

**CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**April 11, 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. Perry Knight led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 28, 2017 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED**

Commissioner Watson made the motion to approve the minutes from the March 28, 2017 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 APRIL 5, 2017 EMERGENCY CALLED MEETING.**

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2017 Emergency Called Meeting which authorized the signing of a Proclamation of a Local Emergency for pending severe weather. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Walker welcomed the Fairview High School Economics & Government class to this morning's Commission Meeting. They are completing a unit on the functions and budgeting of county government.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Cherrie Haney** with PALS announced there will be a Cullman County/City Clean-up; April 22<sup>nd</sup> 8:00 a.m. – 12 noon. There will be cleanup supplies in communities throughout the County.

**Mayor Kenneth Kilgo**, Mayor of West Point, addressed the Commission concerning Confederate Memorial Day which will be celebrated April 27<sup>th</sup>. The Sons of the Confederacy will hold a convention at Sportsman Lake Park on April 25<sup>th</sup>. The organization's goal is for historical preservation of the Confederacy. They also support Cullman Caring for Kids as their charity and have donated over seven tons of food to the organization. He requested the Commission present a proclamation at the next commission meeting.

**Elizabeth McDowell**, a citizen of Cullman County, and two of her children addressed the Commission on the issue of smoking in County Parks. Although there are areas within the parks that are designated as non-smoking area, smoke drifts into areas where children are playing. She requested the Commission consider making all County parks smoke-free facilities.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Termination of Local Emergency declared on April 5, 2017**

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to terminate the Local Emergency which was declared on April 5, 2017. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Proclamation – Month of April as Fair Housing Month**

As part of the County's requirements to receive a CDBG grant, a proclamation on fair housing must be adopted annually. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the Proclamation for April as Fair Housing Month. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize the County Attorney to attend a mediation in the matter of Gossett v. Cullman County Water Department**

Attorney Floyd explained the law suit against the Water Department concerning the damages caused by a water leak is a two year old case. He requested authorization to attend the mediation set for April 13<sup>th</sup> which will involve attorneys for the Gossetts and the County's insurance company. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to authorize Mr. Floyd to attend the mediation in the matter of Gossett v. Cullman County Water Department. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 2017-24 - Authorizing the Chairman to sign the Procurement Procedures for Federal Transit Administration Programs for CARTS**

Joyce Echols, Director of CARTS, explained the CARTS' operation receives funding from the federal government for their operation, wherefore they must comply with federal requirement. The Procurement Procedures are part of these requirements. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the Chairman to sign the Procurement Procedures for Federal Transit Administration Programs for CARTS. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize the Chairman to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Cullman Child Advocacy Center (“Brooks Place”) for provision of the Juvenile Accountability Weekend Services (“JAWS”) Program**

Kay Bell, Director of Juvenile Probation, explained the JAWS Program provides funding to provide oversight of juveniles on weekends to include home visits and drug screening. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the MOU with Brooks Place for provision of the JAWS Program. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider authorizing the expenditure of \$13,010.50 to SCS Worx for the construction and installation of two (2) information kiosks in the lobby of the courthouse**

Chad Floyd, County Attorney, explained the proposed kiosks will be installed in the lobby of the courthouse to provide information to the public concerning general information as well as the daily schedule for court proceedings. The Cullman County Bar Association has agreed to pay \$5,000 toward the project along with the Probate Judge and Circuit Clerk each contributing \$1,505.25 each. The remaining \$5,000 will be paid by the Commission. Perry Knight, President of the Bar Association, thanked the Commission for the joint effort on the project. He feels it will facilitate courthouse visitors in finding where they need to go for services. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the expenditure for the installation of the two informational kiosks for the courthouse lobby. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize the Chairman to sign a Hold Harmless Agreement/Donation Acknowledgment and Release with Wal-Mart Stores for the donation of motor oil**

Attorney Floyd stated Joe Perry, Garage Manager, has been approached by Wal-Mart concerning a donation of new/unused motor oil. The 10W-30 oil they have in stock is not in demand with newer cars and they want to donate it to the County. Many of our older vehicles use this type oil. They have requested a hold harmless agreement. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Hold Harmless Agreement/Donation Acknowledgment and Release with Wal-Mart Stores for the donation of motor oil. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Consider a \$3,000 request from the Festhalle Market Committee for seasonal operations for the 2017 market season**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve a \$3,000 appropriation to the Festhalle Market Committee for operation of the 2017 market season. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider the purchase of two (2) vehicles off the State Bid List through Tallassee Automotive, Inc. for the Water Department**

2017 Dodge 4500 Series 1 ton with manual crank tarp system	\$55,451.00
2017 Dodge 4500 Series 1 ton with upper and lower tool box	\$57,460.00

Randall Waldrep, Manager Water Department, stated the purchase of the new vehicles is in this year’s Water Department budget. The vehicles being replaced are 12 and 14 years old and have over 200,000 miles. They have priced the vehicles from local dealerships, but the price differential compared to the State Bid List was too great. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the purchase of two vehicles from Tallassee Automotive, Inc. off the State Bid List for the Water Department. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider approval of maintenance contract with Bagby Elevator Company, Inc. for the maintenance service of the following elevators at an annual cost of \$13,104:**

- 2 elevators and 1 dumbwaiter – Courthouse
- 1 elevator – Board of Education Building
- 1 elevator – County Correctional Facility
- 1 elevator – Economic Development/Sales Tax Office

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the maintenance contract with Bagby Elevator Company, Inc. for the maintenance service of the listed elevators at an annual cost of \$13,104. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Bid No. 1235 – Extension – Concrete – Ready Mix U.S.A.**

John Lang, County Engineer, stated DCA Ready Mix has agreed to extend the bid for concrete for one (1) year. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the extension of Bid No. 1235 for concrete with DCA Ready Mix. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Announce the winner of the “Name the Easter Bunny for Sportsman Lake Park” contest**

A group of students from St. Paul’s Elementary School arrived to join the Commission in the announcement of the “Name the Easter Bunny for Sportsman Lake Park”. Over 300 people submitted name on Facebook. The winning name was Jelly Bean submitted by Tammy Norris. Adoption papers were presented to Jelly Bean who gave Easter eggs to those attending the meeting. Commissioner Watson made a motion to formally acknowledge Jelly Bean as the official name of the Cullman County Easter Bunny. Commissioner Marchman seconded; and the motion carried.

Doug Davenport, Park Director, announced the annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday morning at Sportsman Lake Park at 9:00 a.m. There will be three divisions of egg hunters so all children will have an opportunity to find eggs.

**WORK SESSION**

The Commission will hold a Work Session on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the commission conference room.

**NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING APRIL 25, 2017**

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, April 25, 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 10:32 a.m.

/s/  
Kenneth Walker,  
Chairman

/s/  
Kerry Watson,  
Associate Commissioner

/s/  
Garry Marchman,  
Associate Commissioner