

November 19, 2024

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME GUESTS**

Chairman Clemons called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM**

Tiffany Merriman, County Clerk, called roll; present were Chairman Clemons, Commissioner Watson, Commissioner Marchman, Commissioner Duke, Commissioner Freeman, County Administrator John Bullard, County Attorney Brad Wilson, and County Engineer Philip Widner. Jared Folks gave the invocation and EMA Director Tim Sartin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 17, 2024, MEETING AND NOVEMBER 13, 2024, ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING, APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, PERSONNEL ACTIONS, PAYROLL, AND REQUISITIONS, AND APPROVE ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED**

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2024, meeting and November 13, 2024, organizational meeting, appropriations, expenditures, personnel actions, payroll, and requisitions, and approve all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Watson seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/UPDATES**

Chairman Clemons announced there were no public comments or updates.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Recognition: Euel Gay retiring after 35 years of service with the Road Department**

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve Recognition: Euel Gay retiring after 35 years of service with the Road Department. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 2025-08: Change speed limit to 35 mph on County Road 201 from County Road 222 to County Road 178 and 25 mph on County Road 201 from County Road 178 to County Road 177**

County Engineer Philip Widner stated this is a subdivision around the Country Mall. We received a couple of requests from citizens on that road to look at the speed limits and we did. We are also having some issues around the fire department. We have gone down and put some cautionary signs around the fire department. This is in Commissioner Freeman's district. Commissioner Freeman stated he has traveled this road the other day based on what he has here, and I agree. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-08: Change speed limit to 35 mph on County Road 201 from County Road 222 to County Road 178 and 25 mph on County Road 201 from County Road 178 to County Road 177. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Amend amount for the Alabama Department of Youth Services Agency Grant Agreement for FY 2024-2025 as fiscal agent for Blount County from the October 17, 2024, meeting to reflect the amount of \$138,619**

County Administrator John Bullard addressed the Commission and stated they sent us the corrected amount. We act as the fiscal agent for Blount County and a couple of other counties. Commissioner Duke made a motion to amend amount for the Alabama Department of Youth Services Agency Grant Agreement for FY 2024-2025 as fiscal agent for Blount County from the October 17, 2024, meeting to reflect the amount of \$138,619. Commissioner Watson seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Ratify application for the FY 2024 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)**

EMA Director Tim Sartin stated this is our annual grant we get every year. We normally get between

\$50,000-\$60,000 for this grant. This is a no match grant. Commissioner Duke made a motion to ratify application for the FY 2024 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG). Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Ratify purchase order for a 5-ton heat pump for the Board of Education Building from Stan Smith in the amount of \$15,875**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to ratify purchase order for a 5-ton heat pump for the Board of Education Building from Stan Smith in the amount of \$15,875. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Correct Reappraisal Budget amending line item 120-51800-125 from \$7,306 to \$7,220 and line item 120-51800-229 from \$14,000 to \$0**

County Administrator John Bullard addressed the Commission and stated this is a correction that reduces the budget. Commissioner Watson made a motion to correct Reappraisal Budget amending line item 120-51800-125 from \$7,306 to \$7,220 and line item 120-51800-229 from \$14,000 to \$0. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize OHV Park Manager, Tyler Lindsey, to sign agreement with onXmaps, Inc. for mapping technology for the OHV Park to receive \$4,000**

Commissioner Duke made a motion to authorize OHV Park Manager, Tyler Lindsey, to sign agreement with onXmaps, Inc. for mapping technology for the OHV Park to receive \$4,000. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize Chairman to sign second amendment to IAC Program Maintenance and Support Membership Agreement to expire December 31, 2027**

County Administrator John Bullard stated this extends the agreement and there are no additional funds required. Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize Chairman to sign second amendment to IAC Program Maintenance and Support Membership Agreement to expire December 31, 2027. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Authorize EMA Director to apply for the Alabama Mutual Aid System FY 2024 Agreement application**

EMA Director Tim Sartin addressed the Commission and stated this is our mutual aid agreement grant that we apply for every year for SMORT. It is no match for the county and the county will not be out any money. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to authorize EMA Director to apply for the Alabama Mutual Aid System FY 2024 Agreement application. Commissioner Duke seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize EMA Director and Chairman to sign FY 2024 State Homeland Security Grant for EOC upgrades in the amount of \$60,000**

EMA Director Tim Sartin stated this was the grant we applied for a couple months ago. The grant got awarded two weeks ago. This is for upgrades for EOC for computers, monitors, etc. This is no match for the county. Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize EMA Director and Chairman to sign FY 2024 State Homeland Security Grant for EOC upgrades in the amount of \$60,000. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider changing Cullman County Employee Handbook Section IV-B. Annual Leave Scheduling, updating leave request process and adding record retention component**

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to change the Cullman County Employee Handbook Section IV-B. Annual Leave Scheduling, updating leave request process and adding record retention component. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Consider insurance renewal through Higginbotham/Byars Wright with EMC for Property, Inland Marine, and Business Auto through EMC and Lloyds for Wind Hail Deductible in the amount of \$708,672.84**

County Administrator John Bullard addressed the Commission and stated this is our annual property insurance renewal for wind hail deduction. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the renewal through Higginbotham/Byars Wright with EMC for Property, Inland Marine, and Business Auto through EMC and Lloyds for Wind Hail Deductible in the amount of \$708,672.84. Commissioner Duke seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider insurance deductible payment to CRS in relation to claim # 2200230091 in the amount of \$25,000**

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve insurance deductible payment to CRS in relation to claim # 2200230091 in the amount of \$25,000. Commissioner Duke seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider Commissioner Marchman's nominee, Denise Key, to replace Dennis Richard on the Health Care Authority Board for the remainder of his term set to expire 6/30/27**

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve Commissioner Marchman's nominee, Denise Key, to replace Dennis Richard on the Health Care Authority Board for the remainder of his term set to expire 6/30/27. Commissioner Freeman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Consider Commission's nominee, Chairman Jeff "Clem" Clemons to serve on the Cullman Regional Airport Board for a term to expire 11/28**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Commission's nominee, Chairman Jeff "Clem" Clemons to serve on the Cullman Regional Airport Board for a term to expire 11/28. Commissioner Duke seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider quote from DAB Restoration, LLC for courthouse renovations in the amount of \$52,500**

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve quote from DAB Restoration, LLC for courthouse renovations in the amount of \$52,500. Commissioner Duke seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider James Rollo to serve on the Solid Waste Authority of the City and County of Cullman to replace Chairman Clemons**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve James Rollo to serve on the Solid Waste Authority of the City and County of Cullman to replace Chairman Clemons. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Consider increasing camping rates at Smith Lake Park and Stony Lonesome OHV Park from \$42 a night to \$45 a night plus fees**

Commissioner Duke made a motion to table increasing camping rates at Smith Lake Park and Stony Lonesome OHV Park from \$42 a night to \$45 a night plus fees. Commissioner Freeman seconded. The motion is hereby tabled upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider offering 25% discount to rent facilities only at the Ag Center to Cullman nonprofit organizations effective January 01, 2026**

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve offering 25% discount to rent facilities only at the Ag Center to Cullman nonprofit organizations effective January 01, 2026. Commissioner Watson seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider authorization for The Elyse Reeves Foundation to host Ride for a Cure at Stony Lonesome OHV Park March 7<sup>th</sup>,2025-March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to authorize The Elyse Reeves Foundation to host Ride for a Cure at Stony Lonesome OHV Park March 7<sup>th</sup>,2025-March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider the purchase of two (2) Freightliner M2-106 Plus with Heil automated side-loader from Ingram Equipment Company from Sourcewell (Contract # 110223-THC) in the amount of \$609,830 for the Sanitation Department**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the purchase of two (2) Freightliner M2-106 Plus with Heil automated side-loader from Ingram Equipment Company from Sourcewell (Contract # 110223-THC) in the amount of \$609,830 for the Sanitation Department. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Consider the purchase of one (1) 2025 International HX Sanitation Truck from Ingram Equipment Company from Sourcewell (Contract # 032824-NAF) in the amount of \$234,930 for the Sanitation Department**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the purchase of one (1) 2025 International HX Sanitation Truck from Ingram Equipment Company from Sourcewell (Contract # 032824-NAF) in the amount of \$234,930 for the Sanitation Department. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider the purchase of three (3) Bomag Rollers currently being rented from Cowan on Sourcewell Contract (060122-BAI) in the total amount of \$299,085.84**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the purchase of three (3) Bomag Rollers currently being rented from Cowan on Sourcewell Contract (060122-BAI) in the total amount of \$299,085.84. Commissioner Duke seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Extend Bid # 1415: for Emulsified Asphalt to Ergon**

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to Extend Bid # 1415: for Emulsified Asphalt to Ergon. Commissioner Duke seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Extend Bid # 1417: for Traffic Striping to JC Cheek Contractors**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to Extend Bid # 1417: for Traffic Striping to JC Cheek Contractors. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote the motion carried.

**Extend Bid # 1418: for Corrugated Plastic Pipe to Bear Concrete Products**

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to Extend Bid # 1418: for Corrugated Plastic Pipe to Bear Concrete Products. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Award Bid # 1471: for motor oil, hydraulic oil, transmission fluid and grease to W.H. Thomas Oil Company, Inc. and Stewart Auto Supply, Inc.**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to Award Bid # 1471: for motor oil, hydraulic oil, transmission fluid and grease to W.H. Thomas Oil Company, Inc. and Stewart Auto Supply, Inc. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Award Bid # 1472: for Concrete to Brothers Concrete Supply and Ready Mix USA based on availability and proximity**

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to award bid # 1472: for Concrete to Brothers Concrete Supply and Ready Mix USA based on availability and proximity. Commissioner Freeman seconded. Upon a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

**Award Bid # 1473: for Traffic Signs to Traffic Signs Inc.**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to award Bid # 1473: for Traffic Signs to Traffic Signs Inc. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Award Bid # 1474: for Corrugated Metal Pipe to Twin Oaks Environmental of Alabama, LLC**

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to award Bid # 1474: for Corrugated Metal Pipe to Twin Oaks Environmental of Alabama, LLC. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Proposed change to approved preliminary plat for Chaney Branch Farms Subdivision. Owner is reducing the number of lots from 18 to 14 lots. This is a major subdivision in Commission District 2. The subdivision is located on the corner of County Road 1191 and County Road 1196, a quarter mile East of Missionary Grove Church on County Road 1191**

County Engineer Philip Widner addressed the commission and stated the preliminary plat has already been approved. All we are doing is changing the number of lots. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve proposed change to approved preliminary plat for Chaney Branch Farms Subdivision. Owner is reducing the number of lots from 18 to 14 lots. This is a major subdivision in Commission District 2. The subdivision is located on the corner of County Road 1191 and County Road 1196, a quarter mile East of Missionary Grove Church on County Road 1191. Commissioner Freeman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Proposed preliminary plat Route 9 Properties Subdivision. A minor subdivision containing 5 Lots in Commission District 1. The subdivision is located at the intersection of County Road 1689 and County Road 1686**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve proposed preliminary plat Route 9 Properties Subdivision. A minor subdivision containing 5 Lots in Commission District 1. The subdivision is located at the intersection of County Road 1689 and County Road 1686. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Proposed preliminary plat Blue Acres Subdivision. A minor subdivision containing 5 Lots in Commission District 2. The subdivision is located off of County Road 1194, a quarter mile north of the intersection of State Hwy 157 behind RE Garrison Trucking**

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve proposed preliminary plat Blue Acres Subdivision. A minor subdivision containing 5 Lots in Commission District 2. The subdivision is located off of County Road 1194, a quarter mile north of the intersection of State Hwy 157 behind RE Garrison Trucking. Commissioner Duke seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote the motion carried.

**Request from Attorney for Executive Session under 7 of Act No. 2005-40**

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve request from Attorney for Executive Session under 7 of Act No. 2005-40. Commissioner Watson seconded.

Tiffany Merriman, County Clerk, called roll to go into Executive Session.

Chairman Clemons "Yea."

Commissioner Watson "Yea."

Commissioner Marchman "Yea."

Commissioner Duke "Yea."

Commissioner Freeman "Yea."

County Attorney Brad Wilson stated I do not anticipate this lasting longer than an 1 hour.  
Chairman Clemons stated any objections, motion passed.

Chairman Clemons stated I would like to call this meeting to order again. At this time, we have heard information from our County Attorney. We will not take any action at this time and no formal action was taken during the executive session.

**THE NEXT COMMISSION WORK SESSION WILL BE TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSION MEETING ROOM**

Chairman Clemons announced that the next Work Session will be Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room.

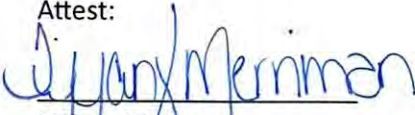
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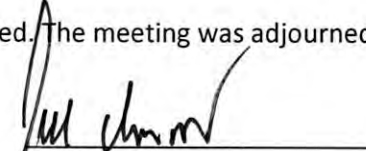
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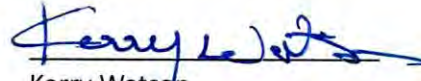
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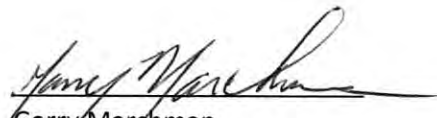
Commissioner made a motion to Adjourn. Commissioner Duke seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Attest:

  
Tiffany Merriman,  
County Clerk

  
Jeff Clemons,  
Chairman

  
Kerry Watson,  
Commissioner

  
Garry Marchman,  
Commissioner

  
Kelly Duke,  
Commissioner

  
Corey Freeman,  
Commissioner