

**CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**March 11, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Chairman Kenneth Walker called the Commission Meeting to order at 9:59 a.m. and welcomed the visitors.

**CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM**

The County Clerk called the roll; present were Chairman Kenneth Walker, Commissioner Darrell Hick, Commissioner Stanley Yarbrough and County Attorney Heath Meherg. The invocation was given by Commissioner Hicks. Kelly Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 25, 2014 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED.**

Commissioner Yarbrough made the motion to approve the minutes from the February 25, 2014 Commission Meeting; approve appropriations, expenditures, requisitions and all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Ken Brown**, Commander of the local VFW Post, thanked the Commission for the contribution toward the building of Veteran's Park. Last year there were over 1,200 people in attendance at the Veteran's Day Celebration. This year they are planning events for Veteran's Park and there will be an air show at Folsom Field. They are also hoping to have a Civil War reenactment.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Consider a request for \$1,500 to the VFW for the Veteran's Day Celebration**

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve a request of \$1,500 to the VFW for the Veteran's Day celebration in November. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 2014-15 – Ratify the Establishment of Precinct and Polling Places from the November 25, 2013 Commission Meeting**

Attorney Meherg stated the Commission approved Resolutions 2014-05 and 2014-06 on November 25<sup>th</sup> of last year. The law requires that the Commission, during the first meeting on March in even number years, establish the precinct and polling places for the County. This resolution is to ratify the November 25, 2013 actions of the Commission and fulfill the legal requirements. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the resolution ratifying the establishment of the precincts and polling places. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

**Resolution 2014-16 – Move the Cold Springs Voting Precinct from the Volunteer Fire Department to the new Senior Center**

Commissioner Yarbrough stated the Volunteer Fire Department has provided a location for voting in the Cold Springs area for some time. Voting days have presented some problems over the years with the operation of the fire department in answering emergency calls and the building itself not being handicapped friendly. The community has built a new senior center and moving the voting location will be beneficial to the entire community. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to move the Cold Springs voting precinct from the Volunteer Fire Department to the new Senior Center. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider approving the court filings for the non-payment of sales tax and lodging taxes**

Attorney Meherg stated two cases need to be filed; one concerning sales tax and one for lodging taxes. Chris King, Director of Sales Tax, stated these accounts are seriously delinquent. Their office has worked with the accounts for over a year trying to resolve the issues, including an audit and setting up a payment plan. They have refused to pay. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the court filings for the non-payment of tax. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider approving the filing of a response in the Ryan Creek acquisition case**

Attorney Meherg stated a complaint was received this week against the County in the Ryan Creek acquisition case. The motion would give approval to file a response asking that the case be dismissed. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to approve the filing of the response in the Ryan Creek acquisition case. Commissioner Hicks seconded. Upon a unanimous voice, the motion carried.

**Consider contract for Inmate Medical Care at the Cullman County Detention Center**

Attorney Meherg stated this is a renewal of the contract with Cullman Regional Medical Center (CRMC). The contract will remain the same over the five (5) year period, the administrative fees has decreased from 9% to 7%, there will be an increase in the staff for inmate medical care and juvenile detention care is included in the contract. The Juvenile Detention Center was not included in the previous contract. He recommended approving the contract contingent on CRMC's signing the contract. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to authorize the signing of a contract with CRMC for inmate medical care at the Detention Center and Juvenile Detention Center contingent on CRMC execution of the contract. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Bid No. 1129 – Extension – Grader Blades – Tractor & Equipment Co.**

Jon Brunner, County Engineer, stated Tractor and & Equipment Co. had provided good service and recommended extending the bid. Commissioner Yarbrough asked if the County buys all grader blades from the company. Mr. Brunner stated large heavy duty blades are bought from John Deere for the John Deere equipment. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to extend the bid with Tractor & Equipment Co. for grader blades for one year. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Bid No. 1130 – Extension – Used Railroad Tank Cars – Smith Diversified Railcar**

Mr. Brunner explained the railcars are used occasionally when a large culvert is needed under a road. It is cheaper than buying pipe. Smith Diversified Railcar has been good to work with on the current bid and he recommended extending the bid. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to extend the bid for railroad tank cars from Smith Diversified Railcar. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**WORK SESSION**

The Commission will hold a Work Session on Tuesday, March 25, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in the commission conference room.

**NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MARCH 25, 2014**

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, March 25, 2014, 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 the motion. Chairman Walker adjourned the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Kenneth Walker,  
Chairman

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Darrell Hicks,  
Associate Commissioner

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Stanley Yarbrough,  
Associate Commissioner