

CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
March 28, 2017

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, County Administrator Gary Teichmiller and County Attorney Chad Floyd. The invocation was given by J.L. Parker. Sheriff Matt Gentry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 14, 2017 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED

Commissioner Marchman made the motion to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2017 Commission Meeting; approve appropriations, expenditures, payroll, requisitions and all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jacqueline Schendel with the Better Business Bureau informed the public the BBB along with Merchants Bank and Family Security Credit Union will be sponsoring a "Shred Day" Saturday, April 1st for the public to drop off sensitive documents, electronics and prescription drugs for free disposal. Items may be dropped off at the King Edward Plaza next to Buffalo Wild Wings.

NEW BUSINESS

Proclamation – Colors of Cancer Day

The County Clerk read the proclamation aloud and it was presented to a group of ladies from the Bosom Buddies Foundation of Cullman County. The Colors of Cancer is a day sponsored by the Bosom Buddies to bring awareness of cancer in our community and to raise funds to help support the financial needs of those undergoing cancer treatment. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the proclamation for the Colors of Cancer Day in Cullman County. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider an Abatement for Topre America Corp. in the amount of \$19,000,000

Dale Greer from the City of Cullman Economic Development Office stated the tax abatement does not include education taxes. It is anticipated to create four new jobs. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the tax abatement for Topre America Corp. in the amount of \$19,000,000 for building and equipment. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Re-set date for Public Hearing for vacating of County Road 1615 due to clerical error

Attorney Floyd stated at the last commission meeting when the date was set for the public hearing for the vacating of County Road 1615, he allowed for advertising to be published four times, however, this only gave 28 day notice to property owners and utilities not the required 30 day notice. Therefore the date needs to be changed to May 23, 2017. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the resetting of the public hearing for the vacating of County Road 1615 to May 23rd. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Authorize the County Administrator to sign the Memorandum of Participation for the Actuarial Study for Post-Employment Benefits by Cavanaugh Macdonald Consulting, LLC

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, stated GASB requires an actuarial study every three years. The cost of the study will be approximately \$7,000. Commissioner Marchman made a motion authorizing the County Administrator to sign the Memorandum of Participation for the actuarial study for post-employment benefits by Cavanaugh Macdonald Consulting, LLC. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider correction of appointment date of Ginger Hicks to the Regional Housing Authority to reflect a five (5) year term which will expire April 2022

In the January 24, 2017 commission meeting, Ms. Hicks was reappointed to a four year term with the housing authority. It has been determined the Board appointments for the Regional Housing Authority should be a five year term, therefore the expiration of Ms. Hicks term should have been 2022. Commissioner Watson made a motion to correct the appointment date of Ginger Hicks to the Regional Housing Authority to reflect a five (5) year term which will expire April 2022. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the Commission's reappointment of Linda Cabri to the Regional Housing Authority for a term to expire April 14, 2021

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to reappoint Linda Cabri to the Regional Housing Authority for a term to expire April 14, 2021. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of the annual "Free Dump" program for the month of May

Each year, the County provides the opportunity for Cullman County Sanitation customers to dispose of unwanted items during the month of May. All customers will receive a certificate in their April bill authorizing one trip to the landfill. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the "Free Dump" program for the month of May. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Consider authorizing payment of \$60,000 toward work at the Volunteer Fire Department Training Facility included in the FY-2017 budget

The Fire Association is in the process of developing a training facility behind the Ag Center. It is hoped this will become a training site for fire departments throughout North Alabama. There are also plans for training of students from the Technical School so when they graduate from high school they will already have some certifications. The funds were appropriated in the FY-2017 budget. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to authorizing payment of \$60,000 toward work at the Volunteer Fire Department Training Facility. With a second by Commissioner Watson, the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider payment of \$39,490.63 to UAB for inmate medical services

An inmate was transported to UAB for medical treatment. The County has negotiated the price down to \$39,490.63. Of this amount, the County will be reimbursed all but \$10,000 through the inmate catastrophic insurance. Commissioner Watson made a motion authorizing the payment to UAB for inmate medical services. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Consider an increase to \$4,000 for the November 4th Veteran's Day Celebration

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve a \$4,000 appropriation for the Veteran's Day Celebration to be held November 4, 2017. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider authorizing the Chairman to sign an agreement with ADEM for the collection, management and disposal of scrap tires

John Lang, County Engineer, stated the County has had a scrap tire agreement with the State for several years. Any tires collected along right-of-ways will be disposed of through a federal program administered by ADEM at no cost to the County. Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize the signing of an agreement with ADEM for the collection, management and disposal of scrap tires. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider plat for Broadway-County Road 222 Subdivision, located in District 2 on County Road 222

Keith Creel, Engineering Assistant, stated the plat is a 14 acre parcel; one (1) acre on the corner is being sectioned out. He recommended approval of the plat. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the plat for Broadway-County Road 222 Subdivision, located in District 2 on County Road 222. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

WORK SESSION

The Commission will hold a Work Session on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the commission conference room.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING APRIL 11, 2017

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, April 11, 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 10:28 a.m.

/s/ _____
Kenneth Walker,
Chairman

/s/ _____
Kerry Watson,
Associate Commissioner

/s/ _____
Garry Marchman,
Associate Commissioner