

CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
November 23, 2010

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman James Graves called the Commission Meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and welcomed the visitors.

CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Charlotte Slatton, County Clerk, called the roll; present were Chairman James Graves, Commissioner Darrell Hicks, Commissioner Stanley Yarbrough, and County Attorney Rusty Turner. The invocation was given by Chairman Graves. Barry Willingham, Revenue Commissioner, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 10, 2010 MINUTES, APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS, TRAVEL EXPENSES; AND APPROVE ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED.

Commissioner Yarbrough made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular and recessed meetings from November 10, 2010, approve appropriations, expenditures, requisitions, travel expenses and approve all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 17, 2010 SPECIAL CALLED COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2010 special called commission meeting. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Allison Almand, a member of the BARC coalition, stated they have received over 3,000 signatures advocating abolishing the use of the gas chamber at the animal shelter.

Marsha Bradford addressed the issue of abolishing the use of the gas chamber for the euthanasia of animals at the Cullman animal shelter.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider renewal of property insurance with Smith Gray Insurance Company

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, stated the quote from Travelers/St. Paul is \$192,793 through local agent Smith Gray Insurance Company. This covers all county property, buildings, pump station and waterlines. This is a \$3,000 decrease over last year's premium. He recommended the renewal of the policy. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to renew the policy. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider appointment of Allen Baker, interim manager of the Cullman County Water Department

Chairman Graves stated David Bussman, water department manager, has been suspended without pay pending the completion of a financial review of the water department. Allen Baker, a retired water department employee, has 25 years experience and will serve as interim manager. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to appoint Mr. Baker as interim manager of the County's water department. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Consider the appointment of Sammie Danford to the Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association board

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to appoint Sammie Danford to the Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist board. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2011-14 – Designating Persons as “Authorized County Representative” under Trust Indenture dated May 1, 1998 with the Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company

Mr. Teichmiller stated this deals with the bond for the water department. The resolution identifies the individuals authorized to draw down on the account. Those authorized are Chairman Graves, Commissioners Hicks and Yarbrough and Gary Teichmiller the County Administrator. Commissioner Hick made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2011-15 – Personnel Actions concerning Cullman County Employees

Chairman Graves read aloud the resolution. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to adopt the resolution on personnel actions. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider an agreement with Auburn University for personnel project for job classification and pay plan

Chairman Graves stated previously the County had been under a pay classification plan. The County has gotten away from the plan over the past few years and employees have not been able to understand their classification and pay grade. The agreement with Auburn University will be a review of the old system and the implementation of upgrades. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement with Auburn University. Commissioner Hicks seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider reopening a portion of County Road 1770 which was vacated on December 22, 2009

Fred Penn, County Engineer, stated it has been determined that approximately 800 feet of County Road 1770, which was vacated on December 22, 2009, should not have been closed. He recommended reopening the road. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to reopen the portion of County Road 1770. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider granting an extension for surety of Point of View Estates Subdivision located in District 2 on County Road 904

Keith Creel, Assistant Engineer, stated the subdivision consist of six lots. None of the lots have been sold. The developer has requested an extension on the surety. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to grant an extension for the surety for Point of Estates subdivision. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. Upon a unanimous voice vote the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Request from the Hanceville Water Department for proposed waterline crossing the Mulberry Fork on County Road 541

Fred Penn, County Engineer, stated the Hanceville Water Department has presented a new request for a smaller pipe. However, the bridge has already been posted with a weight restriction because of structural deficiencies. It is his recommendation that the waterline not be attached to the bridge. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to follow the county engineer's recommendation. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

The next NARCOG meeting will be January 19, 2011 at the Decatur office of NARCOG.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2010

Chairman Graves announced the next commission meeting will be, Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Meeting Room.

ADJOURN THE MEETING

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. Chairman Graves adjourned the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

James D. Graves, Chairman

Darrell Hicks
Associate Commissioner

Stanley Yarbrough
Associate Commissioner