

**CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**March 25, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Chairman Kenneth Walker called the Commission Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed the visitors.

**CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM**

The County Clerk called the roll; present were Chairman Kenneth Walker, Commissioner Darrell Hicks, Commissioner Stanley Yarbrough and County Attorney Heath Meherg. The invocation was given by Representative Randall Shedd. Kelly Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 11, 2014 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED.**

Commissioner Yarbrough made the motion to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2014 Commission Meeting; approve appropriations, expenditures, requisitions and all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Rhonda Hogeland** addressed the Commission concerning inmate medical care at the jail. *(Transcription of comments attached to the minutes of this meeting)*

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Proclamation – Child Abuse Awareness Month**

The County Clerk read the proclamation aloud and presented it to Javon Daniels, Director of Cullman Caring for Kids. Mr. Daniels thanked the Commission for their support. He stated Cullman Caring for Kids has been open since 1988. Last year 32 children died in Alabama from abuse. He left blue ribbons as a reminder of child abuse. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the proclamation. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Approve the “Free Day @ the Dump” program for the month of May 2014**

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the annual program of “Free Day @ the Dump”. Certificates will be sent to all county sanitation customers which will allow them to take unwanted items, excluding tires, to the landfill at no charge during the month of May. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider approved of the CARTS Standard Operating Procedure Guidelines**

Attorney Meherg explained federal regulations require standard operating procedures be in place for the CARTS Department. These guidelines do not supersede the Cullman County Personnel Handbook. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to approve the CARTS Standard Operating Procedure Guidelines. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize the Chairman and County Attorney to sign the FY 2014 Certification and Assurances for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) assistance**

Attorney Meherg stated the certification and assurances are required for CARTS to continue to operate and receive FTA assistance. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to authorize the Chairman and County Attorney to sign the FTA documents. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement with the City of Huntsville, AL for the transfer of equipment to the Cullman County EMA Office from the Huntsville-Madison County EMA**

Phyllis Little, EMA Director, explained there is some small equipment including traffic cones that will be transferred. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion authorizing the Chairman to sign an agreement with the City of Huntsville, AL for the transfer of equipment to the Cullman County EMA Office from the Huntsville-Madison County EMA. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize the Chairman and EMA Director to sign a Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$3,000**

Phyllis Little, EMA Director, stated the 100% Homeland Security Grant is \$3,000 for maintenance and equipment. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to authorize the Chairman and EMA Director to sign the grant. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Authorize the EMA Director to sign an amendment to the current grant from ADPH for State Mortuary team and Family Assistance Center team training & equipment in the amount of \$5,000**

Ms. Little, EMA Director, explained the \$5,000 is additional grant money received for training and equipment. This brings the total grant from the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) to \$50,000. The 100% grant money will expire in June. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to authorize the EMA Director to sign the grant amendment with ADPH. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement with the City of Cullman for the use of buses from the Commission on Aging**

Randall Shedd, Director of Commission on Aging, explained often senior citizens are not able to participate in day trips offered by the senior centers due to the transportation cost involved when CARTS buses are leased. This agreement with the City of Cullman will allow the buses to be used by the Donald Green Senior Center for their trips. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement with the City of Cullman allowing them to use

the buses from the Commission on Aging. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Approve the acceptance of an Easy Lawn Turf Hydro Seeder donated to the Road Department from the Soil & Water Conservation Department**

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to accept the donation of an Easy Lawn Turf Hydro Seeder to the Road Department from the Soil & Water Conservation Department. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider authorizing the Sanitation Department to contract for concrete work with TCW Contracting, Inc. – total cost \$5,130**

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to authorize the contract with TCW Contracting, Inc. for concrete work costing \$5,130. Commissioner Hicks seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Consider the surplus of various equipment from the Sheriff's Department to be sold via the internet**

- 75 PC 770 Air Cards
- 74 Antenna Adaptors for PC770
- 6 Motorola Barrage Phones
- 14 Samsung Convoy 2 Phones
- 8 OSB 760 Air Cards

Chief Deputy Max Bartlett stated the equipment was given to the Sheriff's Department as free promotional items and has an approximate value of \$200. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to authorize the surplus of the equipment. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Bid No. 1158 – Fireworks Display for 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration at Smith Lake Park**

Doug Davenport, Park Director, stated one bid was received for the firework display from Pyro Productions, Inc. for a 25 minute show at a cost of \$20,000. The company did the 4<sup>th</sup> of July program last year. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to approve the bid for the fireworks display for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration at Smith Lake Park. Commissioner Hicks seconded which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Bid No. 1159 – Various Computer Equipment**

Joey Martin, IT Director, stated this is the bid that is done every six months for computer equipment. He recommended awarding the bid to the low bidder White Water, who currently has the bid for Dell equipment. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to award the bid to White Water for computer equipment for six months. Commissioner Hicks seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

**Add Bid No. 1157 – One Mid-size SUV**

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to add for consideration to reject Bid No. 1157 – One Mid-size SUV. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion. The item was added to the agenda on a unanimous voice vote.

**Bid No. 1157 – One Mid-size SUV – reject**

Chris King, Director of Sales Tax, stated the bid was more than was budgeted for the purchase of a SUV. He wants to check the State Bid List to see if something suitable can be obtained within budget. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to reject the bid. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Ratify the following personnel actions:**

Holli Morton	Resignation	Sheriff's Dept
Sheila Lay	New Hire	Sheriff's Dept
Tony Harris	New Hire	Smith Lake Park

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

**WORK SESSION**

The Commission will hold a Work Session on Tuesday, April 8, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in the commission conference room.

**NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING APRIL 8, 2014**

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, April 8, 2014, 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 Walker adjourned the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Kenneth Walker,  
Chairman

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

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