

CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
May 27, 2014

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Commissioner Stanley Yarbrough (Vice Chairman) called the Commission Meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. and welcomed the visitors.

CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM

The County Clerk called the roll; present were Commissioner Darrell Hicks, Commissioner Stanley Yarbrough and County Attorney Heath Meherg. Chairman Walker was out of town. The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was given by Representative Mac Buttram.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MAY 8, 2014 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED.

Commissioner Hicks made the motion to approve the minutes from the May 8, 2014 Commission Meeting; approve appropriations, expenditures, requisitions and all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and REPORTS

Public Hearing

There will be a public hearing concerning the CDBG paving project for County Road 775 held June 9, 2014 at 6:00 at the Walter Community Center.

Update of Alabama Transportation Rehabilitation and Improvement Program (ATRIP) and CDBG Projects

County Engineer Jon Brunner reported the first round of ATRIP projects, the paving of two sections County Road 222 totalling 2.5 miles, has been completed. Round two, which will let in July, will include County Roads 565, 1435, 1101 (pending the completion of the design safety report approval) County Roads 747 and 1223 (where plans are in the development.) This phase totals 40.6 miles. The third round will include County Road 35, 703-781, 940 and 1114. ALDOT will take the lead for turn lane off Hwy 69 at the Goldridge Road which is also included in this phase for a total of 19.6 miles.

The County has completed its part of the work on County Roads 38, 1518 and 1575 for the CDBG project. We are waiting on the contractor to process all necessary prepare work for the 9.1 mile project to begin. The cost of this project is \$1,019,469.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation of Resolution of Appreciation from the ACCA to Senator Paul Bussman and Representative Randall Shedd
(Senator Bussman was unable to attend)

Commissioner Yarbrough explained the ACCA wishes to recognize Senator Bussman and Representative Shedd for the legislation they were instrumental in passing the last legislative session. Senator Bussman sponsored SB 400 which dealt with setting the annual ad valorem tax levy. Representative Shedd sponsored SB 149 which allows the State Emergency Management Agency to transfer surplus property to local emergency agencies. The ACCA provided a framed Resolution of Appreciation for both gentlemen.

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to recognize the accomplishments of the legislators. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Presentation of Resolution of Appreciation from the Cullman County Commission to Representative Mac Buttram

The Commission presented Representative Buttram with a Resolution of Appreciation for two pieces of legislation which were passed in the last legislative session, HB 384 and Act 2014-84. HB 384 sets up a scholarship program for high school students to train at two-year colleges in technical program under dual enrollment. Act 2014-84 deals with the supernumerary status of certain elected Cullman County officials placing them under the State Retirement System. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to recognize the efforts of Representative Buttram. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Yarbrough and passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize the Chairman and EMA Director to sign the FY 2014 EMPG State Cooperative Agreement

Phyllis Little, EMA Director, stated the performance grant is for \$2,200. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to authorize the Chairman and EMA Director to sign the FY 2014 EMPG State Cooperative Agreement. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2014-20 – Application for Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

Matt Kinsland from the Economic Development Office stated this grant is an annual allocation. The amount of \$11,705 will go toward the purchase of an electronic dive system costing \$12,904. The difference will be paid out the Sheriff's discretionary fund. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the grant application of the Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2014-21 – Application to the State of Alabama for Recreational Trails Program Funds

Attorney Meherg explained the County will be submitting the application on behalf of the Cullman Utilities Board who will be responsible for the matching funds. The purpose is to construct a multi-purpose trail along the banks of the Duck River Reservoir. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the application to the State of Alabama Recreation Trails Program Funds for funding the trail. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. Upon a unanimous vote, the motion passed.

Consider granting a one-time lump sum bonus for retirees

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, explained in October those who retired prior to October 1, 2013 will receive a lump sum one-time payment based on length of service. RSA will pay the bonus then recoup the cost by adding it to the County's monthly employer contribution beginning October 1, 2015. The cost to the County will be approximately \$70,000. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the payment the bonus to county retirees. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Ratify the Chairman signing a contract with Alabama Electrical Contractors for replacement of the air conditioning at the New Canaan Community Center – total cost \$7,400

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to ratify the Chairman signing a contract with Alabama Electrical Contractors for replacement of the air conditioning at the New Canaan Community Center at a cost of \$7,400. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of the purchase computers on Grant # CEP-25-QW4-14 by EMA – approximate cost \$14,000

Phyllis Little, EMA Director, stated the 100% grant will purchase six (6) heavy duty laptops and six (6) printers for SMORT. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the purchase of the computer equipment with grant # CEP-25-QW4-14. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the purchase of a bucket/sign truck, Serial # 1HTMPAFM17H490010, from ALDOT Surplus pending inspection by the County Fleet Manager – total cost \$40,000

Jon Brunner, County Engineer, stated the County has been on a waiting list at ALDOT Surplus for some time to acquire an additional bucket truck since the one the Road Department has now is getting old. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to authorize the purchase of the bucket/sign truck, Serial # 1HTMPAFM17H490010, provided it passes the fleet manager's inspection for reliability. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider a request from the Cold Springs Community Center for \$500 for polling maintenance and operational support

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve a request from the Cold Springs Community Center for \$500 for polling maintenance and operational support. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider a request from the East Point Community Center Beat 35 for \$500 for polling maintenance and operational support

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve a request from the East Point Community Center, Beat 35, for \$500 for polling maintenance and operational support. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider a request from the Bethel Community Center for \$2,600 for polling maintenance and operational support

Commissioner Yarbrough explained the Bethel Community Center has never received funding from the Commission for support of the voting center. Extensive repair needs to be done and the \$2,600 requested is being matched by the center. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the request from the Bethel Community Center for polling maintenance and operational support. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Consider approval of proposed plat for Lakeshore West, Phase IX, located in District 2 on County Road 201.

Keith Creel, Engineering Assistant, stated there are eight lots which front a county road. It meets the county's requirement for a minor subdivision and he recommended approve of the plat. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the plat for Lakeshore West, Phase IX, located in District 2 on County Road 201. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of proposed plat for Chelsea Estates, Phase I, located in District 3 on County Roads 1421 & 1435

Mr. Creel stated the plat meets the County's requirement for a minor subdivision with 21 lots fronting two roads. He recommended approving the plat. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the proposed plat for Chelsea Estates, Phase I, located in District 3 on County Roads 1421 and 1435. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider surplus of a John Deere Lawn Tractor, VIN # LX277148, to be used as trade-in

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the surplus of the John Deere Lawn Tractor, VIN # LX277148, from the Road Department which will be used as trade-in on new equipment. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Ratify the following personnel actions:

Jennifer McClellan	New Hire-FT	Sheriff's Department
Haley Bagwell	New Hire-FT	Sheriff's Department
Melissa Marcus	New Hire-FT	Probate
Jackie Powell	New Hire-Temp	Water Department
Justin Moser	Resignation	Sheriff's Department
Leigh Allen	Retirement	Sheriff's Department
Sharae "Noel" Bailey	Resignation	Juvenile Detention
Kerah Hyatt	Transfer	Sheriff's Department to Jail
Thomas Cone	New Hire	Sanitation
Christy Attaway	New Hire	Revenue
Belinda White	Rehire-PT	Reappraisal
Riley Briscoe	New Hire-FT	Animal Control
Jerry Garmon	Discharge	CARTS
Mike Bentley	New Hire-Seasonal	Smith Lake Park
Courtney Burns	New Hire-Seasonal	Smith Lake Park
Eric Pilcher	New Hire-Seasonal	Smith Lake Park
Alexis Duncan	New Hire-Seasonal	Smith Lake Park
Aaron Andrews	New Hire-Seasonal	Smith Lake Park
Isom Carden	New Hire-Seasonal	Smith Lake Park
Brooklyn Cook	New Hire-Seasonal	Smith Lake Park
Laura Weaver	New Hire-Seasonal	Smith Lake Park

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to ratify all personnel actions. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

WORK SESSION

The Commission will hold a Work Session on Tuesday, June 10, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in the commission conference room.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING JUNE 10, 2014

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, June 10, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. in the commission meeting room.

Everyone was reminded to vote in the June 3rd Primary.

ADJOURN THE MEETING

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion for the adjournment of the meeting at 10:35.

(ABSENT)
Kenneth Walker,
Chairman

/s/ _____
Darrell Hicks,
Associate Commissioner

/s/ _____
Stanley Yarbrough,
Associate Commissioner