

## CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

December 12, 2023

### CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME GUESTS

Chairman Clemons called the Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

### CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM

Tiffany Merriman, County Clerk, called roll; present were Chairman Clemons, Commissioner Kerry Watson, Commissioner Garry Marchman (via phone), Commissioner Kelly Duke, Commissioner Corey Freeman, County Administrator John Bullard, and County Engineer Philip Widner. Trae Norrell gave the invocation. Facilities and Equipment Manager Shane Bailey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Attorney Emily Johnston was absent.

### APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 14, 2023, MEETING, APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, PERSONNEL ACTIONS, PAYROLL, AND REQUISITIONS, AND APPROVE ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2023, meeting, appropriations, expenditures, personnel actions, payroll, and requisitions, and approve all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS/UPDATES

Commission would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **Recognition: Ginger Taylor retiring after 25 years with the Commission Office**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Recognition: Ginger Taylor retiring after 25 years with the Commission Office. Commissioner Freeman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

#### **Recognition: Lori Beckhart retiring after 25 years with the Water Department**

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve Recognition: Lori Beckhart retiring after 25 years with the Water Department. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

#### **Recognition: Tina Parker retiring after 27 years with the Garage**

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve Recognition: Tina Parker retiring after 27 years with the Garage. Commissioner Freeman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

#### **Resolution 2024-01: Authorize Chairman to sign Recovered Resource Revenue Agreement**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-01: Authorize Chairman to sign Recovered Resource Revenue Agreement. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

#### **Resolution 2024-02-Submit application for Rebuild Alabama Grant for County Road 1670 and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork**

Economic Development Director Matt Kinsland addressed the Commission and stated that this is our annual grant program that was started in 2019 with the Rebuild Alabama Act. This year we are applying for County Road 1670, the total project is \$458,000, and the cap is \$350,000. We are applying for \$350,000 with a \$100,000 match, so we are still within the match for this project.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-02-Submit application for Rebuild Alabama Grant for County Road 1670 and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork. Commissioner Duke seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

#### **Consider putting dumpsters at various locations throughout the county for Christmas**

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve putting dumpsters at various locations throughout the county for Christmas. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider renewal of Liability Insurance with County Risk Services in the amount of \$521,251.04 and authorize Chairman to sign all related documents**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve renewal of Liability Insurance with County Risk Services in the amount of \$521,251.04 and authorize Chairman to sign all related documents. Commissioner Duke seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider Commissioner Watson's reappointment, Phillip Garrison, to the Solid Waste Authority Board for a 4-year term to expire 11/20/27**

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve Commissioner Watson's reappointment, Phillip Garrison, to the Solid Waste Authority Board for a 4-year term to expire 11/20/27. Commissioner Duke seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider Chairman Clemon's reappointment, Tim Culpepper, to the Health Care Authority Board for a 6-year term to expire 06/30/29**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Chairman Clemon's reappointment, Tim Culpepper, to the Health Care Authority Board for a 6-year term to expire 06/30/29. Commissioner Duke seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider Chairman Clemon's nominee, Kenneth Cornelius, to the E-911 Board to replace Kenneth Nail for a term to expire 9/1/25**

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve Chairman Clemon's nominee, Kenneth Cornelius, to the E-911 Board to replace Kenneth Nail for a term to expire 9/1/25. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider proposed updated fleet safety policy and related forms**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve updated fleet safety policy and related forms. Commissioner Freeman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider increasing camping rates at all parks by \$12 per night and an additional \$10 for holidays (minimum 3 nights) and Rock the South**

Parks Director Doug Davenport addressed the Commission and stated that we have checked with several RV parks and this \$12 per night makes us line up with other parks.

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve increasing camping rates at all parks by \$12 per night and an additional \$10 for holidays (minimum 3 nights) and Rock the South. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider increasing entrance fee at OHV Park from \$15 to \$20**

Parks Director Doug Davenport stated this would omit the additional cost for night rides and just make it \$20 for each day or night ride.

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve increasing entrance fee at OHV Park from \$15 to \$20. Commissioner Duke seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider the purchase of nine (9) XK300 Medical Sensor devices from Reassurance Solutions for the jail being paid from Opioid Funds in the amount of \$55,600**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve to purchase of nine (9) XK300 Medical Sensor devices from Reassurance Solutions for the jail being paid from Opioid Funds in the amount of \$55,600. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider renewal of Wind Hail buy back with Byars Wright in the amount of \$34,428.80 and ratify all actions**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve renewal of Wind Hail buy back with Byars Wright in the amount of \$34,428.80 and ratify all actions. Commissioner Duke seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider renewal of property, automobile, and equipment insurance with EMC through Byars Wright Insurance in the amount of \$545,650 and ratify all actions**

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve renewal of property, automobile, and equipment insurance with EMC through Byars Wright Insurance in the amount of \$545,650 and ratify all actions. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider the purchase of four (4) 2024 Kenworth Tri-axle Cab/Chassis for the Road Department in the amount of \$197,600 each**

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the purchase of four (4) 2024 Kenworth Tri-axle Cab/Chassis for the Road Department in the amount of \$197,600 each. Commissioner Duke seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider the purchase of four (4) 2024 Logan truck bodies for the Road Department in the amount of \$32,385 each**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the purchase of four (4) 2024 Logan truck bodies for the Road Department in the amount of \$32,385 each. Commissioner Duke seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider the surplus of six (6) 2021 Kenworth T880 Tri-axle Dump Trucks to be auctioned with JM Woods and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork**

- Vin # 1NKZX4TX3MJ469861
- Vin # 1NKZX4TX9MJ469864
- Vin # 1NKZX4TX2MJ469866
- Vin # 1NKZX4TX0MJ469865
- Vin # 1NKZX4TX5MJ469862
- Vin # 1NKZX4TX7MJ469863

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve the surplus of six (6) 2021 Kenworth T880 Tri-axle Dump Trucks to be auctioned with JM Woods and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork Vin # 1NKZX4TX3MJ469861, Vin # 1NKZX4TX9MJ469864, Vin # 1NKZX4TX2MJ469866, Vin # 1NKZX4TX0MJ469865, Vin # 1NKZX4TX5MJ469862, and Vin # 1NKZX4TX7MJ469863. Commissioner Freeman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider proposed preliminary plat Bella's Ridge Subdivision. A minor subdivision containing 3 lots located off County Road 616**

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve preliminary plat Bella's Ridge Subdivision. A minor subdivision containing 3 lots located off County Road 616. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider proposed preliminary plat Bella's Ridge Subdivision first addition. A minor subdivision containing 3 lots located off County Road 616**

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve preliminary plat Bella's Ridge Subdivision first addition. A minor subdivision containing 3 lots located off County Road 616. Commissioner Freeman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**WORK SESSION WILL BE THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSION MEETING ROOM**

Chairman Clemons announced that the next Commission Work Session will be Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room.


**THE NEXT COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSION MEETING ROOM**

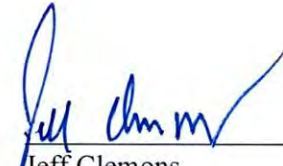
Chairman Clemons announced that the next Commission meeting will be Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room.


**ADJOURN THE MEETING**

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to Adjourn. Commissioner Duke seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.


Attest:

  
Tiffany Merriman,  
County Clerk

  
Jeff Clemons,  
Chairman

  
Kerry Watson,  
Commissioner

  
Garry Marchman,  
Commissioner

  
Kelly Duke,  
Commissioner

  
Corey Freeman,  
Commissioner