

CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
March 13, 2018

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Walker called the Commission Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM

The County Clerk called the roll; present were Chairman Kenneth Walker, Commissioner Kerry Watson, Commissioner Garry Marchman, County Administrator Gary Teichmiller and County Attorney Chad Floyd. The invocation was given by Doug Davenport. Tyler Lindsey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 27, 2018 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED

Commissioner Marchman made the motion to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2018 Commission Meeting; approve appropriations, expenditures, payroll, requisitions and all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeremy Hogeland with Saving Forgotten Warriors, addressed the Commission requesting funds for their work in transporting veterans to Birmingham for medical appointments.

A large group of supporter of the Stony Lonesome OHV Park were in attendance at today's meeting. Several of them addressed the Commission about changes that were made at the last commission meeting.

Donovan Errett with the Central Alabama Off-Road Society, stated they enjoyed the OHV Park and fully support all safety regulations in the park. They want to help keep the park safe. However, he strongly suggested coolers should be allowed in the park. Patrons, especially those with children and some with medical conditions, need water, Gatorade and medications which need refrigeration.

Kevin Lawrence addressed the Commission stating the banning of coolers was a "knee jerk" reaction. Cooler are not the problem, alcohol is the problem. Rules were already in place banning alcohol in the park. There needs to be less reaction and more thought.

Eric Hagan stated the OHV Park is a shining light in the County. The park and the staff are great. He works for Regions Bank and the have brought a large group in for a three day weekend. There were only positive comments about the park. Not only did the people go to the park, but they stayed in local hotels and visited the restaurants.

Kelly Burgess stated they take their kids to the park. It is a place where they can enjoy family time. The OHV Park is a great asset.

Deon Carraway stated they love the OHV Park. Unfortunately, "If you give some people enough rope, they will hang themselves". All bad behavior cannot be stopped. She suggested putting deputies in the park. She said the staff is wonderful.

Jenny Lindsey stated they bring their children to the park and it gives them a safe place to teach them how to ride safely. Do a cooler check for alcohol, but do not ban coolers. "People are going to do what they are going to do."

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing - Consider a Development Agreement between the Cullman County Commission and AGCOR Steel, LLC in compliance with Amendment 772 of the Constitution of Alabama

Commissioner Watson made a motion to open the public hearing. The hearing was opened with a second by Commissioner Marchman. Attorney Floyd explained this is a joint economic project with the City of Good Hope and the City of Cullman. The City of Good Hope has already passed their portion of the Amendment 772 and the City of Cullman will pass their portion at the next council meeting on the 26th of this month.

Stanley Kennedy from the City of Cullman Economic Development Office explained the AGCOR Steel project will be keeping the current 26 jobs in Cullman County. The company had planned on moving to Gadsden. In addition to those jobs, they will be adding another 25-30 jobs with the expansion at the new facility. The Amendment 772 calls for Good Hope, the City of Cullman and Cullman County to each "give back" a half cent sales tax over a ten year period.

There were no other public comments. Commissioner Watson made a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2018-16 – Signing of Amendment 772 for AGCOR Steel, LLC

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the resolution for the signing of documents for Amendment 772 for AGCOR Steel, LLC. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of an Abatement for NAFCO in the amount of \$2,288,850 for equipment and machinery

Stanley Kennedy, City of Cullman Economic Development, explained the abatement of taxes for the NAFCO expansion will be about \$100,000 with the collection of an additional \$80,000 in education tax. It will also generate \$2.3 million in capital investment. After the ten year abatement period, the taxes generated will be about \$200,000 annually. Commissioner

Watson made a motion to approve the abatement for NAFCO in the amount of \$2,288,850 for equipment and machinery. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize Chairman Walker to sign the FTA Fiscal Year 2018 Certifications and Assurances on behalf of CARTS

Chad Floyd, County Attorney, explained the certification is an annual requirement by the FTA for the operation of CARTS. Commissioner Marchman made a motion authorizing the Chairman to sign the 2018 Certifications and Assurances on behalf of CARTS. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Authorize the County Administrator to sign change orders to the Smart Fusion Software Agreement

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, reported new software for accounting and payroll will be installed next week. There may be some minor additional cost involved and he requested authorization to sign necessary change orders. Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize the County Administrator to sign change orders to the Smart Fusion Software Agreement. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider changes to the Stony Lonesome OVH Park rules

Doug Davenport, Park Director, stated in the Commission work session this morning, possible changes for the operation of the Stony Lonesome OHV Park were discussed. Effective immediately, coolers will be allowed on the trails. However, all cooler will be inspected as riders enter the trails. There will be zero tolerance for alcohol. They will also be checking for the use of safety equipment (seat belts and harnesses). There will also be random spot check done on the trails. Violators of park rules will receive disciplinary action from a verbal warning for minor infractions to a permanent ban for repeat offences. Alcohol offenses will result in immediate ejection from the park without a refund.

He thanked everyone for the support that has been given to the park employees following the fatal accident two weeks ago.

Chairman Walker to reappoint Joe Minor to the Joppa Water Board for a six (6) year term expiring 3-1-2024

Commissioner Watson made a motion to reappoint Joe Minor to the Joppa Water Board for a six (6) year term expiring 3-1-2024. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice voter.

WORK SESSION

The Commission will hold a Work Session on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. in the commission conference room.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MARCH 27, 2018

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the commission meeting room.

ADJOURN THE MEETING

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

/s/ _____
Kenneth Walker,
Chairman

/s/ _____
Kerry Watson,
Associate Commissioner

/s/ _____
Garry Marchman,
Associate Commissioner