

**CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING  
AUGUST 27, 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**

Meleigh Sullivan 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 Chad Floyd, County Attorney. Senator Garlan Gudger, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 13, 2019 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED**

Commissioner Watson made the motion to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2019 Commission Meeting; approve appropriations, expenditures, personnel actions, payroll, requisitions and all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**PUBLIC /UPDATES**

Chairman Walker stated the County lost a very valuable employee named Johnny Harris on August 26, 2019. Mr. Harris worked at the Cullman County Water Department for 20 years and was also the County Courthouse Santa. Our condolences and prayers are with the Harris family.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Consider and adopt the Annual Transportation Plan for FY 2020 as required by Act 2019-2**

John Lang, County Engineer, addressed the commission and explained the Annual County Transportation Plan will be adopted every year. The plan will outline where the new fuel tax revenue will be spent. (The Rebuild Alabama Act passed by the Legislature in March of 2019, levies an additional 10-cent excise tax on gasoline and diesel fuel. The first 6-cent increase will become effective September 1, 2019, bringing the tax rate per gallon to 24-cents per gallon of gas and 25-cent per gallon for diesel. The next increase will be effective October 1, 2020, with an addition of 2-cents per gallon on gas and diesel. Another 2-cents per gallon will be levied October 1, 2021. Effective October 1, 2023, and on July 1<sup>st</sup> of every year after that, the gasoline and diesel excise tax rate will be adjusted by the percentage change in the yearly average of the National Highway Construction Cost Index, rounded to the nearest whole cent. The increase or the decrease of the excise tax will not exceed 1-cent per gallon, according to the legislation. Revenue from the tax will go mostly to road and bridge projects across the state. Each 1-cent increase is estimated to be worth \$32 million in new revenue; the full 10-cent increase will raise more than \$300 million.) We currently have two (2) roads on the plan which are county road 1141 and county road 1428. The total revenue in federal exchange for both roads will be a little over 1.1 million dollars. County road 1141 will be \$723,000 and county road 1428 will be \$418,000. Mr. Lang also explained as these projects progress the plans are open to be amended. This plan will be posted on the County Commission website to be accessible to the public. County road 1141 will be completed by Public Works and county road 1428 will be completed in house and the asphalt will be placed for bid. Mr. Lang stated Senator Garlan Gudger was a part of the program and was happy that Senator Gudger was present in today's Commission meeting and was able to see this plan be adopted by the commission. Mr. Lang also addressed the ATRIP II program and explained two (2) applications have been prepared and will be sent to the state and hopefully we can reap some benefits from that. Mr. Lang recommended that the commission approve the adoption of the Annual Transportation Plan.

**Senator Garlan Gudger**, addressed the commission and said thank you for having a plan and knowing what the county will be doing with the revenue you will be receiving because multiple other counties are still trying to come up with a plan. Senator Gudger thanked the commission for being proactive and helping the community and knowing where the money needs to go. Senator Gudger also addressed the ATRIP II and said only one application are supposed to be submitted but he got so that the commission can submit two (2) applications.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adopt the Annual Transportation Plan for FY-2020. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize the Chairman and the County Attorney to sign a Consent Order on behalf of the Cullman County Commission in Civil Action No. CV 2019-900323**

Chad Floyd, County Attorney, explained two (2) weeks ago he filed a lawsuit in the Circuit Court on behalf of the County against a tax payer for delinquent sales tax and failure to submit required monthly tax forms. The amount owed to the Sales Tax Office by the tax payer is \$3,903.18. The agreed upon amount to be paid monthly is \$300. Mr. Floyd recommended the commission authorize Chairman Walker and County Attorney to sign a Consent Order on behalf of the Cullman County Commission. Commissioner Marchman made a motion authorizing Chairman and County Attorney to sign a Consent Order. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider applying for FY2020 FAA Airport Improvement Funds for the Cullman Regional Airport- Resolution 2019-27**

Ben Harrison, Airport Manager, addressed the commission and explained the application would be for the final project of the first 5-year plan that took place in 2014 and actually began in 2015. The final project is the runway project. Mr. Harrison also explained he would not have any more details regarding the project until the engineering was worked out but he was recommending that the commission approve for the application to be filed with the FAA to get started. Chairman Walker asked if there was any idea on when the project would actually start and how long the airport would be closed. Mr. Harrison answered that the project would begin this time next year in 2020 and the airport would be closed for 4 months.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the application to be filed for FY-2020 FAA Airport Improvement funds. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Appropriate additional funds in the amount not to exceed \$65,000 for the Cullman Regional Airport-Resolution 2019-28**

Airport Manager, Ben Harrison, explained to the commission there are several land owners on the west side of the airport, this being the largest land owner. This land owner has agreed to sale just under 32 acres of land for use of the airport and economic development growth. TVA has been looking at the airport and has identified it as 1 of 4 target points for economic development and are looking at smaller airports who could pull some of the traffic away from the larger aircrafts. Mr. Harrison also explained he had discussed this with the County Economic Development office and they have agreed this would be a good time to buy this land. Commissioner Marchman stated he believed it was a good investment but was going to abstain from voting on this because there are various projects that are extreme priority right now and thanked Mr. Harrison for the good job that he does at the airport. Commissioner Marchman also stated he did not believe the purchase of the land was a good thing to do with \$65,000 at this time. Mr. Harrison explained he respected Commissioner Marchman's opinion but right now at the airport there is not a lot of product and product development is very limited. Mr. Harrison also stated later in the future there is a possibility of the \$65,000 being reimbursed by the FAA. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$65,000 for the Cullman Regional Airport to purchase land. Chairman Walker seconded the motion and stated he sees the future for economic development at the airport. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote from all three commissioners.

**Bid No. 1268- Extension- Service for Sheriff's Department and other various department vehicles to Santex-Havoline Express Lube**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the bid extension for one year in regard to service for Sheriff's department and other various department vehicles to Santex-Havoline Express Lube. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Bid No. 1270- Extension- Cold Laid Plant Mix to Good Hope Contracting**

John Lang, County Engineer, stated Good Hope Contracting currently has the bid for Cold Laid Plant Mix and recommended the commission extended the bid for one year. Commissioner Marchman made a motion approving the bid extension. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Bid No. 1289- Extension- Emulsified Asphalt to Ergon**

County Engineer, John Lang, addressed the commission stating Ergon currently has the bid and would recommend the commission extend the bid for one year. Commissioner Watson made a motion to extend the bid to Ergon. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Bid No. 1290- Extension- Corrugated Plastic Pipe to Bear Concrete Products**

John Lang, County Engineer, state Bear Concrete currently held the bid and recommended the commission extend the bid for one year. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to extend the Corrugated Plastic Pipe bid to Bear Concrete Products. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**WORK SESSION**

The Commission will hold a Work Session on September 10, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. in the commission conference room.

**NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2019**

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

**ADJOURN THE MEETING**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

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

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Kerry Watson,  
Associate Commissioner

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Garry Marchman,  
Associate Commissioner