

CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
October 22, 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 Dr. Shane Barnette. Major Matt Hogue with the Cullman County Sheriff's Office, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 8, 2019 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED

Commissioner Marchman made the motion to approve the minutes from the October 8, 2019 Commission Meeting; approve appropriations, expenditures, personnel actions, payroll, requisitions and all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution 2020-04- Consider vacation of a portion of Cullman County Road Number 319. The Public Hearing for this item was held on September 24, 2019

Chad Floyd, County Attorney, explained Petitioner Bill Whisenhunt came to the work session to bring the Commission up to speed on the current state of negotiation and agreement between the parties. Mr. Whisenhunt indicated they were going to get that area surveyed just to the Southeast of the cul-de-sac. Mr. Floyd recommended the Commission table resolution 2020-04 until the survey was presented by the Petitioners. Commissioner Watson made a motion tabling resolution 2020-04. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion to table this item of old business passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratify the City of Cullman Abatement for Webb Wheel Products, Inc., in the amount of \$2,909,741 for a major addition to existing facility

Stanley Kennedy from Cullman City Economic Development addressed the Commission and explained the City of Cullman had approved an abatement for Webb Wheel Products in the amount of \$2,909,741 for a major upgrade to their existing facility, in the way of the purchase of new manufacturing machinery. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve and ratify the City of Cullman Abatement for Webb Wheel Products. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Ratify the City of Cullman Abatement for Goat Island Craft Brewing, LLC., in the amount of \$200,000 for addition to existing facility

Stanley Kennedy from Cullman City Economic Development explained to the Commission the City of Cullman approved an abatement for Goat Island Craft Brewing, LLC, in the amount of \$200,000 for the adding of in-house canning machinery. As of right now, Goat Island Brewing has to hire an outside company to bring in a mobile canning unit. Adding in-house canning would save money and result in better production of and a more consistent product. Mr. Kennedy explained the abatement would be for 10 years, would create 2-3 new jobs and would generate \$11,000 in education tax. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve and ratify the City of Cullman Abatement for Goat Island Brewing. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Resolution 2020-05 – Consider Ordering a Referendum for a One Cent Sales and Use Tax for Education to be included on the March 3, 2020 Primary Election Ballot

Chad Floyd, County Attorney, explained to the Commission on October 10, 2019, the Cullman County School Board met and passed a resolution requesting the Commission to place the education tax on the primary ballot on March 3, 2020. Mr. Floyd prepared a resolution for the Commission to sign to present to the Probate Judge asking to include the Education Tax on the March 2020 ballot and also prepared sample language to appear on the ballot reflecting what the Cullman County School Board is asking for.

Dr. Shane Barnette, Superintendent, addressed the Commission and stated the resolution the School Board presented speaks for itself. The School Board is asking for a 1 cent sales tax to be placed on the ballot for the citizens of Cullman to vote on. The money collected from the sales tax would be spent on local school campuses upgrading facilities and security. Dr. Barnette also explained the School Board has an outline of what they would like to do on each campus. The outline has been presented at community meetings over the last couple months and during those conversations ~~have~~ has received positive feedback from the community and believes the community is supporting the tax. Dr. Barnette stated members of the community have asked the School Board to bring the recommendation before the Commission to place the education tax on the ballot.

Commissioner Marchman made a motion approving Resolution 2020-05 placing the education tax on the March 3, 2020 ballot. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Adopt the Mass Fatality Response Plan upon the recommendation of Coroner Jeremy Kilpatrick and EMA Director, Phyllis Little

Phyllis Little, EMA Director, addressed the Commission and stated that she and Jeremy Kilpatrick, Coroner had been working on the Mass Fatality Response Plan for a year trying to get the plan in the best shape possible and adding all local capabilities to the plan in the event that the County did have something happen that resulted in massive fatalities. Ms. Little explained she had County Attorney, Chad Floyd review the plan and she was ready to present it to the Commission and recommended that the Commission adopt the plan. Commissioner Watson made a motion to adopt the Mass Fatality Response Plan. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion then passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize the EMA Director to sign a grant with the Alabama Department of Public Health in the amount of \$28,000

EMA Director, Phyllis Little, explained the Alabama Department of Public Health grant was the grant that the County receives annually and only requires the EMA Director's signature. The grant is in the amount of \$28,000. Commissioner Marchman made a motion authorizing EMA Director, Phyllis Little, to sign the Alabama Department of Public Health grant. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize the Chairman to execute a contract on behalf of the Cullman County Commission with Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Inc., for Design Services for Runway Rehabilitation at the Cullman Regional Airport

Ben Harrison, Airport Manager, addressed the Commission and explained the contract is for the FY-2020 Runway Project design phase. Commissioner Watson asked if this was an FAA Grant. Mr. Harrison stated it was an FAA Grant but this would be the 90-5-5 Grant where 90% comes from Federal, 5% comes from the State, 2.5% comes from the County and 2.5% comes from the City. Commissioner Watson made a motion authorizing the Chairman to sign the contract on behalf of Cullman County Commission with Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Inc., for design services. Commissioner Marchman second. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Authorize the Airport Board to let for bid Site Clearing and Grubbing at sites A, B, C & D at the Cullman Regional Airport upon the recommendation of the FAA

Airport Manager, Ben Harrison, explained to the Commission the majority of the sites recommended to be cleared and grubbed are primarily on the South end of the Airport. The trees are mature and are now penetrating the South end approach to the runway. Mr. Harrison also stated we needed to get to approach cleared or we will have major problems with the runway. Commissioner Marchman made a motion authorizing the Airport Board to let for bid the Site Clearing and Grubbing at the Cullman Regional Airport. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Approve the Cullman County Commission's updated Accounting Policies and Procedures Manual

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, explained the County is updating the Accounting Policies and Procedures Manual and consolidating it all into one manual. Commissioner Watson made a motion approving the Cullman County Commission's updated Accounting Policies and Procedures Manual. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion then passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the purchase of fencing around stairs for cell blocks A, B, C, D, & E at the Cullman County Detention Center from CRAFT Associates- cost \$17,648

Major Matt Hogue, addressed the Commission and stated the Cullman County Detention Center is a two story facility with hand railing that goes up the stairs. Those railings have been open since the Detention Center was built. Mr. Hogue also stated with the railing being open, it is a safety concern of people falling through onto the floor and its recommended to purchase fencing to address the safety issue. Commissioner Marchman made a motion approving the purchase of fencing for cell blocks A, B, C, D & E from CRAFT Associates in the amount of \$17, 648. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider the purchase of a SAVIN IMC 3500 Copier for the Probate Office- Cost \$8,950

Benson Clark from the Probate Office explained to the Commission the Probate Office is wanting to purchase a new copier from Office Equipment Company in the amount of \$8,950 off of the US Communities / Omnia Partners Group Purchasing Organization. Commissioner Watson made a motion approving the purchase of a SAVIN IMC 3500 copier for the Probate Office. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the surplus of the following items from the Road Department to be sold on GovDeals;

4700 international Dump Truck	VIN# 1HTSCAANXXH682738
2000 GMC Pickup	VIN#1GTEC14V3YE310943
WB156-5 Komatsu Backhoe	VIN# A63098
WB156-5 Komatsu Backhoe	VIN# A63095
Model 7210 John Deere Tractor	VIN# RW7210S023292
Model 7200 John Deere Tractor	VIN# RW7200S005044
Model 7200 John Deere Tractor	VIN# RW7200S005131

John Lang, County Engineer, stated the items are obsolete, beyond repair or have been replaced and recommend that they be surplus and sold on GovDeals. Commissioner Marchman made a motion for all items to be surplus and sold on GovDeals. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider the surplus of a 1999 Jeep Cherokee VIN# 1J4FF685XXL547569 to be sold on GovDeals

Commissioner Watson made a motion approving the surplus of a 1999 Jeep Cherokee VIN# 1J4FF685XXL547569 to be sold on GovDeals. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider proposed resubdivision plat for Shaggybark Park Subdivision, located in District 2 on County Road 255

Keith Creel, Engineer Assistant, explained to the Commission the proposed resubdivision plat for Shaggybark Park Subdivision is taking 5 lots and subdividing those into 8 lots. Mr. Creel stated all requirements and regulations have been met. Commissioner Marchman made a motion approving the resubdivision plat for Shaggybark Park Subdivision. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

WORK SESSION

The Commission will hold a Work Session on November 26, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. in the commission conference room.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING TUESDAY, November 26, 2019

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, November 26, 2019 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 10:15 a.m.

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Kenneth Walker,
Chairman

/S/ _____
Kerry Watson,
Associate Commissioner

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Garry Marchman,
Associate Commissioner