

CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
January 10, 2017

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 Chad Floyd. The invocation was given by J.L. Parker. Judge Kim Chaney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 13, 2016 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED

Commissioner Watson made the motion to approve the minutes from the December 13, 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.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 6, 2017 EMERGENCY CALLED MEETING

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2017 Emergency Called Commission Meeting. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Walker announced the deaths for Gary Teichmiller and Doug Davenport's mothers last night and expressed our sympathies to both of those families.

NEW BUSINESS

Proclamation – School Choice Week

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the proclamation recognizing the week of January 22-28 as School Choice Week. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Proclamation – Human Trafficking Awareness Month

The County Clerk read the proclamation aloud and the Commission presented it to representatives from the court system. District Judge Kim Chaney thanked the Commission for the recognition they have given to the problem of human trafficking in Cullman County. Many people think it is a problem of metropolitan areas, but it exist in our county. He recognized Cullman County as one of two counties in the State, the other being Jefferson County, who have partnered with the Department of Homeland Security's Blue Campaign to combat human trafficking.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the proclamation for Human Trafficking Awareness Month for the month of January 2017. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Termination of Existence of Emergency Conditions

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to terminate the Existence of Emergency Conditions which was declared on January 6, 2017 due to the threat of winter weather. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Set date of February 28, 2017, for a public hearing concerning vacating an undeveloped county road based on a request from Mallard Pointe Development, LLC

Attorney Floyd reported the Commission has received a petition from the attorney for Mallard Pointe Development concerning the vacating of an undeveloped county road which the plat shows crossing the proposed development. Mr. Floyd requested a public hearing date of February 28th. This will give time for the required advertising and notification to utilities. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to set a public hearing for February 28th to consider the vacating of the roadway. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2017-10 – Support of ATRIP-2 Bond Issue

John Lang, County Engineer, stated the ACCA in conjunction with the counties throughout the state, has worked on a proposed bond issue which would generate \$19 million for Cullman County road and bridge improvements, with 20% of the funding going to the municipalities. All tax revenues coming to the county must be used for the paving of roads. A three cent gas and diesel tax would pay the bond issue. Cost of labor and equipment are not eligible. Estimated cost to the consumer who drives 15,000 per year would be approximately \$1.63 per month.

Unlike the first ATRIP project where the County was told which roads would be done, the ATRIP -2 allows the County to choose the roads. This would enable smaller roads with declining infrastructure to be addressed. ALDOT will not be involved. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the signing of the resolution supporting the ATRIP-2 bond issue. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Resolution 2017-11 – Authorization to Submit Recreational Trails Program Grant Application for OHV Park

Cherrie Haney, Director of Economic Development, stated the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant application is for proposed structures and improvements at the OHV Park. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to authorize the submission of the RTP grant application to ADECA. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2017-12 – Administration of CDBG Grant for Resurfacing of County Road 1568 by Community Consultants, Inc.

Cherrie Haney, Director of Economic Development, stated the County has received a CDBG grant for the resurfacing of County Road 1568. The grant stipulates there must be an administrator for the grant. Community Consultants, Inc. submitted a proposal at the lowest cost. Commissioner Watson made a motion approving the resolution for Community Consultants, Inc. to administer the CDBG grant for County Road 1568. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2017-13 - Engineering Services for Reconstruction and Resurfacing of County Road 1568 by St John & Associates

Cherrie Haney, Economic Development Director, explained the engineering services are also in connection with the CDBG grant for County Road 1568. St. John & Associates submitted the lowest cost proposal for the services. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the hiring of St. John & Associates for the engineering services for the County Road 1568 project. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2017-14 - Implementing Phase III of the Emergency Water Conservation Plan

Randall Waldrep, Water Department Manager, stated the County is continuing to deal with extreme drought conditions. As of this morning, Lake Catoma is 22 feet below full pool and no significant rainfall is forecasted. The City of Cullman went to their Phase III last week. Phase III of the County's plan keeps all restrictions stipulated in Phase I, but also requires a 15% reduction in water usage. Commissioner Watson made a motion to adopt the resolution implementing Phase III of the Emergency Water Conservation Plan. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Consider approval of Catastrophic Inmate Medical Insurance renewal through Hunt Insurance Group LLC effective 2-1-2017, annual premium \$66,792.96

Chairman Walker stated the premiums for the inmate medical insurance are up slightly, about 1.5%, over last year. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve payment of \$66,792.96 for the annual renewal of the Catastrophic Inmate Medical Insurance through Hunt Insurance Group LLC effective 2-1-2017. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider a request from Sheriff Matt Gentry to ratify the Cullman County Sheriff's Office entering into a contract with Keefe Commissary Network, LLC, to provide Commissary services for the Cullman County Detention Center.

Sheriff Gentry spoke on the contract for commissary services and an inmate telephone provider. Both service areas have been looked at over the past eighteen months. In-house committees were appointed to look into each area and to come up with best possible options for these inmate services. He requested that both contracts be ratified. Commissioner Watson made a motion to ratify the Cullman County Sheriff's Office entering into a contract with Keefe Commissary Network, LLC, to provide Commissary services for the Cullman County Detention Center. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider a request from Sheriff Matt Gentry to ratify the Cullman County Sheriff's Office entering into a contract with Inmate Calling Solutions, LLC d/b/a ICSolutions, for provide Inmate Telephone services to the Cullman County Detention Center

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to ratify the Cullman County Sheriff's Office entering into a contract with Inmate Calling Solutions, LLC d/b/a ICSolutions, to provide Inmate Telephone services to the Cullman County Detention Center. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Consider a \$25,000 appropriation toward the building of the Crane Hill Senior Center

Lori Lee from the Commission on Aging, addressed the Commission concerning the condition of the current Crane Hill Senior Center. The building has a number of major issues including termites, water leaks and it does not meet health code for food service. Sheriff Gentry explained, the Commission on Aging has an opportunity to join with the Sheriff in building a new building in Crane Hill that will house the Sheriff Office Annex on the main floor and a new Senior Center in the basement. The anticipated cost of the 3,000 square foot facility is \$225,000. The CCCDC has given a \$50,000 grant for the project and the Sheriff has allocated \$150,000. They anticipate starting the first of March. The facility will give better law enforcement protection in the area and will give the senior a safe place for their services. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the \$25,000 appropriation for assistance in building the Senior Center in Crane Hill. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider a one-time \$12,000 appropriation to the Cullman County Soil and Water Conservation District

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve a one-time appropriation the Cullman County Soil and Water Conservation District to assist with additional administrative cost. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider increasing the amount paid for indigent burial services from \$850 to \$1,500 per burial, with the amount paid for cremations to remain at \$850

Commissioner Watson explained the Coroner has approached him about indigent burial services. In recent months there has been an up-tick in indigent burials, individuals who die within Cullman County without assets or relatives to pay final expenses. The County pays burial cost up to \$850 and currently donated burial plots are available at Mt. Zion Methodist Church. The last time the allocation was increased was 2006. Commissioner Watson made a motion to increase the county's payments for burials to \$1,500; however the reimbursement for cremation will remain \$850. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Walker to reappoint Layne Lowery to the Industrial Development Authority for a six (6) year term to expire 1-19-2023

Commissioner Watson made a motion for Chairman Walker's reappointment of Layne Lowery to the Industrial Development Authority for a six (6) year term to expire 1-19-2023. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Commissioner Marchman to reappoint Jason Grimmatt to the Industrial Development Authority for a six (6) year term to expire 1-19-2023

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to reappoint Jason Grimmatt to the Industrial Development Authority for a six (6) year term to expire 1-19-2023. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Commissioner Watson to appoint Lisa Baggett to the Industrial Development Authority for a six (6) year term to expire 1-19-2023, replacing Arnice Weeks

Commissioner Watson made a motion to appoint Lisa Baggett to the Industrial Development Authority for a six (6) year term to expire 1-19-2023, replacing Arnice Weeks. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Chairman Walker to reappoint Tanya Carter to the Airport Board for a four (4) year term to expire January 2021

Commissioner Marchman made a motion for the Chairman's reappointment of Tanya Carter to the Airport Board for a four (4) year term to expire January 2021. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the surplus of the following vehicles from the Sheriff's Department:

2008 Dodge Charger VIN# 2B3KA3H28H285906 GovDeals
2008 Ford Crown Vic VIN# 2FAFP71W05X100969 GovDeals
2009 Dodge Durango VIN# 1DOHB38P89F710999 Donate to Town of Colony

Sheriff Gentry informed the Commission a decision has been made to donate the Ford Crown Vic to the Town of Baileyton instead of listing it with GovDeals for auction. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to surplus the listed vehicles for disposal with the change of disposal on the Crown Vic. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider replacement of heating unit for the old Water Department Building by Alabama Electrical Contractors – Cost \$9,360

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the replacement of the heating unit at the old Water Department Building at a cost of \$9,360 by Alabama Electrical Contractors. Commissioner Marchman seconded and upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider practice of Courthouse usage as a storm shelter location

Phyllis Little, EMA Director, stated the Courthouse has never been officially designated as a storm shelter. The building has no seating, security is an issue along with liability and safety concerns. There are now a number of storm shelter in the City of Cullman. There are five pods at Sportsman Lake that will house between 450-500 people and there is the basement of the CCCDD Beech Center which houses the Red Cross which can accommodate over 150. All of these locations are FEMA compliant. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to remove the Cullman County Courthouse from any listing designating storm shelter locations in the County. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

WORK SESSION

The Commission will hold a Work Session on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the commission conference room.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING JANUARY 24, 2017

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, January 24, 2017 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 10:30 a.m.

/s/ _____
Kenneth Walker,
Chairman

/s/ _____
Kerry Watson,
Associate Commissioner

/s/ _____
Garry Marchman,
Associate Commissioner