

CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
March 10, 2020

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Walker called the Commission Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM

Meleigh Sullivan, Administrative Assistant, called the roll; present were Chairman Kenneth Walker, Commissioner Kerry Watson, Commissioner Garry Marchman, Bryan Cheatwood County Engineer, Jon Brunner Assistant County Engineer and County Attorney Chad Floyd. County Attorney, Chad Floyd gave the invocation. EMA Director, Phyllis Little, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 25, 2020 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED

Commissioner Marchman made the motion to approve the minutes from the February 25, 2020 Commission Meeting; approve appropriations, expenditures, personnel actions, payroll, requisitions, and all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC /UPDATES

No public comments were made

NEW BUSINESS

Amended Resolution- Consider Amendment to American Classics Abatement approved in 2018

Stanley Kennedy from Cullman Economic Development addressed the Commission and explained the American Classics Abatement was approved in 2018. Cullman Economic Development recommended an amendment to the American Classics Abatement due to extra spending on equipment. The estimated amount on equipment was around \$600,000 but ended up spending \$1.5 million. Mr. Kennedy explained nothing else regarding the amended abatement. (?) Commissioner Watson made a motion approving the amendment to the American Classics Abatement. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion then passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Proclamation to Terminate a Local Emergency

Phyllis Little, EMA Director, explained to the Commission a Resolution was signed roughly a month ago for a Local Emergency due to the heavy rain and flooding in February. Mrs. Little explained after checking with Fred Speake and Jon Brunner with the Cullman County Road Department, Cullman County sustained roughly \$375,000 worth of damage to culverts and a bridge with the flooding. Mrs. Little recommended the Commission terminate the Local Emergency and send the Resolution into the state for possible funding to help repair damages. Commissioner Watson made a motion to terminate the Local Emergency. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider the use of front steps of the Cullman County Courthouse for Prayer Vigil for Curt Wilson on March 16, 2020

Patti Ward, a cousin of Ashley Wilson (mother of Curt Wilson), addressed the Commission and stated the family and friends of Curt Wilson would like to respectfully ask for permission to hold a candlelight vigil on March 16, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., at the Cullman County Courthouse on the front steps. Ms. Ward explained the vigil would be a positive and peaceful showing of support of the immediate family. They will also be praying for our community as well and be united by the tragedy of Curt's death to be more thoughtful, careful, and make wiser decisions. Chairman Walker told Ms. Ward to make sure that she contacts the City of Cullman also to get a permit to use the front steps and sidewalk. Commissioner Watson made a motion approving the use of the front steps of the Courthouse for a prayer vigil for Curt Wilson. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion then passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Set Public Hearing to Consider the Vacation of a Portion of Cullman County Road No. 2101 for April 28, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.

Chad Floyd, County Attorney, addressed the Commission and explained a few landowners on County Road 2101 put an automated gate across the road. There is approximately 100-150 feet of road on the other side of the gate that is currently inaccessible by the public that does not have the combination to the gate. Mr. Floyd stated he reached out to these individuals, and Mr. Floyd recommended the Commission set a public hearing on April 28, 2020. Setting that date would allow enough time to officially notify all utility providers in the area and all landowners of Hidden Shores phase II subdivision. Mr. Floyd explained we could not allow a private gate across a County Road. By vacating a portion of Cullman county Road 2101, it would effectively make that portion on the other side of the gate private for the residents of Hidden Shores phase II subdivision to maintain. Commissioner Marchman made a motion setting the public hearing to Consider the Vacation of a Portion of Cullman County Road No. 2101 for April 28, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the purchase of an engine from Southland International for a 2015 Tandem Dump Truck

Jon Brunner, Assistant County Engineer, explained to the Commission the 2015 Tandem Dump Truck had a hose rupture, which resulted in other damages to the engine causing it to need to be replaced. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the purchase of an engine from Southland International for a 2015 Tandem Dump Truck. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider approval of Annual Spring Clean-Up for "Free Dump Day" during the month of May.

Commissioner Marchman made a motion approving the Annual Spring Clean-Up for "Free Dump Day" during the month of May. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion then carried upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider surplus of 6 Kenworth Tri-Axle Dump Trucks

- Vin #3BKDL40X8KF304250
- Vin #3BKDL40XXKF304251
- Vin #3BKDL40X1KF304252
- Vin #3BKDL40X0KF304257
- Vin #3BKDL40X2KF304258
- Vin # 3BKDL40X4KF304259

Bryan Cheatwood, County Engineer, addressed the Commission and stated it was his recommendation the trucks be surplus at auction to use the proceeds to cover the new trucks purchased last year. Commissioner Watson made a motion approving the surplus of 6 Kenworth Tri-Axle Dump Trucks. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion then passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize the Chairman to sign Auction agreement with JM Wood Auction Company to dispose of 6 Kenworth Tri-Axle Dump Trucks on or before June 2020

. County Engineer, Bryan Cheatwood, explained the sale of the equipment is part of the annual fleet rotation program the County started several years ago where equipment is purchased off the State Bid List, used one year, then auctioned. This enables the County to have equipment which is under warranty, reducing operating cost. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign a contract with J.M. Wood Auction Company, Inc. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1305- Extension- Recycled Asphalt Pavement (RAP Millings) to Good Hope Contracting

Jon Brunner, Assistant County Engineer, recommended the Commission extend the Recycled Asphalt Pavement to Good Hope Contracting. Commissioner Watson made a motion to extend Bid No. 1305 to Good Hope Contracting for Recycled Asphalt Pavement. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1321- Structural Steel- Harris Steel

Assistant County Engineer, Jon Brunner, addressed the Commission and stated three (3) bids were received for the Structural Steel and Harris Steel was the lowest bidder. Mr. Brunner recommended the Commission award the bid to Harris Steel. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to award Bid No. 1321 for Structural Steel to Harris Steel. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion then passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1322- Reinforcing Steel- Harris Steel

Jon Brunner, Assistant County Engineer, addressed the Commission and stated three (3) bids were received for the Reinforcing Steel and Harris Steel was the lowest bidder. Mr. Brunner recommended the Commission award the bid to Harris Steel. Commissioner Watson made a motion to award Bid No. 1322 for Reinforcing Steel to Harris Steel. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

WORK SESSION

The Commission will hold a Work Session on March 24, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. in the commission conference room.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2020

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 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 10:14 a.m.

/s/ _____
Kenneth Walker,
Chairman

/s/ _____
Kerry Watson,
Associate Commissioner

/s/ _____
Garry Marchman,
Associate Commissioner