

**CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**January 12, 2016**

**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 and County Attorney Chad Floyd. Commissioner Garry Marchman was absent. The invocation was given by Randall Waldrep. Matt Kinsland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 22, 2015 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED**

Commissioner Watson made the motion to approve the minutes from the December 22, 2015 Commission Meeting; approve appropriations, expenditures, payroll, requisitions and all journal entries to be posted. Chairman Walker seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 26, 2015 EMERGENCY CALLED MEETING**

Chairman Walker explained an Emergency Meeting was called on December 26<sup>th</sup> to declare a Local State of Emergency due to the flooding which began on December 23<sup>rd</sup> and continued through Christmas Day. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes from the Emergency Called Meeting of December 26, 2015. Chairman Walker seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Chairman Walker** commended the Road Department employees for their work during the holiday flooding. Sections of Cullman County received in excess of twelve inches of rain on Christmas Day. The Road Department employees began work about 9:00 a.m. on Christmas morning and continued through the weekend. Forty-five cross drains were repaired and two bridges were washed out and several other received repairs. A number of road were washed out or damaged and County Road 564 remains closed. Current estimates have road damages at \$900,000 with additional damages to the parks, especially Clarkson Bridge.

**Chairman Walker** introduced John Tucker, new Safety Director for Cullman County. Mr. Tucker comes to the County with thirty years of safety experience in private industry.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Proclamation – Human Trafficking Awareness Month**

The County Clerk read aloud the proclamation. Chairman Walker and Commissioner Watson presented the proclamation to District Judge Kim Chaney and Kathy Wilson from Juvenile Probation. Judge Chaney stated that unfortunately human trafficking is a problem in Cullman County and he appreciates the Commission taking the opportunity to bring public awareness to the problem. He announced there will be practitioner training later this month for law enforcement, teachers, nurses and juvenile probation officers. There are already over 200 people registered for the training. There will also be a session for the general public, which is free of charge, on January 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 at Day Star Church. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the Proclamation for Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Chairman Walker second the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Confirm a tax abatement by the Town of Holly Pond for Holly Industrial, LLC in the amount of \$1,700,000 for land and building**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to confirm a tax abatement by the Town of Holly Pond for Holly Industrial, LLC in the amount of \$1,700,000 for land and building. Chairman Walker seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider approval of the Catastrophic Inmate Medical Insurance**

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, stated this is the annual renewal for insurance covering inmate in-hospital cost which exceed \$10,000 annually. The premium is the same as last year. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the catastrophic inmate medical insurance with Hunt Insurance. Chairman Walker seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

**Consider approval of a Maintenance Agreement with the City of Cullman for the maintenance of traffic signals in Cullman County**

Chad Floyd, County Attorney, stated there are five traffic lights in the unincorporated areas which Cullman County is responsible for the maintenance. The County does not have the equipment that is necessary to service these traffic signals. The agreement is with the City of Cullman for the maintenance of these traffic signals. Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the maintenance agreement with the City of Cullman for the maintenance of traffic signals in Cullman County. Chairman Walker seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider a rental agreement with Warrior Tractor & Equipment Company for a trackhoe – rental \$5,582.50/mo.**

John Lang, County Engineer, stated a trackhoe was damaged in the flooding last month. The rental is the short-term solution for equipment. It will be 30-60 days before a new trackhoe can be delivered; therefore the rental will only be till the new trackhoe can be delivered. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the rental agreement with Warrior Tractor & Equipment for a trackhoe at a cost of \$5,582.50 monthly. Chairman Walker seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider exercising option on Bid No. 1184 for the Long Term Lease of a trackhoe from Warrior Tractor & Equipment - \$1,513.19/mo.**

Mr. Lang explained a trackhoe was destroyed in last month's flooding and must be replaced. There is a bid in place for the lease of a trackhoe and the new equipment will be acquired under this bid with Warrior Tractor & Equipment. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the three-year long term lease of the trackhoe from Warrior Tractor & Equipment. Chairman Walker seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 2016-10 – Set speed limit on County Road 114 at 25 MPH**

John Lang, County Engineer, stated he received a request from the public for an evaluation of posting a speed limit on County Road 114, a gravel road. He recommended a speed limit of 25 MPH. Commissioner Watson made a motion to set the speed limit on County Road 114 at 25 MPH. Chairman Walker seconded and the motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**WORK SESSION**

The Commission will hold a Work Session on Tuesday, January 26, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. in the commission conference room.

**NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING JANUARY 26, 2016**

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the commission meeting room.

**ADJOURN THE MEETING**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Walker seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

/s/  
Kenneth Walker,  
Chairman

/s/  
Kerry Watson,  
Associate Commissioner

(ABSENT)  
Garry Marchman,  
Associate Commissioner