

COMMISSION MEETING
January 22, 2008

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

A regular meeting of the Cullman County Commission was held Tuesday, January 22, 2008 at 10:00 a.m., in the County Commission Office Conference Room, Chairman Kitchens called the meeting to order and welcomed all visitors.

CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present were Chairman Wiley Kitchens, Commissioner Wayne Willingham, and County Attorney Dan Willingham. Commissioner Doug Williams was absent. Dan Willingham gave the invocation and Chairman Kitchens lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES, APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS, TRAVEL EXPENSE AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED

Commissioner Willingham made the motion to approve. Chairman Kitchens seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comments

NEW BUSINESS

Consider the surplus of various equipment- West Side Road

Commissioner Williams made the motion to surplus the equipment. Chairman Kitchens seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2008-01 Resurface and Traffic Stripe on County Road 616

Fred Penn, County Engineer, stated County Road 616 was the road selected to spend Federal Aid Money on this year. Commissioner Willingham made the motion to use the 2008 Federal Aid monies on County Road 616. Chairman Kitchens seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Consider proposed plat for Piney Ridge Subdivision located in District 2 on County Road 57 and 59

Keith Creel, Engineering Assistant, stated this subdivision has one lot that fronts County Road 57 and 2 lots that front County Road 59. This is referred to as a minor subdivision in county regulations .Mr. Creel recommended accepting the proposed plat.

Commissioner Willingham made the motion to accept the plat for Piney Ridge Subdivision. Chairman Kitchens seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously

Resolution No. 2008-02 Southern Cablevision Franchise Agreement

Chairman Kitchens made the motion to sign the annual cablevision franchise agreement. Commissioner Willingham seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2008-03 Charter Communication Franchise Agreement

Chairman Kitchens made the motion to sign the annual cablevision franchise agreement. Commissioner Willingham seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2008-04 Time Warner Franchise Agreement

Chairman Kitchens made the motion to sign the annual cablevision franchise agreement. Commissioner Willingham seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2008-05 DHR Building Revenue Warrants

Reid Cavner with Merchants Capital stated they had a very good sale on the bonds issued by the Public Building Authority and the County for the benefit of Building a new DHR Building. The State will make lease payments; the State will be paying the debt service. We were able to get a good interest rate of 4.07 percent fixed for 20 years, and the bonds were AAA rated. Heyward Hosch stated there is one resolution before the commission which approves the transaction and document. The warrants are actually issued by the Public Building Authority; there will not be debt to the County. The Building Authority will lease the building to the county in accordance with the statues. This will be a year to year lease. The county will in turn sublease the building to DHR. DHR will pay rent each year in the amount sufficient to pay principle interest on the warrants. The county will not have any money coming to them. The State will actually pay the bond trustee, who will then pay the warrants as an obligation to the Authority.

Commissioner Willingham made the motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Revenue Warrants. Chairman Kitchens seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Create two new job classifications for OHV Park – Park Director and Park Maintenance Supervisor

Commissioner Willingham made the motion to create the new job classifications for the OHV Park. Chairman Kitchens seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Authorize the Chairman to sign insurance premium with Hunt Insurance

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, stated this is the annual renewal for the catastrophe inmate medical insurance and recommended authorizing the Chairman to sign the agreement.

Chairman Kitchens made the motion to authorize him to sign the insurance premium with Hunt Insurance. Commissioner Willingham seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Authorize the Chairman to sign Senior Rx Contract – Commission on Aging

County Attorney Dan Willingham advised the Commission to table this item until he was able to look over the contract. Commissioner Willingham made the motion to table this item. Chairman Kitchens seconded, and up on a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Consider awarding bid on the DHR Building

Attorney Dan Willingham stated that the Commission has a bid, and the Commission anticipates the approval by the State before the next Commission Meeting. He recommended for the Commission to accept and award the bid contingent upon the approval and signatures by the State.

Commissioner Willingham made the motion to award the bid, contingent upon approval and signatures by the State. Chairman Kitchens made a second to the motion, and upon a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Grant revision on the Phelan Road Project

Fred Penn, County Engineer, stated the bid on the Phelan Road Project came in cheaper than what was expected. From his understanding, the City of Cullman wants to take what is left to build a road into a speculative building. Until this project is over, all we have is a bid; it is not final. The price of asphalt goes up as the price of gas goes up because it is tied to an index. The County does not need to let any of this money go until the project is completed. Mr. Willingham recommended that the Commission take no action. The item was tabled.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2008

Chairman Kitchens announced the next regular Commission Meeting will be Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at 10:00 am in the Commission Office Conference Room.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Willingham made the motion to adjourn. Chairman Kitchens seconded.

Wiley Kitchens, Chairman

J. Douglas Williams

Wayne Willingham

Associate Commissioner

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