

CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
December 14, 2010

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman James Graves called the Commission Meeting to order at 10:05 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 George Benefield. Clarence Benefield led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 23, 2010 MINUTES, APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS, TRAVEL EXPENSES; AND APPROVE ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED.

Commissioner Hicks made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular and recessed meetings from November 23, 2010, approve appropriations, expenditures, requisitions, travel expenses and approve all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 6, 2010 SPECIAL CALLED COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2010 special called commission meeting. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Phyllis Little, EMA Director, informed the Commission that sleet and freezing rain are forecast for tomorrow and a winter weather has been issued for Cullman County.

NEW BUSINESS

Designate bank depositories for County deposits

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, stated the Commission must, under state law, designate annually banks the County will use for deposit of funds. He recommended using all banks within Cullman County that participate in the Alabama SAFE Program. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to use all banks in the program. Commissioner Hicks seconded. Upon a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Authorize the Chairman to sign the renewal for liability insurance with ACCA

Mr. Teichmiller, stated the policy is effective January 1, 2011 and reflects a 4% increase in premium, which is in line with previous increases. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the renewal of liability insurance with ACCA. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize Phyllis Little to sign the Public Health grant for SMORT training

Phyllis Little, EMA Director, stated the grant of \$26,500 will pay the per diem for 100 people to attending training at Jefferson State Community College. Cullman County EMA will be handling the grant. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to authorize Ms. Little to sign the grant for SMORT training. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2011-17 - A Resolution and Order authorizing the issuance of \$6,550,000 General Obligation Refunding Warrants , Series 2010

Heyward Hosch, bond counsel, with Maynard, Cooper and Gale, reviewed the terms of the bond stating it did not increase the debt or extend the terms of the bond for the refunding of the bonds for the jail. Chairman Graves commended Mr. Teichmiller for his work on the refunding which will resulting in a considerable savings to the County. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to authorize the issuance of \$6,550,000 general obligation refunding warrants. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion with passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2011-18 – Establishment of per diem meal allowance of \$45.00 for county employees for travel within the state of Alabama

Chairman Graves stated the establishment of a per diem will eliminate the need for employees keeping receipts and filing for reimbursement. Attorney Turner stated for travel days the allowance will be \$20.00. Revenue Commissioner Barry Willingham asked if employees will be allowed to draw advances. Chairman Graves stated this would be discussed and a decision would be made. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to adopt the per diem allowance for meals. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. Upon a unanimous voice vote the motion carried.

Approve agreement with DocuStor for document storage program for the Commission Office

Mr. Teichmiller stated this will be a centralized filing system for the Commission Office. The total cost will be approximately \$7,800. The Sheriff's Department is currently using the system and they have been pleased. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the agreement with DocuStor. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Set the hourly rate for the garage at \$40.00 excluding the Road Department

Commissioner Yarbrough stated there have been several rates charged to different departments and this will set a standard rate. Chairman Graves expressed some concern about the large increase since budgets for the departments have already been set for the year. There was also some discussion to changing the employee at the garage who is assigned to the road department but the majority of his time is spent working on CARTS buses. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to set the garage's hourly rate at \$40 per hour. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Approve personnel matters in regards to unauthorized pay raises effective 12-18-2010.

Commissioner Hicks made the motion to approve personnel matters in regards to unauthorized pay raises. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Appoint Max Doty to fill the unexpired term of Terri Bennefield on the Walter Water Authority, term to expire 3/2014

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to appoint Max Doty to fill the unexpired term of Terri Bennefield. Chairman Graves seconded the motion. Chairman Graves and Commissioner Yarbrough voted "aye". Commissioner Hicks abstained. The motion carried.

Approve changing Courthouse schedule of hours to 4 day work week (4 – 10 hour days) during renovation of exterior of Courthouse

Chairman Graves stated during the phase of removing the marble from the courthouse the Commission is considering going to a four day work week. This would enable the contractor to work unhindered for Friday through Sunday thus shortening the time of construction, savings money and adding to safety by not have the public and employees in the area. Attorney Turner stated this would be subject to approval by the Alabama Administrator of Courts and the Chief Justice. The possibility of going to a permanent schedule of 10 hours days may be considered in the future. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to go to a four day work week during the renovation of the courthouse. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote the motion passed.

Consider the surplus of various equipment from the Road Department

Commissioner Yarbrough stated the equipment to be declared surplus is not in working order or has had parts removed to repair other equipment. He made a motion to surplus the equipment and place on govdeal.com for disposal. Mr. Teichmiller recommended not posting the equipment until after the holidays. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider one way street on County Roads 206, 207 and 208

Fred Penn, County Engineer, stated this is a portion of County Road 207 from County Road 206 to 208. County Road 207 and 208 were previously one way roads but the signs were taken down. Commissioner Yarbrough stated it is a narrow road and the County does not have a right of way. It is a safety concern especially for school buses. He made a motion to approve the one way street. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider extending Bid 1024 – Tree Service, Marshall's Tree Service for use with Roy Jackson's approval only

Chairman Graves stated the tree service would be used only with approval of Roy Jackson, Road Department Maintenance and Construction Supervisor, for jobs the Road Department is unable to do. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve extending the bid for tree service. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider awarding the following bids

John Easterwood, Road Department Administrative Coordinator, reviewed the following bids and recommended awarding the bids as follows:

Bid No. 1058 – Motor Oil – Hagar Oil from Jasper was the low bidder. The County has used them before

Bid No. 1059 - Bituminous Plant Mix – The bid is to be split between Wiregrass, who is the low bidder for plant mix to be picked up by the road department, and Good Hope Contracting with the low bid for laid plant mix.

Bid No. 1060 – New Tires – McGriff Tire is able to provide all services required by the bid.

Bid No. 1061 – Metal Pipe – Bear Concrete Products, Inc. falls with the 3% variance for a local supplier. With a local supplier, the Road Department will not need to stockpile but can order on an as needed basis.

Bid No. 1062 – Herbicide - Crop Production from Alabaster was the low bidder.

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to award all bids. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion with 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 28, 2010

Chairman Graves announced the next commission meeting will be, Tuesday, December 28, 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 10:40 a.m.

James D. Graves, Chairman

Darrell Hicks
Associate Commissioner

Stanley Yarbrough
Associate Commissioner