioner

/s/ _____
Garry Marchman,
Associate Commissioner