

**CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
APRIL 9, 2019**

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 Charles Freeman. John Lang led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 26, 2019 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED

Commissioner Marchman made the motion to approve the minutes from the March 26, 2019 Commission Meeting; approve appropriations, expenditures, personnel actions, payroll, requisitions and all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/UPDATES

There were no public comments or updates.

NEW BUSINESS

Proclamation – Cold Springs Ladies Varsity Basketball Champions

The proclamation was read by the County Clerk and presented by the Commission to Coach Tammy West and the Cold Springs Ladies Varsity Basketball Team for their win of the State 2A Basketball Championship last month. The media was present and photos were made of the team. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the proclamation. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Certificates of Recognition – State Roadeo which was held March 23, 2019 in Eufaula

Wade Hancock – 1st Place Van Division

Teresa Givens – 3rd Place Bus Division

Certificates of Recognition were read and presented by the Commission to Wade Hancock and Teresa Givens for their successful showing in the State Roadeo competition last month. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the recognition of the CARTS drivers for their outstanding performance. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Proclamation – April as Fair Housing Month

It was explained the proclamation is a federal requirement which the Commission must pass to be in compliance with federal guidelines since the County receives federal funding. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the proclamation for April as Fair Housing Month. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider entering into a Benefit Consulting Agreement between Cullman County Commission and Cobbs Allen to consolidate all benefit strategic planning needs under one broker of record

Judy Bradford, HR Manager, explained the County is currently paying fees to several brokers who handle the county's existing benefits. Currently, the County pays Alliance Insurance \$1,100/month in fees for administering the stop-loss insurance and vision insurance policies. The County will continue with these policies, but they will now be administered by Cobbs Allen for the same fee. The OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits) valuation, which is needed for the GASB financial reporting, will also be transitioned to Cobbs Allen. Cavanaugh McDonald, an outside actuarial firm, has been doing the valuation at a cost of approximately \$10,000. This will now be included in the Cobbs Allen plan, saving the County the actuarial fee. Cobbs Allen also offers other services for HR consulting and services, healthcare analysis, health and wellness training that we will be able to utilize for no extra fees. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve entering into an agreement with Cobbs Allen for the consolidation of benefits under one broker. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Adopt and Approve Federal Procurement Guidelines for the Cullman County Commission

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, explained adoption of federal procurement guidelines is required for entities who use federal funds for grants, purchasing etc. Commissioner Watson made a motion to adopt the Federal Procurement Guidelines for the Cullman County Commission. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider authorizing the Chairman and County Attorney to sign the Federal Fiscal Year 2019 FTA Certifications and Assurances

Chad Floyd, County Attorney, stated the document is a statement that the County will comply with all FTA regulations and guidelines. This is required annually. Commissioner Marchman and a motion to authorize the Chairman and County Attorney to sign the Federal Fiscal Year 2019 FTA Certifications and Assurances. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize the Revenue Commissioner to sign an agreement with LexisNexis Risk Solutions for data research information – Cost \$350/month

Barry Willingham, stated LexisNexis is a nationwide company which specialized in personal data which will help to enable his office to find relatives of deceased property owners. Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize the Revenue Commissioner to sign an agreement with LexisNexis Risk Solutions for data research information at a cost of \$350/month. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize the Revenue Commissioner to subscribe to a Cost Analysis Valuation subscription by Tax Management Assoc. – Cost \$2,995 annually

Revenue Commissioner Barry Willingham stated the publication will enable appraisers to better identify equipment and machinery which they are appraising. Many times, a manufacturer is producing equipment or parts the appraisers are not familiar with. The accounting software will assist them with fair appraisals of business accounts. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the subscription from Tax Management Associates at an annual cost of \$2,995. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider a request from Redemption Church to use the vacant lot south of the Courthouse for Prayer Gathering April 29 – May 2, 2019 leading up to the National Day of Prayer on May 2nd

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the request from Redemption Church to use the vacant lot south of the Courthouse for Prayer Gathering April 29 – May 2, 2019. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider awarding the bid for the equipment for the bus wash at CARTS

Joyce Echols, CARTS Director, stated two bids were received for the bus wash equipment. Interclean was the low bidder by three thousand dollars with a bid of \$164,000. Commissioner Marchman made motion to award the bid for the bus wash equipment for CARTS to Interclean. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider additional payment to ALDOT for the replacement of 8 buses destroyed in the hail storm and the purchase of an additional 5 buses – Match \$21,946.69

Joyce Echols, CARTS Director, stated the County has been in negotiations with ALDOT since the hail storm last March about the replacement of the buses which were destroyed in the hail storm. ALDOT had wanted the County to pay the full replacement cost. An agreement has been reached which will save the County over \$600,000. Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize the additional payment of \$21,946.69 for the replacement of eight buses and the purchase of five new buses. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider surplus of 1996 /GMC Bucket Truck, VIN# 16DL7HP7TJ507944, from the Road Department

John Lang explained the Road Department has purchased a used bucket truck from the Cullman Electric Coop and the old truck is to be surplus and sold on GovDeals. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the surplus and sale of the 1996 bucket truck VIN# 16DL7HP7TJ507944, from the Road Department. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider plat for Chelsea Estates Subdivision, Phase 2, located in District 3 off County Road 1332

John Lang, County Engineer, recommended approval of the plat. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the plat for Chelsea Estates Subdivision, Phase 2, located in District 3 off County Road 1332. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

WORK SESSION

The Commission will hold a Work Session on April 23, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. in the commission conference room.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2019

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the commission meeting.

ADJOURN THE MEETING

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Watson seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

/s/
Kenneth Walker,
Chairman

/s/
Kerry Watson,
Associate Commissioner

/s/
Garry Marchman,
Associate Commissioner