

CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
March 22, 2016

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Walker called the Commission Meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM

The County Clerk called the roll; present were Chairman Kenneth Walker, Commissioner Kerry Watson, Commissioner Garry Marchman and County Attorney Chad Floyd. The invocation was given by Barry Willingham. Phyllis Little led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 8, 2016 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED

Commissioner Watson made the motion to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2016 Commission Meeting; approve appropriations, expenditures, payroll, requisitions and all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Lang spoke, as private individual, encouraging the public to contact their legislators asking them to support the bill funding roads. Although this will not fix the problem, it is a step in the right direction for funding.

NEW BUSINESS

Proclamation – Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month

The County Clerk read aloud the proclamation and the Commission presented it to Javon Daniels from Cullman Caring for Kids. Mr. Daniels addressed the Commission stating last year 13 children in Alabama died for child abuse. Unfortunately, this is not just a state problem. In 2014 the Department of Human Resources received 800 incidents of child abuse and neglect and 2015 saw that number rise to 980 reports. The solution starts with each of us. If you see something, say something. We all need to look for the reason as well as the solution.

Proclamation – Colors of Cancer Day – April 2, 2016

The proclamation was read aloud and the Commission presented it to a group from the Bosom Buddies Foundation of Cullman County. A spokeswoman from the group addressed the Commission, thanking them for their support. These women are breast cancer survivors who know the financial difficulties associated when dealing with cancer. Not only is it the medical cost, but often patients are unable to work and the burden of daily living expenses can be overwhelming. Their organization's mission is to assist those in Cullman County by helping with mortgage payments, utilities and in some cases food. April 2nd will be the first Colors of Cancer Day which will be held at the fairgrounds. 100% of the money raised will stay in Cullman County.

Consider authorizing the Chairman to sign the necessary closing documents for the refinancing of the 2010 Water Warrants

Heyward Hosch, bond attorney with Maynard, Cooper & Gale, addressed the Commission concerning the refinancing of the \$6.6 million in Water Revenue Warrants. The average coupon rate of these bonds is 3.3% with a maturity date of 2030. This is replacing the 2010 Warrants. This issue will not count against the County's overall debt. There is a savings of \$667,000 over the life of the bond or about 8%. Industry standard suggest a saving of 3%-5% should be realized for refinancing, so this puts the County well above the recommended threshold for refinancing the warrants. This will also lower the debt service coverage to 1.15. Commissioner Watson made a motion authorizing the Chairman to sign the necessary closing documents for the refinancing of the 2010 Water Warrants. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize the Chairman to sign a Master Software Agreement with Nitorco, Inc. for the Revenue Department

Barry Willingham, Revenue Commissioner, informed the Commission the Revenue Department is using Windows-based software from 1996 which needs to be replaced with a current operating system. There are only four companies which are authorized by the State for compatible software for Revenue Department collection and State reporting. The software also has the capability of linking other county offices such as probate and sales taxes at some point in the future. Commissioner Marchman made a motion authorizing the Chairman to sign the Master Software Agreement with Nitorco, Inc. for the Revenue Department. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of replacement of 5-ton Air Conditioner unit at the County POB by Alabama Electrical Contractors – Cost \$5,909

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the replacement of the air conditioning unit at the POB at a cost of \$5,909 by Alabama Electrical Contractors. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize payment to the ACCA for amount due from final audit ending October 1, 2015 for Worker's Compensation - \$24,682.16

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, explained the County is billed the first of a fiscal year for worker's compensation based on estimated payroll for that year. An audit is performed at the end of the year and an adjusted billing is sent. The County owes an additional \$24,682.16 for Worker's Compensation. However, we did receive over \$32,000 in incentive payments for the same period from the Worker's Compensation Fund. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the payment to the ACCA. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2016-14 – Appointment Safety Coordinator

Chairman Walker explained to continue to receive our safety incentive from the ACCA we must have a resolution in place appointing a Safety Coordinator. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the appointment of John Tucker as Safety Coordinator. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Chairman Walker present Mr. Tucker and Assistant Safety Director Delitha Marchman with county badges and credentials.

Consider a \$3,000 request from the Festhalle Market Committee for seasonal operations for the 2016 market season

Chairman Walker stated the County has provided financial support to the Festhalle Market for several years in order to provide a central location for county farmers to sell seasonal produce. Commissioner Marchman made a motion for funding of \$3,000 to the Festhalle Market Committee for the 2016 market season. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider surplus of a 2005 Chevrolet 1500 4x4, VIN # 2GCEK137051284334, from the Water Department to be transferred to Smith Lake Park

Commissioner Watson made a motion authorizing the surplus and transfer of a 2005 Chevrolet 1500 4x4, VIN # 2GCEK137051284334, from the Water Department to Smith Lake Park. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider proposed plat for Stillhouse Point Subdivision, located in District 2 on County Road 71

John Lang, County Engineer, stated the roads in the Stillhouse Point Subdivision are to remain private roads and will not be considered for acceptance into the county's maintenance system in the future. He referred to the plat notes that were read into the minutes at the previous meeting. He recommended acceptance of the plat. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the plat for Stillhouse Point Subdivision, located in District 2 on County Road 71. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1231 – Beverage Service for Park

Doug Davenport, Director of Parks, stated only one complete bid was submitted. The Pepsi bid was for three (3) years which included \$42,000 of in-kind service over the three year period. Commissioner Watson made a motion to award the bid to Pepsi. Commissioner Marchman seconded and upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Bid No. 1232 – Fireworks Display for 4th of July celebration at Smith Lake Park

Mr. Davenport stated three bids were received for the 4th of July fireworks show. Pyro Show of Alabama provided the best display proposal for the County's \$20,000 budget. The twenty-two minute show will take place Saturday, July 2nd at Smith Lake Park. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to award the bid to Pyro Show of Alabama. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1233 – Used Railroad Cars

John Lang, County Engineer, stated they want to reject and rebid the bid for the railroad cars. Commissioner Watson made a motion to reject the bid and rebid for used railroad cars. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

WORK SESSION

The Commission will hold a Work Session on Thursday, April 14, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. in the commission conference room.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING APRIL 14, 2016

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the commission meeting room.

ADJOURN THE MEETING

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Watson seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

/s/
Kenneth Walker,
Chairman

/s/
Kerry Watson,
Associate Commissioner

/s/
Garry Marchman,
Associate Commissioner