

CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
April 14, 2016

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Walker called the Commission Meeting to order at 10:02 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 Chad Floyd. The invocation was given by Randall Waldrep. Dusty Baker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 22, 2016 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED

Commissioner Watson made the motion to approve the minutes from the March 22, 2016 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

Cherrie Haney announced the annual PALS clean-up day will be April 23rd from 8:00 to 12:00.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing – Submission of TIGER Grant Application

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to open the Public Hearing for the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant application. Commissioner Watson seconded. Cherrie Haney from the Economic Development Office explained this is the seventh year for the competitive nationwide federal grant program which will award \$500 million for capital investments in surface transportation projects. The County applied last year but did not receive funding. This year the County will submit an application under the road rehabilitation section for the rehab of farm-to-market roads which were damaged in the 2011 tornadoes. Since the application will be for farm-to-market road, the County will be partnering with Auburn University who will supply the statically data. Last year one of the criticism of the application was the County did not have a partner in the project. The application will be for County Road, 7, 46, 76, 210, 436, 545, 783, 1518, 1564, 1570 and 1589. The total grant request is \$11,833,118. If approved, the County's match will be 20% or \$2,366,624. There were no further public comments. Commission Marchman made a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2016-15 – TIGER Grant Application

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the resolution for the TIGER Grant application. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Ratify a Tax Abatement by the City of Cullman for Rehaus Construction LLC for building, equipment and personal property in the amount of \$5,000,000

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to ratify the Tax Abatement granted by the City of Cullman for Rehaus Construction LLC for building, equipment and personal property in the amount of \$5,000,000. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider authorizing the signing of an Agency Agreement and Resolution to enter into an agreement with the Secretary of State for the required mailing of the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) Voter Notices

The proposed agreement will make the County responsible for the cost of the mandatory mailing of the notification. Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize the signing of an Agency Agreement and Resolution to enter into an agreement with the Secretary of State for the required mailing of the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) Voter Notices. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of the Cullman County Safety Department Incident/Injury Reporting Policy

John Tucker, Safety Director, stated the policy will allow for consistent reporting in gathering of data for analysis and in the development of preventive measures. It will serve as a building block in the development of safety programs. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the Safety Department Incident/Injury Reporting Policy. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of the 2016 "Free Dump" program for the month of May at the Cullman County Landfill

Each year the Commission approves for residents to dispose of unwanted item at the County Landfill. Certificates will be mailed with the monthly electric bills. Each customer will be allowed one free trip to the landfill during the month of May. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the 2016 "Free Dump" program. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider payment of \$6,000 to Wallace State Community College for Sheriff Deputies for the Regional Basketball Tournament

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to authorize payment of the cost of sheriff deputy services for the regional basketball tournament in the amount of \$6,000. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider a request from Jones Chapel VFD for \$500 for polling maintenance and operational support

Chairman Walker explained other voting locations were give appropriations in October last year, but Jones Chapel VFD was overlooked. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the request for \$500 for polling maintenance and operational support. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider payment to the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce for one third (1/3) partnership with the Chamber and the City of Cullman for promotion of tourism

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve payment of \$10,000 for one third of the cost for a partnership with the City of Cullman and the Chamber of Commerce for the promotion of tourism in Cullman County. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Consider approval of annual service contract with Otis Elevator Company for all Cullman County office building elevators - \$12,000

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve payment of \$12,000 for the annual service contract with Otis Elevator Company for maintenance on all elevators. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of the purchase of a mower for Sportsman Lake Park - Green Craft - \$12,246.50

Doug Davenport, Park Director, stated they want to purchase the same type mower that has been used in the park for the past six years. They have gotten good service from the mower and they feel it will be cheaper to maintain mowers which use the same size blades and same parts. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the purchase of a mower from Green Craft at a cost of \$12,246.50. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of bid for mowing for Cullman County Water Department – Akin Lawn Care Service – Cost \$2,500/month

Randall Waldrep, Water Department Manager, stated the bid for mowing is for a total of sixty mowing sites monthly; twenty-five (25) sites will be mowed bi-weekly and the two office sites will be mowed weekly for the mowing season of approximately 5 ½ months. Akin Lawn Care Service submitted the low bid of \$2,500/month. Commissioner Watson made a motion to award the bid for mowing of Water Department properties to Akin Lawn Care Service. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider surplus of the following buses from Commission on Aging to be disposed of on Govdeals

2006 Goshen GCII VIN # 1FDXE45C46DB13599
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Dusty Baker, Director of Commission on Aging, stated the senior center relies on volunteer drivers and the two buses require the driver to have a CDL license which is often problematic and the buses are not utilized. He would like to surplus the buses and use CARTS for the center's transportation needs. This will reduce the County's liability. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to surplus the buses and place them on Govdeals for sale. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Consider approval of Guidelines for Driveway Access of Roads into County Roads

John Lang, County Engineer, stated there have been unwritten driveway guideline for a number of years, but they were not always followed consistently across each district. This will provide a uniform standard for driveway placement. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve acceptance of Guidelines for Driveway Access of Roads into County Roads. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider proposed plat for Broadway - Red Hill Road Subdivision, located in District 3 on Hwy 231 and County Road 1763

Melissa Carter, on behalf of the Broadway - Red Hill Road Subdivision, stated the plat has two parcels. John Lang, County Engineer, stated it meets the guidelines of a minor subdivision and recommended approval. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the plat for the Broadway - Red Hill Road Subdivision, located in District 3 on Hwy 231 and County Road 1763. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider plat for Kelsey Grace Subdivision, Phase II, located in District 4 on County Roads 617 & 618

Mr. Lang, County Engineer, stated Kelsey Grace is a minor subdivision located in the White City area and he recommended approval. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the plat for the Kelsey Grace Subdivision, Phase II, located in District 4 on County Roads 617 and County Road 618. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1234 – Place Bituminous Surface Treatment

John Lang, County Engineer, stated the bid is for the placement of chip seal and scrub seal. Charles E. Watts, Inc. was the low bidder and he recommended awarding the bid. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to award the bid for the placement of bituminous surface treatment to Charles E. Watts, Inc. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1235 - Concrete

John Lang, County Engineer, stated two bids were received for concrete. DCA Ready Mix, Inc. was the low bidder. Commissioner Watson made a motion to award the bid for concrete to DCA Ready Mix, Inc. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

WORK SESSION

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

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING APRIL 26, 2016

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, April 26, 2016 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 and the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

/s/
Kenneth Walker,
Chairman

/s/
Kerry Watson,
Associate Commissioner

/s/
Garry Marchman,
Associate Commissioner