

**CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING  
February 13, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Chairman Walker called the Commission Meeting to order at 10:00 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 Chuck Chitwood. Jana Shelton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 23, 2018 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED**

Commissioner Marchman made the motion to approve the minutes from the January 23, 2018 Commission Meeting; approve appropriations, expenditures, payroll, requisitions and all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Consider authorizing the Chairman and EMA Director to sign the State EMPG grant in the amount of \$2,342**

Scott McDonald, Assistant EMA Director, informed the Commissioner the grant is awarded annually for the operation of EMA. Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize the signing of the State EMPG Grant for \$2,342. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider authorizing repairs to the weather siren at the Ag Center – Cost \$12,238; 50/50 project with the City of Cullman**

Scott McDonald, Assistant EMA Director, stated the siren at the Ag Center needs a new front panel upgrade. The cost is \$12,238. The City of Cullman may be able to do \$1,200 work in-house, reducing the overall cost. The final cost will be a 50/50 split with the City of Cullman. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to authorize payment for the repairs. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider authorizing the renewal of the RAVE message call system with AT&T – Annual cost \$9,100**

Mr. McDonald stated the RAVE call system alerts subscribers to severe weather events by text or phone call. This is the annual renewal. Commissioner Watson asked if the system did anything different than the free apps you can get from the television stations. Mr. McDonald stated it is the same information which is put out by the national weather service. Commissioner Watson made a motion to table the approval to determine if this is a redundant service the County does not need to subscribe to. Commissioner Marchman seconded and action was tabled on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider authorizing the Chairman to sign the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for the Sheriff's Office K-9 grant in the amount of \$24,000**

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for the Sheriff's Office K-9 grant in the amount of \$24,000. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider awarding professional services contract for consulting and engineering for the RTP grant for the Stony Lonesome Park project**

Cherrie Haney from the Economic Development Office explained the CDBG grant is for the bathhouse and wash station at the OHV Park. One proposal for consulting was received from Community Consultants, Inc. and two proposals for engineering services; St. John & Associates and 5<sup>th</sup> Dimension. Commissioner Watson made a motion to award the consulting portion of the project to Community Consultants, Inc. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote. Discussion followed concerning the engineering firms. St. John & Assoc. has worked with the park on several other projects and has done the mapping of the park. Considering they have a history with our park projects and they are a local firm, Commissioner Watson made a motion to award the engineering portion of the project to St. John & Assoc. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Adopt the revised Substance Abuse & Drug & Alcohol Policy for C.A.R.T.S.**

Joyce Echols, CARTS Director, stated adoption of new guidelines are required by the FTA. The only change is the addition of four drugs to the drug list. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to adopt the revised Substance Abuse & Drug & Alcohol Policy for C.A.R.T.S. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize County Attorney Chad Floyd to dismiss two parties from the pending litigation against Republic Services**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize the County Attorney to dismiss two parties from the pending litigation against Republic Services. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 2018-14 – Requesting Attorney General Opinion Section 36-15-1 of the Code of Alabama (1975)**

Attorney Floyd explained any time an attorney general opinion is requested, a resolution from the commission must accompany the request. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to request an attorney general opinion concerning Section 36-15-1 of the Code of Alabama (1975). Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize Captain Tim McKoy to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Police Chief of the City of Jasper to allow a Jasper PD officer to ride along and train with Cullman County Animal Control**

Chris Westmoreland, Animal Control Officer, stated the City of Jasper has requested one of their animal control officers do a weeklong ride-a-long with Cullman County Animal Control. Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize the signing of the MOU with the City of Jasper for the officer ride along. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider approval of Addendum to the Video Services Agreement with BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Alabama**

Attorney Floyd stated the 2008 franchise agreement with AT&T will expire the end of this year. The proposed addendum is a ten extension of the current agreement under the same terms with the County receiving 3% fee of gross revenues. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the addendum to the video services agreement with BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Alabama. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider changing the pay date for all county employees from Wednesday to Thursday**

Judy Bradford, HR Manager, discussed the challenges payroll is having meeting a 3:00 Monday bank deadline for direct deposit transfers. This is especially problematic when there is a Monday holiday. Also in March, we will be starting on a new software system for payroll processing. They feel it is going to be impossible to make the deadline for employees to be paid on Wednesday. Therefore, they are requesting the day for paying employees be moved to Thursday to allow additional time for payroll processing. Commissioner Watson made a motion to change employee pay from Wednesday to Thursday. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Consider Child Advocacy's request to use Sportsman Lake Park for the Safe Kid's Expo April 14<sup>th</sup>**

Blakely Hopper from the Child Advocacy Center addressed the Commission thanking them for the use of the park in previous years allowing them to hold the Safe Kid's Expo. She requested that all fees for park activities be waived for the day. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the use of Sportsman Lake Park on April 14<sup>th</sup> for the Safe Kid's Expo. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider the surplus of the old Health Department Building for demolition**

Chairman Walker explained the old health department building is beyond repair. The roof is leaking, it is not ADA compliant and the structure in general is not salvageable. Commissioner Watson made a motion to surplus the old health department building. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider surplus of an ice machine from the Detention Center to be disposed of as scrap**

Kelly Allen from the Jail stated the machine is beyond repair. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the surplus of the ice machine at the Detention Center. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider the surplus of various discarded office furniture, file cabinets, chairs etc. stored in the basement of the courthouse to be sold as scrap or for disposal**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to surplus various discarded items which have been stored in the basement of the courthouse. Some will be sold as scrap and others will be taken to the landfill for disposal. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on unanimous voice vote.

**Consider approval of the transfer of 2004 Ford Ranger, VIN # 1FTZT45E24TA12728, from Sales Tax to the County Commission with a payment of \$3,000**

Chris King, Sales Tax Director, stated the truck will be sold to the County Commission for \$3,000, funds will be distributed back to the government entities as prescribed. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the transfer of the of 2004 Ford Ranger, VIN # 1FTZT45E24TA12728, from Sales Tax to the County Commission. Commissioner Watson seconded. With a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

**Consider the purchase of a security alert system for the courthouse from Response Technologies – Cost \$21,265.14**

Ken Walling from the IT Department, stated the security alert system for the courthouse went out about two months ago. The system is a number of years old and cannot be fix. The cost of the new system, with additional panic button to alert security, will be \$21,265.14. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the purchase of the security alert system from Response Technologies. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider approval of the purchase of a 2018 Ford AWD Utility Vehicle off the State Bid List through Stivers Ford for the Sales Tax Office – Cost \$25,148**

Chris King, Director of Sales Tax, stated the vehicle is for the license inspector. It will replace the 2004 truck which is being transferred to the Commission Office. It will be purchased off the State Bid List through Stivers Ford. The cost is \$25,148. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2018 Ford AWD utility vehicle. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider approval of payment for emergency repairs to the sewer pumps at the Ag Center; Bark-Ley Plumbing Contractors – Cost \$16,863**

Doug Davenport, Park Director, stated the pumps failed on a Friday morning and the Ag Center was booked for an event that weekend. The gym next door uses the same pumps so they have agreed to split the cost. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve payment of \$16,863 to Bark-Ley Plumbing Contractors for the emergency repairs to the sewer pumps at the Ag Center. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider the purchase of a truck mounted one-man pothole patcher from the Alabama County Joint Bidding Program through Coblentz Equipment & Parts Co., Inc. – Cost \$209,721**

John Lang, County Engineer, stated an employee has retired and the department does not intend to replace him. With the purchase of the equipment, work can still be accomplished with fewer employees. The cost should be recouped in four to five years. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the purchase of a truck mounted one-man pothole patcher from the Alabama County Joint Bidding Program through Coblentz Equipment & Parts Co., Inc. at a cost of \$209,721. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice, the motion passed.

**Consider the surplus of the following trucks from the Road Department to be auction by J M Wood**

2018 Mack Truck	VIN# 1M2AX07C71M036614
2018 Mack Truck	VIN# 1M2AX07C0JM036616
2018 Mack Truck	VIN# 1M2AX07C3JM036612
2018 Mack Truck	VIN# 1M2AX07C9KM036615
2018 Mack Truck	VIN# 1M2AX07C2JM036617
2018 Mack Truck	VIN# 1M2AX07C5JM036613

Mr. Lang stated the trucks were approved to go to auction previously. This completes the administrative paperwork. They will be sold in May or June and replaced with 2019 Kenworth trucks. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the surplus of the listed trucks for auction. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Bid No. 1228 – Extension – Poly Pipe – Bear Concrete, Inc.**

John Lang, County Engineer, stated Bear Concrete, Inc. is a local company who currently has the bid. They have agreed to a price extension and have given good service. He recommended the extension. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the bid extension for one (1) year for poly pipe with Bear Concrete, Inc. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Bid No. 1257 – Extension - Bituminous Plant Mix (product only) – Good Hope Contracting**

Mr. Lang stated the bid extension is for pick up only, not placement, of bituminous plant mix. Good Hope Contracting, who currently has the bid, has agreed to a one (1) year extension. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the extension of the bid for plant mix with Good Hope Contracting. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**WORK SESSION**

The Commission will hold a Work Session on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. in the commission conference room.

**NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING FEBRUARY 27, 2018**

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the commission meeting room.

**ADJOURN THE MEETING**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Marchman 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