

**CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**March 27, 2012**

**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**

The County Clerk called the roll; present were Chairman James Graves, Commissioner Darrell Hicks, Commissioner Stanley Yarbrough and County Attorney Tim Culpepper. The invocation was given by Buchanan Jackson. Javon Daniel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 12, 2012 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 the March 12, 2012 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**

**Marvin Prichard** addressed the Commission concerning an incident that was the subject of a previously filed notice of claim against the County. Attorney Culpepper stated that the matter had been referred to the County's insurance carrier. No further discussion or action was taken.

**Joyce Echols**, Director of C.A.R.T.S., commended four of the drivers from C.A.R.T.S. on their participation in the rodeo. Two of the drivers placed and one, Wade Hancock, will be going to the National Rodeo which will take place in May in Maryland.

**RECOGNITIONS**

**MS Walk on March 24, 2012**

Chairman Graves recognized Dr. Chris Laganke for his efforts in sponsoring the MS Walk this past Saturday. He stated there was a large turnout of those to support increased awareness of muscular dystrophy.

**2011 Cullman Times Unsung Hero – Cullman County Employees**

Chairman Graves announced this past week the *Cullman Times* awarded one their 2011 Unsung Hero recognitions to the employees of Cullman County for their work in clean up and recovery following the April 27<sup>th</sup> tornado last year. The plaque will be put on display in the courthouse.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Proclamation – Child Abuse Prevention Month 2012**

Chairman Graves read the proclamation aloud and commended the staff at Cullman Caring for Kids for their work on child abuse prevention. Javon Daniel, director of the center, made some remarks concern the work they do and thanked the Commission for their support.

**Consider the Commission's reappointment of Linda Cabri to a 4 year term to the Regional Housing Authority to expire April 14, 2016**

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to reappoint Linda Cabri to a 4 year term to the Regional Housing Authority to expire April 14, 2016. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Commissioner Hicks to reappoint Pam Nail to the Cullman County Center for the Developmentally Disabled (CCCDD) for a 6 year term to expire April 1, 2018**

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to reappoint Pam Nail to the Cullman County Center for the Developmentally Disabled (CCCDD) for a 6 year term to expire April 1, 2018. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Commissioner Yarbrough to reappoint Beverly Wilkerson to the Cullman County Center for the Developmentally Disabled (CCCDD) for a 6 year term to expire April 1, 2018**

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to reappoint Beverly Wilkerson to the Cullman County Center for the Developmentally Disabled (CCCDD) for a 6 year term to expire April 1, 2018. Commissioner Hicks seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

**Consider donation of \$1,000 to the Jones Chapel Volunteer Fire Department**

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to donate \$1,000 to the Jones Chapel Volunteer Fire Department, a polling location. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Cullman Electric Coop (CEC) regarding road widening and improvement projects in Cullman County**

Attorney Culpepper explained the MOU with the Cullman Electric Coop clarifies conditions and payments for moving CEC lines for road construction. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to approve the memorandum of understanding. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 2012-19 – Tax Levy for the Purpose of Funding the School System within Cullman County**

Attorney Culpepper stated a half percent sales tax was approved by the voters in the March primary to take effect May 1, 2012. This resolution spells out the perimeters for the collection on this tax which will be the same as current guidelines in place for educational tax. The sales tax office will be in charge of the collection of the tax and the

distribution to the school systems. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to approve the resolution for the tax levy for the purpose of funding the school systems in the county. Commissioner Hicks seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Resolution 2012-20 – Regarding Duck River Reservoir Oversight Committee**

Attorney Culpepper stated the resolution will put in place an oversight committee for the Duck River Reservoir which will be made up of the wholesale water customers. This will give each customer representation and input. The resolution will be presented to the Cullman Utility Board at their meeting today. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the resolution regarding the Duck River Reservoir Oversight Committee. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Void Bid No. 1031 – Premier Pyrotechnics**

Attorney Culpepper stated the County is in the second year of a three year bid with Premier Pyrotechnics for the fireworks display for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July at Smith Lake Park. The County received notification of a problem concerning the State issuing a permit to the company for the fireworks shooter. Several letters have been sent to the company and they have not given the County assurance they can perform the show. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to void the bid with Premier Pyrotechnics. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement with Extreme Pyrotechnics to provide fireworks display for 4<sup>th</sup> of July at Smith Lake**

In order to provide a 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks show, Extreme Pyrotechnics, LLC has a proposed contract for \$14,750.00. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Bid No. 1101 – Mobile Mortuary Unit**

Phyllis Little, EMA Director, stated three bids were received of which one met the specifications which included having a facility within the state for repair and warranty work. She recommended awarding the bid to Trailers by Dale Service, Inc. This will be paid through a 100% grant from Public Health. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to award the bid. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Bid No. 1102 – New Tires**

Joe Perry, Fleet Manager, stated two bids were received. One bid was incomplete. He recommended awarding the bid to McGriff Tire Co., Inc. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to award the bid for new tires to McGriff Tire Co., Inc. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice.

**Ratify the following personnel actions:**

New Hire:	Katelyn R. Bishop	Sportsman Lake – part time
Promotion:	Douglas Nix	Road Dept
Demotion:	Rebecca Whitehead	CARTS
Resignation:	Gina Pugh	CARTS – part time

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to ratify all personnel actions. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

The next NARCOG meeting will be March 28, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the Town Creek Community Center.

**NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2012**

Chairman Graves announced the next commission meeting will be Monday, April 16, 2012 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 10:38 a.m.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
James D. Graves, Chairman

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Darrell Hicks  
Associate Commissioner

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Stanley Yarbrough  
Associate Commissioner