

CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
June 24, 2014

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Walker called the Commission Meeting to order at 10:02 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 Hicks, Commissioner Stanley Yarbrough and County Attorney Heath Meherg. The invocation was given by Randall Waldrep. Matt Kinsland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 10, 2014 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED.

Commissioner Hicks made the motion to approve the minutes from the June 10, 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

Phyllis Little, EMA Director, presented Kelly Allen with the 2014 AEMA President's Award for Outstanding Service in the field of Emergency Management.

She reported there were over 32,000 who attended the *Rock the South* concert during the two day event. The venue had to be evacuated Saturday evening due to severe thunderstorms moving through Cullman. This was accomplished in about 20 minutes. They were pleased with the planning of the event.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing – Vacating of County Road 8

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to open the public hearing for the vacating of County Road 8; Commissioner Hicks seconded. Mr. Meherg stated notice has been posted, advertising done and the utility companies have been notified. Jon Brunner, County Engineer, stated there are no residents on this section of the road. There were no further comments. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2014-23 – Vacating a portion of County Road 8

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to vacate a portion of County Road 8. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the acceptance of two new deeds that make up a portion of County Road 8

Mr. Meherg explained Drummond Company is deeding two sections of land for the building of a new section of County Road 8. The old section is extremely crooked and needs to be re-based. The construction of the new section will allow for the curves to be straightened and a safe surface to be put down. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to accept the deeds which will make up a portion to the new section of County Road 8. Commissioner Hicks seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

CARTS Public Hearing

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to open the public hearing for CARTS. Joyce Echols, Director of CARTS, stated the hearing must be held annually according to federal guidelines to give the public an opportunity to express views on the operation of CARTS. Ms. Echols stated over the past four years CARTS has not asked the County for an increase in annual funding and has worked within their budget. During this period ridership has gone from 40,000 annually to over 80,000 passengers last year. The Commission complimented Ms. Echols on the management of CARTS. There were no comments from the public. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to close the public hearing with a second by Commissioner Yarbrough. The hearing was closed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2014-24 – Authorize Local Matching Funds for CARTS for FY-2015

Ms. Echols stated the County Commission funding to CARTS is approximately \$464,000 annually and has remained level over the past four years. Mr. Teichmiller, County Administrator, complimented the financial management of the CARTS Department. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to approve the resolution for the local matching funds for FY-2015 for CARTS. Commissioner Hicks second the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2014-25 – Authorize submission of application for CARTS administration, operation, capital federal funding for FY-2015 with ALDOT

Ms. Echols explained CARTS receives approximately \$825,000 in funding for the operation of CARTS and another \$416,000 in capital funding which is an 80/20 funding. This next year plans are to replace seven buses. The local matching funds for these buses are already in the escrow account. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the resolution to authorize the application to ALDOT for the operation and funding of CARTS for FY-2015. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Authorize the Chairman to sign change orders for the splash pad at Sportsman Lake Park

Chairman Walker explained a sump pump needs to be installed at the splash pad which was not included in the original engineering design work. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the change orders for the splash pad at Sportsman Lake Park. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize Randall Waldrep, Water Department Manager, to obtain an appraisal for property adjacent to the Water Department and negotiate the purchase of said property

Randall Waldrep, Water Department Manager, stated the property is where Ready Mix USA was located which lies north of the Water Department. He wants to obtain an appraisal and see if a price can be negotiated for the purchase of the property. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to authorize Mr. Waldrep to obtain the appraisal and enter negotiations for the property. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded and the motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Ratify the purchase of a truck of the State Bid List through Stivers Ford Lincoln for the Alabama Forestry Service – Cost \$26,929

Albert Mayo from the Forestry Service stated they wish to replace a 1998 truck which has 175,000 miles. Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, stated the Forestry Service receives a \$33,000 annual appropriation from the County. The truck will be paid for by the County in lieu of the annual appropriation. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to ratify the purchase of a truck of the State Bid List through Stiver's Ford Lincoln for the Alabama Forestry Service at a cost of \$26,929. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Recognize the transfer of property from the Cullman County Agriculture Development Corporation Board to the Cullman County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments

Mr. Meherg explained the Agriculture Board dissolved several months ago. The County has taken over the operations at the Ag Center. The Board owned some property behind the Ag Center which has been used for training by the volunteer fire departments. The State of Alabama and School Board had first opportunity for the property; however neither has any use for the property at this time and have opted out of taking possession; therefore the Board is transferring the property to the Volunteer Fire Association. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to recognize the transfer of property. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice.

WORK SESSION

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

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING JULY 8, 2014

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, July 8, 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 for the adjournment of the meeting at 10:20.

/s/ _____
Kenneth Walker,
Chairman

/s/ _____
Darrell Hicks,
Associate Commissioner

/s/ _____
Stanley Yarbrough,
Associate Commissioner