

CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
March 12, 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

Meliegh Sullivan 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.O. Parker. Dr. Shane Barnett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 26, 2019 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED

Commissioner Marchman made the motion to approve the minutes from the February 26, 2019 Commission Meeting; approve appropriations, expenditures, personnel actions, payroll, requisitions and all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/UPDATES

There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS

Set Public Hearing for April 23, 2019, for the Proposed Vacation of a Portion of Cullman County Road 821

County Attorney, Chad Floyd, stated the Commission has received a request from John Lang, County Engineer, to consider vacating a portion of County Road 821. The bridge on County Road was damaged by a truck owned by Werner Transportation. A settlement has been reached with the company and the plan is not to replace the bridge but to build a cul-de-sac on either side. Commissioner Watson made a motion to set a public hearing date of April 23, 2019 to consider the vacating of a portion of County Road 821. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice.

Resolution 2019-11 – Set Minimum Starting Wage for Cullman County Full-time Permanent Employees at \$10.25

Judy Bradford, HR Director, stated there are a few positions with a starting salary below ten dollars. By raising the minimum wage, the county hopes to attract employees and have better retention. Those full-time permanent employees currently making below the new minimum will be raised effective the next pay period beginning March 16th. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the resolution raising the minimum starting wage to \$10.25. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider Declaration to Terminate Local Emergency.

Phyllis Little, EMA Director, stated the County had declared a State of Emergency on February 26, 2019 due to flooding. The current damage assessment is \$140,000. Commissioner Watson made a motion to terminate the Local Emergency. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of the access plan County Roads associated with the Rock the South Event

Bill Skipper with Skipper Consulting, Inc. addressed the Commission on the access plan for Rock the South. He presented drawing detailing the traffic flow patterns, parking areas for over 7,600 vehicles along with RV and camper parking. Pedestrian trails will be built to prevent the use of the narrow roads in the area from being used by event goers. Additionally, Swafford Road will be barricaded on Friday and Saturday. Roads will be inspected before and after the event to determine any negative impact on the roads. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the access plan County Roads associated with the Rock the South event. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider plat for Timber Ridge Subdivision, Phase 2, located in District 2 on County Roads 2115, 2116 and 2117

Keith Creel, Engineering Assistant, stated the plat has fifteen lots and qualifies as a minor subdivision. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the plat Timber Ridge Subdivision, Phase 2, located in District 2 on County Roads 2115, 2116 and 2117. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the purchase of a used Freightliner M2106 Chassis w/ Terex body Bucket Truck from the Cullman Electric Cooperative – Cost \$9,500

John Lang, County Engineer, stated the truck is surplus equipment from the Electric Coop. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the purchase of the used Freightliner M2106 Chassis w/ Terex body Bucket Truck from the Cullman Electric Cooperative at a cost of \$9,500. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice, the motion carried.

Water Department Bid No. 2019-02 – Mowing for Water Department and all Water Department Facilities

In the absence of Water Department Manager Randall Waldrep, the County Attorney explained the bid was advertised in the Cullman Times. One responsible bid was received from Atkins Lawn Service in the amount of \$19,000 for maintenance of the water department properties. Commissioner Watson made a motion to award the Water Department mowing bid to Atkins Lawn Service. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1305 – RAP Millings

John Lang, County Engineer, stated two bids were received. Good Hope Contracting was the low bidder and he recommended awarding the bid. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to award the bid for RAP millings to Good Hope Contracting. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider request from Cullman Veterans Committee for an appropriation of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00) for Veterans Day Celebration at the Veterans Park at Sportsman Lake

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the request from the Veterans Commission for an \$8,000 appropriation for this year's Veterans Day celebration at Sportsman Lake Park. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider Resolution dated March 12, 2019, from Cullman County Commission on Education requesting the Cullman County Commission impose an additional one-half cent sales tax for the benefit of the Cullman County Commission on Education, and authorize the Cullman County Commission to sign a Resolution authorizing said one-half cent sales tax.

Dr. Shane Barnett, Superintendent of Cullman County Schools, address the Commission about the passage of an addition one-half cent sales tax. The tax will be used in enhance security and for improvement and expansion of facilities. They are currently working on what they are calling "Project X" which will be unveiled to the public in a few days.

Commissioner Marchman stated he was not in favor of raising taxes however, safety in the schools is a concerning problem. If we do not do something now, the Commission will be forced to fund addition security measures out of the general fund.

Commissioner Watson asked for clarification on the duration time of the tax. Dr. Barnette stated it is a 15-year tax beginning May 1, 2019. *(ending April 30, 2034 – See Resolution 2019-12 attached to the minutes of this meeting)*

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the adoption of the half-cent sales tax for education to take effect May 1, 2019. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

WORK SESSION

The Commission will hold a Work Session on March 26, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. in the commission conference room.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2019

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, March 26, 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 10:19 a.m.

/s/ _____
Kenneth Walker,

/s/ _____
Kerry Watson,

/s/ _____
Garry Marchman,