

**CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
October 17, 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, County Administrator Gary Teichmiller and County Attorney Chad Floyd. The invocation was given by Chad Floyd. Ben Harrison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 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 September 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS

Proclamation – Domestic Violence Awareness Month

The County Clerk read the proclamation aloud and it was presented to the director and employees from Victim Services by the Commissioners. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the proclamation for October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Proclamation – Hopewell Baptist Church 175th Anniversary

The proclamation was read aloud by the County Clerk and presented by the Commissioners to several members of the Hopewell Baptist Church. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the proclamation honoring the 175th anniversary of Hopewell Baptist Church. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Announcement of employee and retiree deduction for health insurance for 2018

Judy Bradford, Human Resource Manager, reported the Insurance Committee meet last week to review the cost of employee health insurance for 2017, which is up about 4%. It is anticipated the cost will be up an additional 5% next year. The committee would like to wait to see if cost containment measures put in place this year will be effective before any changes are made to the plan. Employee contributions will remain the same. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to continue the employee insurance plan in 2018 under the same plan with the same employee contributions as 2017. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Ratify the City of Cullman Tax Abatement for Royal Technologies in the amount of \$14,000,000 for building and machinery

Chairman Walker stated the City of Cullman has granted a tax abatement to Royal Technologies in amount of \$14,000,000; \$10 million for building and \$4 million for machinery creating 25 new jobs. Commissioner Watson made a motion to ratify the City of Cullman Tax abatement for Royal Technologies. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Resolution 2018-01 - Pre-application for Airport Funding FY-2018

Ben Harrison, Airport Manager, stated the pre-application for next year funding is due by November 1. The FAA and ALDOT funding will continue work on Phase 2 of the taxiway and Phase 3 of the fencing project. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the pre-application for FY-2018 airport funding. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2018-02 - Authorize the County Attorney to file civil complaint against delinquent sanitation account holders

Chad Floyd, County Attorney, stated the resolution will give him “blanket authority” to proceed with collection of delinquent sanitation account, mainly roll-off charges, without coming before the Commission for approval of each individual delinquent account. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the signing of the resolution giving the County Attorney authorization to file civil complaints against delinquent sanitation accounts. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider granting authority for the Chairman to sign a Consent Order in Cullman County Circuit Court Case CV 2017-052

County Attorney Floyd stated suit was filed against a delinquent sales tax customer. A settlement has been reached for the payment of \$300 per month for the \$2,600 in back taxes. Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Consent Order in Cullman County Circuit Court Case CV 2017-052. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider adopting the updated CARTS Standard Operating Procedure Guidelines Handbook

Joyce Echols, CARTS Director, stated the current handbook was adopted in 2014. There was only one major change, CCCDC clients must have an adult present at the drop off point to be responsible for the rider. If no adult is present, the driver is to contact the office for instructions. Commissioner Watson made a motion to adopt the updated CARTS

Standard Operating Procedure Guidelines Handbook. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marchman and passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider authorizing the Chairman to sign an agreement with the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts for the audit for the period of October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016 – Cost \$14,484

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, stated the County received over \$750,000 in federal grants, therefore the examiners are required to do a federal audit. The cost for the FY-2016 audit is \$14,484. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement with the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts for the audit. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider authorizing the Chairman and EMA Director to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between City of Cullman Parks & Rec Department and Cullman County EMA

Phyllis Little, EMA Director, stated the MOU is renewal of an agreement for use of the Civic Center in case of mass casualties related to a nuclear, biological or chemical incident. Commissioner Watson made a motion authorizing the signing of the MOU between City of Cullman Parks & Rec Department and Cullman County EMA for use of the Civic Center. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider authorizing the signing of a Mapping Software Agreement with ESRI for the Appraisal Department and payment of \$50,000 for annual usage

Barry Willingham, Revenue Commissioner, stated the mapping software will be used by his department as well as Water, Road and the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Marchman made a motion authorizing the signing of a Mapping Software Agreement with ESRI for the Appraisal Department and payment of \$50,000 for annual usage. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Watson to appoint Kristi Nyquist to the Wellstone Mental Health 310 Board for a term to expire 4-1-2019

Commissioner Watson made a motion to appoint Kristi Nyquist to the Wellstone Mental Health 310 Board for a term to expire 4-1-2019. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Commissioner Marchman to appoint Rita Nicholas to the Wellstone Mental Health 310 Board for a term to expire 4-1-2021

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to appoint Rita Nicholas to the Wellstone Mental Health 310 Board for a term to expire 4-1-2021. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Walker to appoint Shirley Arnett to the Wellstone Mental Health 310 Board for a term to expire 4-1-2023

Commissioner Watson made a motion to appoint Shirley Arnett to the Wellstone Mental Health 310 Board for a term to expire 4-1-2023. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider repairs to pool at Smith Lake Park – Estimate \$12,157

Doug Davenport, Park Director, informed the Commission there is a large crack in the deep end of the pool at Smith Lake. They are losing a pool of water every four to five days and the cost of chemicals has tripled over the normal usage. The options are to fix the pool or close it permanently. The \$12,000 cost should be recouped in three to four months based on current water and chemical cost. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the repair work for the pool. Commissioner Watson seconded and with a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Consider the purchase of a 2011 Ford F-150 from ADECA Surplus for the Road Department – Cost \$9,500

John Lang, County Engineer, stated a good truck was found at ADECA Surplus. The 2011 Ford F-150 will go to District 2. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the purchase of the truck for \$9,500. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1218 – Extension – Traffic Striping – J.C. Cheek

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to extend the bid for traffic striping with J.C. Cheek for one (1) year. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

WORK SESSION

The Commission will hold a Work Session on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the commission conference room.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING NOVEMBER 14, 2017

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, November 14, 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 10:26 a.m.

/s/
Kenneth Walker,
Chairman

/s/
Kerry Watson,
Associate Commissioner

/s/
Garry Marchman,
Associate Commissioner