

June 18, 2026

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 Attorney Brad Wilson, County Administrator John Bullard, and County Engineer Philip Widner. Corey Drummond gave the invocation and County Attorney Brad Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve the minutes of May 21, 2026, 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 May 21, 2026, Meeting, appropriations, expenditures, personnel actions, payroll and requisitions, and approve all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Duke seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comments/Updates

Chairman Clemons stated there were no Public Comments/Updates.

NEW BUSINESS

Recognition: Becky Faulk retiring after 27 years of service with Commission on Aging

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve recognition of Becky Faulk retiring after 27 years of service with Commission on Aging. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous vote. Chairman Clemons thanked Becking for the amazing work she has done for the citizens of Cullman County through the Commission on Aging.

Proclamation: Amateur Radio Week June 21, 2026-June 28, 2026

Cullman County Attorney Brad Wilson read the Proclamation. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve Proclamation Amateur Radio Week June 21, 2026- June 28, 2026. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Freeman and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2026-30: provide all funds necessary to the Employees' Retirement System to cover one-time lump sum payment for eligible retirees-estimated amount of \$68,529

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-30: provide all funds necessary to the Employees' Retirement System to cover one-time lump sum payment for eligible retirees-estimated amount of \$68,529.00. Commissioner Duke seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote the motion carried.

Public Hearing: FY 2026 Community Development Block Grant Program to reconstruct and resurface County Roads 627, 628, 630, and parts of County Road 702

Cullman County Economic Assistant Director Tiffany Oldacre stated this is a Community Development Block Grant Program that is funded by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development and State of Alabama. The program is available to all nine entitlement communities that meet applicable thresholds. All projects must meet one of the three national objectives, benefit at least 51% or more for low to moderate income, aid in the prevention/clearance of slums or blight, and or meet an urgent need. The state of Alabama distributes these funds through a competitive grant process. Counties can apply up to \$500,000.00 in the county fund category, which is the category we apply through. One of the requirements is holding this public hearing where citizens can have a say in the application process. Activities can include water and sewer projects, road improvement projects, drainage projects, housing rehab for low-income homeowners, demolition projects, and facility upgrade projects. This year the commission has selected road servicing project for County Roads 627, 628, 630, and parts of County Road

702. The project cost approximately \$639,000.00, and the county matching funds of around \$50,000.00. At this time, we have County Engineer, Philip Widner and Commissioner Kelly Duke (whose district these county roads are in). We will answer any questions that anybody may have. The Chairman asked for a motion to open public hearing. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Commissioner Duke seconded. Mr. Jordan asked if this included signing or road speed limits or anything. Mrs. Oldacre replied yes. Mr. Graveman asked what happened to the last grant? Ms. Oldacre stated we did not receive that grant, so we had to reapply. Mr. Graveman stated, is there a reason why? Ms. Oldacre replied they are very competitive. Counties apply and sometimes you get them and sometimes you do not. Chairman Clemons stated we will keep applying for these grants. Commissioner Duke stated this is not a different grant, we are applying for the same grant. County Economic Director Matt Kinsland stated we did meet with them and reviewed the applications to identify the weaknesses in the application and there is greater consideration each time you submit the application. Ms. Jordan is a Postal Worker and asked is it more likely for them to approve it if they hear from people in the room? Ms. Oldacre stated we would like to get a letter of support from you. Commissioner Freeman asked which road are you referring to? Ms. Jordan stated County Road 627. She explained she got t-boned going home one day pulling in her driveway. She stated the road is not big enough to pass on. We need signs and markings on the road showing you do not need to pass on a road too small to pass on. The same person that hit me ran our postal worker off the road because she was in the center running about 60 mph. Commissioner Duke stated this is not going to help bad driving. County Attorney Brad Wilson stated the potential is there for it to be beneficial if you do write a letter. Economic Director Matt Kinsland stated that does strengthen the applications having residence describe their personal experience. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to close Public Hearing: FY 2026 Community Development Block Grant Program to reconstruct and resurface County Roads 627,628, 630, and parts of County Road 702. Commissioner Duke seconded. With a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Resolution 2026-31: Apply for a CDBG Grant from ADECA's Community Development Block Grant Program to reconstruct and resurface County Roads 627,628, 630, and parts of County Road 702 and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-31: Apply for a CDBG Grant from ADECA's Community Development Block Grant Program to reconstruct and resurface County Roads 627,628,630 and parts of County Road 702 and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2026-32: FY 2026 State Homeland Security Grant Program

Cullman County Economic Development Project Coordinator, Luke Woods, addressed the Commission and stated this grant is for the Sheriff's office. Because of the way the grant is set up they cannot apply for it on their own. They must apply through the county. This resolution will authorize the Chairman to submit the application and execute the necessary grant documents on behalf of the Sheriff's Department and the County. I have been working closely with Investigator Bentley. He is over the Sheriff's Office Range and has been extremely helpful with this. We have been getting information together to submit the application. The grant will not exceed \$200,000.00. The County will not have a match, but it is a reimbursement. The County will pay first and then be reimbursed. This grant will provide an electrical targeting system for the Sheriff's Office Range, to be used in training and qualifying. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-32: FY 2026 State Homeland Security Grant Program. Commissioner Duke seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote the motion carried.

Resolution 2026-34: Tax abatement for Project Ark in the amount of \$419,768

Cullman County Economic Development Director Matt Kinsland addressed the Commission. This project is going to be located in unincorporated Cullman County in the Arkadelphia Community. The first 5 years of this project is anticipated to create 170 jobs with an average pay of \$28.32 an hour. Initial capital investment on this project is 9.785 million and as always, per state statute the education tax portion of the taxes are not affected. The school

systems will receive their portion from taxes generated. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-34: Tax abatement for Project Ark in the amount of \$419,798. Commissioner Duke seconded and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Ratify abatement for Project Panel presented by Cullman Economic Development Agency in the amount of \$273,622

Cullman County Economic Development Director Matt Kinsland stated this project is in the old Pennington Seed building in Industrial Park I in the City of Cullman. It is an initial investment of 5.3 million dollars. In phase one, they anticipate hiring eighteen jobs available, with pay rate of \$24-\$33 dollars per hour. This one, like Project Ark, is a defense contract project. Phase 2, which is over a five-year period, is anticipated to create 100 jobs. Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve Ratify abatement for Project Panel presented by Cullman Economic Development Agency in the amount of \$273,622. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2026-35: Authorize Facilities and Equipment Director to obtain a purchase Order up to the bid limit for maintenance emergency items (must be within budget) with majority of Commissioner's signatures and ratify at next Commission Meeting

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-35: Authorize Facilities and Equipment Director to obtain a purchase order up to the bid limit for maintenance emergency items (must be within budget) with majority of Commissioner's signatures and ratify at next Commission Meeting. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2026-36: Landfill closure/post-closure

County Administrator John Bullard addressed the Commission and stated this just guarantees the Landfill closure cost. Half the cost for one more year for the Cullman County Landfill. Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-36: Landfill closure/post-closure. Commissioner Freeman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Amend 5311 Agreement for CARTS for Software Upgrade from Spare and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to Amend 5311 Agreement for CARTS for Software Upgrade from Spare and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize payment for two (2) 2021 John Deere Backhoe Loaders for the Road Department in the amount of \$112,420 (fund 111-53200-560)

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to Authorize payment for two (2) 2021 John Deere Backhoe Loaders for the Road Department in the amount of \$112,420 (fund 111-53200-560). Commissioner Duke seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Ratify invoice from Plus One Heating and Air for 3-ton unit for Board of Education Building in the amount of \$12,995 (fund 001-58100-530)

Commissioner Duke made a motion to Ratify invoice from Plus One Heating and Air for 3-ton unit for Board of Education Building in the amount of \$12,995 (fund 001-58100-530). Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider agreement with FOAA for Smith Lake Park's 4th of July Celebration, pending insurance requirements and hold harmless agreement, and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve agreement with FOAA for Smith Lake Park's 4th of

July Celebration, pending insurance requirements and hold harmless agreement, and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider appointing Kelly Duke to the ACCA Legislative Committee

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to appoint Kelly Duke to the ACCA Legislative Committee. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider Carl Hastings to serve on the Solid Waste Authority of the City and County of Cullman to replace James Rollo

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

Consider Community Development Cooperative Agreement for fire tactical/backup repeater project in the amount of \$35,000 and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve Community Development Cooperative Agreement for fire tactical/backup repeater project in the amount of \$35,000 and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork. Commissioner Duke seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider agreement with Jill Meggs and Rationnelle to provide Accounting, Internal Audit, Preparation, and Review Services for the Cullman County Commission

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve agreement with Jill Meggs and Rationnelle to provide Accounting, Internal Audit, Preparation, and Review Services for the Cullman County Commission. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider Kenneth Cornelius for reappointment to the Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association for a 2-year term set to expire 9/30/28

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve Kenneth Cornelius for reappointment to the Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association for a 2-year term set to expire 9/30/28. Commissioner Duke seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider Chairman Clemons nominee, Blake West for reappointment to the DHR Board for a 6-year term set to expire 5/15/32

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve Chairman Clemons nominee, Blake West for reappointment to the DHR Board for a 6-year term set to expire 5/15/32. Commissioner Duke seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider Commissioner Watson's nominee, Ory Hampton for reappointment to the DHR Board for a 6-year term set to expire 5/15/32

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Commissioner Watson's nominee, Ory Hampton for reappointment to the DHR Board for a 6-year term set to expire 5/15/32. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider Commissioner Marchman's nominee, Darla West for reappointment to the DHR Board for a 6-year term set to expire 5/15/32

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve Commissioner Marchman's nominee, Darla West for reappointment to the DHR Board for a 6-year term set to expire 5/15/32. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Request to pay from building funds to Goss Electric, Inc. for electrical work at Cullman County Detention Center in the amount of \$14,426 (fund 112-52200-231)

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve Request to pay from building funds to Goss Electric, Inc. for electrical work at Cullman County Detention Center in the amount of \$14,426 (fund 112-52200-231). Commissioner Freeman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider quote from Cullman Appliance & HVAC Repair, LLC for a new dryer for Detention Center in the amount of \$11,869.70 (fund 112-52200-540)

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve quote from Cullman Appliance & HVAC Repair, LLC for a new dryer for Detention Center in the amount of \$11,869.70 (fund 112-52200-540). Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the purchase of one (1) 2027 Kenworth T480 Dump Truck (Vin # 1NK5LJ0X2VJ244376) from Sourcewell (Contract # 032824-KTC) for the Water Department in the amount of \$190,000

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve the purchase of one (1) 2027 Kenworth T480 Dump Truck (Vin # 1NK5LJ0X2VJ244376) from Sourcewell (Contract # 032824-KTC) for the Water Department in the amount of \$190,000. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Proposed plat Simson Creek Circle View Subdivision, resurvey of lots 14 and 15. A minor subdivision recorded on January 9th, 1975. Located in commission district 4 on County Road 225

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve plat Simson Creek Circle View Subdivision, resurvey of lots 14 and 15. A minor subdivision recorded on January 9th, 1975. Located in commission district 4 on County Road 225. Commissioner Duke seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Award Bid # 1502: Pipe for the Cullman County Water Department and various municipalities in Cullman County to Consolidated Pipe & Supply

Commissioner Duke made a motion to Award Bid # 1502: Pipe for the Cullman County Water Department and various municipalities in Cullman County to Consolidated Pipe & Supply. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

The next Commission Work Session will be on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room

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The next Commission Meeting will be on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room

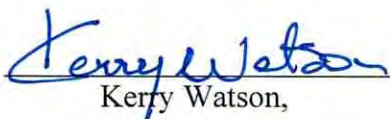
Chairman Clemons announced the next Commission Meeting will be on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room.

Adjourn

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Duke seconded. The Commission Meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.


Jeff Clemons,
Chairman


Attest: County Clerk



Kerry Watson,
Commissioner



Kelly Duke,
Commissioner



Garry Marchman,
Commissioner



Corey Freeman,
Commissioner