

CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
September 25, 2018

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, County Administrator Gary Teichmiller and County Attorney Chad Floyd. The invocation was given by J.L. Parker. Doug Davenport led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2018 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED

Commissioner Marchman made the motion to approve the minutes from the September 11, 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.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of Park Volunteer at Smith Lake Park

Doug Davenport, Park Director, stated an individual who lives at the park has been assisting after hours with issues such as campers who arrive after hours, helping them to locate the correct lot, or times when vandals have left the water running in the bathhouse. This keeps park employees, most who live 20-30 minutes away, from having to come back to the park at night resulting in overtime. In exchange he has been staying at the park rent free. The Commission instructed the County Attorney to draw up an agreement between the individual and the County to be presented at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing - Discussion of the FY-2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and the proposed applications the Cullman County Commission plans to submit to the Alabama Department of Economic & Community Affairs (ADECA) for funding consideration

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to open the public hearing which was seconded by Commissioner Watson. Terry Acuff from Community Consultants informed the Commission CDBG in federal funding through the Department of Housing and Urban Development. ADECA receives about \$23 million in funding annually. There were no further comments from the public. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to close the hearing. Commissioner Watson seconded and the public hearing was closed.

Resolution 2018-34 - Authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution in support of Project Purple, and committing local resources to assist in the resurfacing, widening, and striping of two County Roads

Attorney Floyd explained the resolution is for in-kind services to be performed by the Road Department in connection with Project Purple and the CDBG grant. Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution in support of Project Purple, and committing local resources to assist in the resurfacing, widening, and striping of two County Roads. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider authorizing the Chairman to sign the Alabama Department of Youth Services Agency Grant Agreement for FY 2018-2019 in the amount of \$196,000

Kay Bell, Director of Juvenile Probation, stated this is the sixth year they have received a grant for diversionary services. The program is designed to have juveniles stay in the community (at home) while working with them. It is a 100% grant. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Alabama Department of Youth Services Agency Grant Agreement for FY 2018-2019 in the amount of \$196,000. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Authorize the Chairman to sign the North Alabama Highway Safety Office grant for the Sheriff's Office for FY 2019

Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the North Alabama Highway Safety Office grant for the Sheriff's Office for FY 2019. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the approval of an event agreement with Stellar Entertainment, Inc. d/b/a Garden Brothers Circus to host a circus/family show at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade center on September 28, 2018

Doug Davenport, Park Director, stated Garden Brothers Circus has been in Cullman the past two years. This year will be a one-day event with two shows on September 28. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the signing of the event agreement with Stellar Entertainment, Inc. d/b/a Garden Brothers Circus to host a circus/family show at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade center on September 28, 2018. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider an agreement with the City of Hanceville for the maintenance of Mud Creek – County's portion \$15,000

Chad Floyd, County Attorney, stated the agreement is for one (1) year with the County agreeing to reimburse the City of Hanceville \$15,000 for the maintenance of Mud Creek. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the agreement with the City of Hanceville for the maintenance of Mud Creek. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize the Cullman County Sales Tax and Revenue Enforcement Office to begin collecting the newly adopted ½ cent sales tax for the Town of Garden City

Chad Floyd, County Attorney, reported the Town of Garden City passed an ordinance on September 17, 2018 for the collection of an additional ½ cent sales tax and have requested the County's Sales Tax Office collect and process payments. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to authorize the Sales Tax Office to collect the tax for the Town of Garden City. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize the Chairman and the County Attorney to sign a Consent Order to settle two separate cases with currently pending between the County Commission and taxpayers, Cullman County Circuit Court cases CV 2018-029 and CV 2018-035.

County Attorney Chad Floyd stated there are two separate cases with delinquent tax payers. Settlements have been reached in both cases for monthly payments of the back sales tax owed to Cullman County. Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize the Chairman and the County Attorney to sign a consent order to settle the two separate cases currently pending between the County Commission and taxpayers, (Cullman County Circuit Court cases CV 2018-029 and CV 2018-035). Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approving CARTS to order 14 buses to replace the 8 vehicles destroyed in the hail storm and 6 replacement fleet vehicles

Order Total - \$1,105,776.00

Federal Funding - \$884,620.80

Local Funding - \$221,155.20 (CARTS Escrow Account)

Joyce Echols, CARTS Director, stated eight buses were destroyed in the March 19th hail storm and another six were scheduled for replacement on the fleet rotation schedule. The County's matching portion is set aside in the escrow account. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the purchase of the buses through ALDOT with payment as described. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Walker to reappoint Ron Hogue to the Library Board of Trustees to a four (4) year term to expire 9-30-2022

Commissioner Watson made a motion for Chairman Walker's reappointment of Ron Hogue to the Library Board of Trustees to a four (4) year term to expire 9-30-2022. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Commission to reappoint John Riley to the NARCOG Revolving Fund Review Committee for a three (3) year term to expire 9-30-2021

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to reappoint John Riley to the NARCOG Revolving Fund Review Committee for a three (3) year term to expire 9-30-2021. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Commission to appoint Doug Davenport to the North Alabama Tourism Association for a two (2) year term to expire 9-30-2020, replacing Donny Wilson who moved to the Executive Committee

Commissioner Watson made a motion to appoint Doug Davenport to the North Alabama Tourism Association for a two (2) year term to expire 9-30-2020. He will be replacing Donny Wilson who moved to the Executive Committee. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize payment to Gorrie-Regan & Assoc., Inc. for time clock maintenance contract - \$7,578.20

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, stated the contract payment is the same as last year. There will be some revisions made some time this year. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to authorize payment to Gorrie-Regan & Associates, Inc. for time clock maintenance in the amount of \$7,578.20. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider surplus of a copier/scanner for the Probate Office to be to disposed of as scrap

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the surplus of a copier/scanner for the Probate Office to be to disposed of as scrap. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider proposed plat for Hart's Cove Subdivision, located in District 2 off County Road 2023.

Keith Creel, Engineering Assistant, stated the plat is for ten lots. All roads in the subdivision will remain private. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the plat for Hart's Cove Subdivision, located in District 2 off County Road 2023. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider bond extension for Stillhouse Point Subdivision, located in District 2 off County Road 71

Engineering Assistant Keith Care reported the developer has not completed paving of the roads in the subdivision. He recommended the extension contingent on receipt of the updated certificate from the bonding company. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the bond extension for Stillhouse Point Subdivision, located in District 2 off County Road 71 contingent on receipt of current bond policy. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1291 – Snow Plow(s)

John Lang, County Engineer, stated the F-150 trucks they intended to use with the snow plows which were bid are not compatible. He requested the bid be rejected and rebid. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to reject the bid for snow plows and rebid. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1292 – Traffic Signs – Reject and Rebid

The County Engineer stated no complete bids were received. He would like to rewrite the specs and rebid. Commissioner Watson made a motion to reject the bids for traffic signs and rebid. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of the FY-2019 Budget for Cullman County – To include a 3.14% step raise

Total Budget \$57,869,048
General Fund Budget \$21,713,912

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, reported the budget for FY-2019 includes a 5% increase for health care cost, which will not be passed on to the employee. There is also a 3.14% step increase included, which will be reflected on the payroll of October 18th, to all full and part-time employees.

The Sheriff’s Department will receive two additional deputies. There will also be a 3.14% increase given to the Sheriff for employee salaries, however he will be able to distribute it as he sees fit.

Adjustments have also been made to appropriations to outside agencies. Commissioner Marchman stated he would like to see pay raises given out equally across the board instead of as a percentage of salary.

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the FY-2019 budget as presented. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

WORK SESSION

The Commission will hold a Work Session on Wednesday, October 10, 2018, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. in the commission conference room.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OCTOBER 10, 2018

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Wednesday, October 10, 2018 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 10:21 a.m.

/s/ _____
Kenneth Walker,
Chairman

/s/ _____
Kerry Watson,
Associate Commissioner

/s/ _____
Garry Marchman,
Associate Commissioner