

CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
August 9, 2011

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman James Graves called the Commission Meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and welcomed the visitors.

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

Charlotte Slatton, County Clerk, called the roll; present were Chairman James Graves, Commissioner Darrell Hicks, Commissioner Stanley Yarbrough and County Attorney Heath Meherg. The invocation was given by Randall Waldrep. Barry Willingham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JULY 26, 2011 MEETING, APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS, TRAVEL EXPENSES; AND APPROVE ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED.

Commissioner Yarbrough made the motion to approve the minutes from July 26, 2011 Commission Meeting, approve appropriations, expenditures, requisitions, travel expenses and approve all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Charles Hyde, former Director of CARTS, stated there was an article in the July 29th addition of *The Cullman Times* concerning his discharge from CARTS. The article stated he was offered another position within the County prior to his release which he denies. He also stated he was not responsible for other situations mentioned in the article; those responsibilities had been turned over to the Assistant Director by direction of the Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider approval of tax abatement for Topre America Corporation for \$75,000,000

Kevin Jackson from the City of Cullman Economic Development Office stated the abatement is in conjunction with the announcement last week of Topre's expansion. This is the third abatement bringing the total expansion to \$109 million with the creation of 250 jobs. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the abatement for Topre America Corporation. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of tax abatement for Advanced Rotors expansion for \$400,000

Mr. Jackson stated Advanced Rotors has requested a tax abatement of \$400,000. This will be the company's third expansion and will create an additional five (5) jobs. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to approve the abatement. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Ratify and confirm the filing of a lawsuit to determine the rights and responsibilities of the County regarding the former manager of the water department, David Bussman

Heath Meherg, County Attorney, stated the lawsuit was filed by the County in response to Mr. Bussman filing a notice of claim against the County. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to confirm the filing of a lawsuit to determine the rights and responsibilities of the County regarding David Bussman, the former manager of the water department. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Approve signing of contract with Snelling Staffing Services for employment services as needed

Chairman Graves stated if the need arises the Commission desires to have in place a contract for employment services. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to approve the signing of a contract with Snelling Staffing Services. Commissioner Hicks seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Authorize the Chairman and EMA Director to sign the supplement funding to the FY 2010 EMPG

Phyllis Little, EMA Director, stated supplemental funding is available to those counties who have certified EMA directors. This year Cullman County will receive \$11,753.00. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to authorize the Chairman and EMA Director to sign the supplement funding to the FY 2010 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG). Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Ratify the Chairman signing the authorization to extend the Army Corps of Engineers to August 6, 2011

Chairman Graves stated in the last commission meeting a deadline of July 29th for set for the Army Corps of Engineers contract to expire. However, an additional 20 or so properties were approved for debris removal and the authorization was given for a one week extension in order that the work could be completed. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to ratify the Chairman's signing of the extension with the Army Corps of Engineers until August 6th. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2011-52 – Request to the President of the United States for 100% Federal Disaster Assistance

Chairman Graves stated several counties in the state have sent request to the federal government for 100% funding for disaster clean up. Currently the County is paying 12.5%. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to approve the resolution requesting 100% disaster assistance. A copy will also be sent to our state officials and local delegation. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider surplus of 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe Serial # 3GNEK18R7XG235260 from the Water Department to be donated to the Airport

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to surplus a 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe Serial # 3GNEK18R7XG235260 from the Water Department to be donated to the Airport. Commissioner Hicks seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Ratify the following personnel actions:

Resignation:	Angela Clark	Juvenile Detention
New Hires:	Leah Chambers	Juvenile Detention
	Vicky Fisher	Sales Tax
	Jeremiah Howe	Sanitation

Promotion:

Delitha Powe	Director Sportsman Lake Park to Manager Sportsman Lake and Smith Lake Parks
Eric Sams	Sanitation Collector to Non CDL Driver
Joyce Echols	Assistant CARTS Director to CARTS Director
Norman Tucker	Reappraiser to Assistant Chief Appraiser

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve all personnel actions. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

The next NARCOG meeting will be August 24, 2011 at the Decatur office of NARCOG.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING TUESDAY AUGUST 23, 2011

Chairman Graves announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Meeting Room.

ADJOURN THE MEETING

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion. Chairman Graves adjourned the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

/s/ _____

James D. Graves, Chairman
Hicks,
Associate Commissioner

/s/ _____

Darrell
Stanley Yarbrough,
Associate Commissioner

/s/ _____