

CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
February 26, 2019

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, County Administrator Gary Teichmiller and County Attorney Chad Floyd. The invocation was given by Charles Freeman. Sammie Danford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 12, 2019 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED

Commissioner Watson made the motion to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2019 Commission Meeting; approve appropriations, expenditures, personnel actions, payroll, requisitions and all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Marchman stated he was going to abstain. Chairman Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed with "aye" votes by Commissioner Watson and Chairman Walker with Commissioner Marchman abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/UPDATES

Recognition – Judy Bradford, HR Director, Earns Designation as an Alabama Certified Human Resource Professional

A letter of recognition from the Alabama Association of Public Personnel Administrators was read which detailed Ms. Bradford's achievement in meeting the qualifications for certification which included a minimum of 90 hours of classroom course work and testing. The Commission commended Ms. Bradford for the excellent job she is doing.

OHV Park – 10-year Celebration

Doug Davenport, Parks Director, addressed the Commission with details on the 10-year Anniversary at the OHV Park which will be celebrated on March 9th. Two employees who have been with the park since its inception, Hailie Briscoe and Kassie Ashley, were recognized and presented with plaques for their service. He introduced Sammie Danford, former Director of Economic Development, who was instrumental in the start-up of the park. He also introduced Mary Paden, former park manager, and Tyler Lindsey the current park manager. Mr. Davenport invited everyone to stay following the Commission Meeting for refreshments.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2019-10 - Approve and Authorize the Tax Abatement between the Town of South Vinemont and The Shaddix Company, pursuant to Ala. Code §40-9B-5(b)(1)(a)

Chad Floyd, County Attorney, stated on February 12, 2019 the Town of South Vinemont approved an abatement for the Shaddix Company. The Commission is being asked to ratify the abatement. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the resolution concerning the tax abatement between the Town of South Vinemont and The Shaddix Company, pursuant to Ala. Code §40-9B-5(b)(1)(a). Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider a formal declaration of the "State of Local Emergency Conditions" due to heavy rains and flooding for a period beginning February 17, 2019 and continuing through February 23, 2019

Phyllis Little, EMA Director, reported the Governor signed a Declaration of Emergency on February 23, 2019 for the State in light of the extensive recording breaking rains of the past week. Cullman County has experienced road damage and it is anticipated there will be more damaged discovered as the flooding recedes. Information will continue to be gathered to see if the County meets the threshold for assistance. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the declaration of the Existence of Emergency Conditions for the period of 2/17/19 through 2/23/19. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval for the Chairman and EMA Director to sign the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) in the amount of \$2,342

Phyllis Little, EMA Director, state the grant is the State's portion of this year funding. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approval the Chairman and EMA Director to sign the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) in the amount of \$2,342. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice, the motion passed.

Authorize the Chairman and the County Attorney to sign a Consent Order to settle a Sales Tax case (CV 2018-048)

County Attorney Floyd explained a business owes back sales tax. Last week they made a sizeable payment toward the repayment of the debt. They have reached an agreement with the Sales Tax Office for the balance to be paid in twelve monthly payments. Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize the Chairman and the County Attorney to sign a Consent Order to settle a Sales Tax case (CV 2018-048). Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider suspending the Sheriff's requirement to reimburse the Commission for SRO and Work Release deputies' salaries for the period of March 2019 through September 2019

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, explained there was about \$200,000 in uninsured damages (deductibles) incurred at the Sheriff's Office in the March 19th hail storm. In order to assist the Sheriff cover this expense, the County will suspend the reimbursement which is normally received from the Sheriff for SRO and Work Release deputies' salaries for the period of March through the end of the fiscal year in September. Commissioner Watson made a motion to suspend the reimbursement payments. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider a request from the Local Bicentennial Committee in the amount of \$5,000 for final year of the Alabama Bicentennial celebration

Tanya Sears from the Economic Development Office and with the local Bicentennial Committee reminded the Commission they have given an appropriation the past two years toward the Alabama Bicentennial Celebration which will take place in December of this year. The Committee is request an additional \$5,000 for this final year. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the appropriation. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of a request for Cullman County Soil & Water Conservation for an appropriation of \$4,800 for employee training

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the request from Cullman County Soil & Water Conservation for an appropriation of \$4,800 for employee training. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Commissioner Watson to appoint T.J. Franey to the Department of Human Resources Board, to fill the unexpired term of Jim Walker, for a term expiring 5-20-2020

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Consider surplus of 2005 Ford Taurus, VIN # 1FAFP53U45A309334, from the Commission on Aging to be sold on GovDeals

The County Administrator stated the vehicle was no longer reliable and needed to be surplused. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the surplus of the 2005 Ford Taurus, VIN # 1FAFP53U45A309334, from the Commission on Aging to be sold on GovDeals. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Authorize the approval of a Construction Agreement with Temple Baptist Church for the construction of a turn lane at the intersection of Cullman County Road No. 1184 and Alabama Hwy 157 South and authorize the Chairman to sign a permit application with ALDOT

John Lang, County Engineer, stated the project has been requested by Temple Baptist Church and they will be funding the project. Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize the signing of all construction agreements and permit applications in connection with the improvements on County Road 1184 and AL Hwy 157. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider plat for Thrash Addition to Childhaven Road Subdivision, located in District 3 on County Road 1339

Keith Creel, Engineering Assistant, reported the plat is for a three lot minor subdivision located on an existing county road. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the plat for Thrash Addition to Childhaven Road Subdivision, located in District 3 on County Road 1339. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider plat for Rattlesnake Ridge Subdivision, located in district 2 on County Road 71

Mr. Creel from the Engineering Department stated this is one lot located on an existing county road. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the plat for Rattlesnake Ridge Subdivision, located in district 2 on County Road 71. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider awarding the bid for roof replacement at the "Bates Building" caused by hail storm damage

Frank Fagg with F&O Architects stated there were two bids received for the roof replacement. Due to the aggressive pricing from Genesis Construction Co., Inc., \$58,000.00, he recommended the County require a performance bond to insure completion of the work. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to award the bid for hail damage repair to the Bate Building roof to Genesis Construction Co., Inc. with the inclusion of a performance bond. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider approval of replacement of flooring at the Forestry Commission Office – Walker Brothers Cost \$6,085.42

Albert Mayo from the Forestry Service informed the Commission the flooring to be replaced is the original materials from 1992 when the building was constructed. They will be using the annual appropriation to pay for the flooring. Walker Brothers presented the low quote for labor and materials. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the replacement of flooring at the Forestry Commission Office at a cost of \$6,085.42 by Walker Brothers. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1298 – Bituminous Plant Mix – Furnished & Installed

John Lang, County Engineer, stated Good Hope Contracting was the low bidder for the furnished and installed plant mix. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to award the bid for bituminous plant mix (installed) to Good Hope Contracting. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1299 – Guardrail

The County Engineer stated Alabama Guardrail was the sole bidder and he recommended awarding the bid. Commissioner Watson made a motion to award the guardrail bid to Alabama Guardrail. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1300 – Fireworks Display for 4th of July Celebration Smith Lake Park

Doug Davenport, Park Director, reported two bids were received for the firework display. Based on shell count and size of shells, Pyro Shows of Alabama provides better value for the County's budgeted price. Commissioner Marchman made

a motion to award the bid for the fireworks display for 4th of July Celebration Smith Lake Park to Pyro Shows of Alabama. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1301 – Beverage Contract for Parks

Mr. Davenport, Park Director, stated two bids were received, one being an incomplete bid. He recommended awarding the bid to Pepsi, the current bid holder. Commissioner Watson made a motion to award the bid for the beverage contract for the parks to Pepsi. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1302 – Compact SUV for Reappraisal

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to award the bid for the SUV to the low bidder, Cullman Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, with a bid price of \$20,692. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

WORK SESSION

The Commission will hold a Work Session on March 12, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. in the commission conference room.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the commission meeting.

ADJOURN THE MEETING

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