

**CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
MAY 12TH, 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 Hitt, 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 Emily Johnston. Sheriff Matt Gentry gave the invocation. Chairman Walker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 24TH, 2020 MEETING, APRIL 3RD, 2020 EMERGENCY COMMISSION MEETING, APRIL 14TH, 2020 EMERGENCY COMMISSION MEETING, AND MAY 1ST, 2020 EMERGENCY COMMISSION MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED

Commissioner Watson made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 24th, 2020 meeting, April 3rd, 2020 Emergency Commission Meeting, April 14th, 2020 Emergency Commission Meeting and May 1st, 2020 Emergency Commission Meeting; approve appropriations, expenditures, personnel actions, payroll, requisitions, and all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC /UPDATES

Scott McDonald from EMA addressed the Commission and explained the American Red Cross had done a residential damage assessment on the April 12th and 13th tornado. A total of 62 residents had been affected with 51 being single-family homes and 11 being manufactured homes. Ten homes and four mobile homes had minor damage. Six homes and one mobile home had major damage, and eight homes and one mobile home was completely destroyed. Mr. McDonald explained structural damage to roadways, bridges, and debris was a total of \$428,000. The Water Department estimated a total of damages in the amount of \$10,000, and Cullman Electric Cooperative had \$823,608 in damages. The State total will most likely exceed the State threshold of \$7.3 million.

Bryan Cheatwood, County Engineer, stated to the Commission the road department had \$452,000 additional damages to the \$428,000 stated by Mr. McDonald.

OLD BUSINESS

Discuss the reopening of the Cullman County Courthouse and County Offices

Chairman Walker stated: "As of now, I think we are going to open up starting in the morning, May 13th, 2020 and we are going to be required for public safety by the State to social distance and keep 6-feet apart."

Judge Nicholas stated, "We have not heard any official word from the Alabama Supreme Court, but I anticipate as early as tomorrow that they will enter and order reopening the courts probably on Monday. That is just my opinion, it could be accurate, or it may not be. We will just have to wait and see."

Chairman Walker "We just ask everybody to be patient with all the departments with the 6-foot social distancing, and everybody be safe and abide by the law."

Judge Brown "Will fevers be checked at the door as customers come in, or are we supposed to do that? I am just getting clarification."

Commissioner Watson "You can do it in your department if you want, but temperatures will not be done at the door."

Chairman Walker "Senior Centers will not open until June 1st, 2020."

Dusty Baker, Commission on Aging Director, stated, "Correct, right now we do not anticipate out Senior Centers to open until June 1st. However, we will state resuming our drive-thru service on Monday. Any full-time Senior Center that we have in the County will be open for pick-up service of meals."

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to reopen the Courthouse and County Offices on Wednesday, May 13th, 2020. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Recognition- Jamie James retiring after 22 years of service to Cullman County Commission

Judy Bradford, Human Resource Manager, along with the Commission, presented Jamie James, a certificate of recognition for her 22 years of service as a Cullman County employee. The Commission thanked Ms. James for a job well done and wished her well with her retirement. Commissioner Marchman made a motion approving the certificate of recognition presented to Ms. Jamie James.

Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Public Hearing- CARTS Operations for FY 2021

Commissioner Watson made a motion to table this item until May 27th, 2020, due to the Courthouse being closed to the general public because of COVID-19. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion then passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2020-21: Authorize Local Matching Funds for CARTS FY-2021

Commissioner Watson made a motion to table this item until May 27th, 2020, due to the Courthouse being closed to the general public because of COVID-19. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion then passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2020-22: Authorize filing of Application with DOT for CARTS operation FY-2021

Commissioner Watson made a motion to table this item until May 27th, 2020, due to the Courthouse being closed to the general public because of COVID-19. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion then passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize the Chairman to sign the application and accompanying letter with the application

Commissioner Watson made a motion to table this item until May 27th, 2020, due to the Courthouse being closed to the general public because of COVID-19. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion then passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Ratify the City of Cullman Abatement for BBLU Inc. and RCHK Partners LLC., in the amount of \$615,000 for a major addition to the existing facility

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to ratify the City of Cullman abatement for BBLU Inc. and RCHK Partners LLC., in the amount of \$615,000 for a major addition to the existing facility. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Ratify the City of Cullman Abatement for Royal Technologies Corporation in the amount of \$2,000,000 for a major addition to the existing facility

Commissioner Watson made a motion to ratify the City of Cullman abatement for Royal Technologies Corporation in the amount of \$2,000,000 for a major addition to the existing facility. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2020-23: Changing speed limit on County Road 437 from 45mph to 35mph

County Engineer, Bryan Cheatwood, stated the reasoning for the change was to make accommodations for the ending of the road. Commissioner Marchman made a motion approving Resolution 2020-23: Changing speed limit on County Road 437 from 45mph to 35mph. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion then passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Request authorization to resume normal personnel procedures

Judy Bradford, Human Resource Manager, addressed the Commission and explained at the last regular scheduled Commission Meeting held on March 24th, 2020, as part of the Human Resource Coronavirus Response Plan, the Commission put a freeze on all hiring except for essential personnel and on all payroll personnel actions for promotions, transfers, ect. Mrs. Bradford explained now that the Courthouse is opening; we have a few personnel actions that have stacked up, especially with the road department and water department hiring on projects that we have going and need to get started. Mrs. Bradford stated she would like to recommend that we can open back up to our normal personnel procedure with running everything past the Commission and get those things on the agenda. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the authorization to resume normal personnel procedures. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize the Chairman to sign a deed in favor of Randy Graves for an easement for ingress/egress to their property

Emily Johnston, County Attorney, addressed the Commission and explained part of Mr. Randy Graves property adjoins the County's property on County Road 122. Mr. Graves property is landlocked, and he has asked to purchase an easement, which is appraised at \$500, and he has agreed to pay that amount. Ms. Johnston recommended authorization for Chairman to sign the deed to sell an easement right to Mr. Graves. Commissioner Marchman made a motion authorizing Chairman to sign a deed in favor of Randy Grave for an easement for ingress/egress to their property. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion then passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize EMA Director, Phyllis Little, to sign the State Local Disaster Assistance Agreement on behalf of the County Commission

Scott McDonald from Cullman County EMA addressed the Commission and stated the State Local Disaster Assistance Agreement states the Cullman County EMA Director is authorized to apply for assistance on behalf of the Cullman County Commission. It would be a 75/25 reimbursement request with FEMA providing 75% of the cost and Cullman county Commission providing 25%. Commissioner Watson made a motion authorizing EMA Director, Phyllis Little, to sign the State Local Disaster Assistance Agreement on behalf of the County Commission. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Authorize Revenue Commissioner, Barry Willingham, to sign a Contract with GovEase Auction LLC., on behalf of the County Commission

Revenue Commissioner Barry Willingham addressed the Commission. He explained since the Revenue Office changed to a lien sale instead of the traditional tax sale, he would like to host it online. Mr. Willingham stated since we do not know where we might be at in a few weeks due to COVID-19, this is just a better option for the public. The cost would be \$12.50 per parcel, but once the property goes to sale, the Revenue Office gets \$40 for the sale and \$5 for the certificates, so what money is covered at the time of the auction would cover the cost. Commissioner Marchman made a motion authorizing Revenue Commissioner, Barry Willingham, to sign a Contract with GovEase Auction LLC., on behalf of the County Commission. Commissioner Watson second and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize the removal of warning siren located at the old Logan Fire Station 3

Commissioner Watson explained the old Logan Fire Station 3 had been taken down, and the warning siren left on the property reverts back to the property owners. The property owners have requested the warning siren be moved. Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize the removal of the warning siren located at the old Logan Fire Station 3. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion the past upon a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize St. John and Associates to let bid for the sewer grinder pump at the Ag Center

Commissioner Marchman made a motion authorizing St. John and Associates to let bid for the sewer pump at the Ag Center. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider acceptance of an appropriation from the City of Cullman to Commission on Aging and EMA and authorize Commission on Aging Director, Dusty Baker to enter into a service agreement to receive the appropriation

Commission on Aging Director, Dusty Baker, stated the amount of the appropriation for Commission on Aging is \$8,500 but was unsure of how much EMA will receive. Commissioner Watson made a motion approving the acceptance of an appropriation from the City of Cullman to Commission on Aging and EMA and authorizing Commission on Aging Director, Dusty Baker, to enter into a service agreement to receive the appropriation. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider approving renewal of contract between the Sheriff's Department and the County Commission regarding housing Federal prisoners

Sheriff Matt Gentry addressed the Commission and explained the Sheriff's Office had negotiated a contract with the Federal Government on housing federal inmates. Sheriff Gentry said the Sheriff's Office request the Chairman and the Commission consider going into a 50/50 split with the Sheriff's Office and the Commission. The last contract was a 60/40 split. Commissioner Marchman made a motion approving renewal of contract between the Sheriff's Department and the County Commission regarding housing Federal prisoners. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion then passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider purchase mobile radios for the Sheriff's Department from Decatur Electronics Communications, LLC., in the amount of \$8,857

Sheriff Gentry asked the Commission to consider the purchase of 10 mobile radios to replace outdated radios that can no longer be serviced. Commissioner Watson made a motion approving the purchase mobile radios for the Sheriff's Department from Decatur Electronics Communications, LLC., in the amount of \$8,857. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider purchase of 2 vehicle video camera systems for the Sheriff's Department from Kustom Signals, INC., in the amount of \$10,916

Sheriff Gentry explained to the Commission the 2 vehicle video cameras are for the two new tahoes that was purchased. Sheriff Gentry asked that the money for the cameras be pulled for the item lined technology budget. Commissioner Marchman made a motion approving the purchase of 2 vehicle video camera systems for the Sheriff's Department from Kustom Signals, INC., in the amount of \$10,916. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion then passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider purchase of software for all parks for online reservations and transactions

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the purchase of software for all parks for online reservations and transactions. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the acceptance of a donation of a 2008 Silver Ford Expedition (VIN# 1FMU16548LA63423) from Cullman County E911 to the County Commission

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to accept a donation of a 2008 Silver Ford Expedition (VIN# 1FMU16548LA63423) from Cullman County E911 to the County Commission for the use of Cullman County Commission on Aging. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider request from City of Hanceville and White City to each receive \$25,000 for the building of Senior Citizen Centers

Commissioner Watson made a motion approving the request from City of Hanceville and White City to each receive \$25,000 for the building of two Senior Citizen Centers. Commissioner Marchman stated this is standard to what has been done in the past for Senior Citizen Centers and Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Ratify the payment of \$20,964 to Mobile Communications America for the Radio Communications Agreement with Cullman County Association for Volunteer Fire Department

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, addressed the Commission and explained this is the annual agreement for the Radio Communications Agreement as our appropriation to the Volunteer Fire Departments. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to ratify the payment of \$20,964 to Mobile Communications America for the Radio Communications Agreement with the Cullman County Association for the Volunteer Fire Department. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Ratify payment for the purchase of HVAC for Cullman Caring for Kids in the amount of \$6,700

Commissioner Watson made a motion to ratify the payment for the purchase of the HVAC for Cullman Caring for Kids in the amount of \$6,700. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Ratify rental of a 324EL Excavator and H140 Hammer from Thompson CAT Rental in the amount of \$5650.20 for the Road Department. Road Department has requested reimbursement from FEMA

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to ratify the rental of a 324EL Excavator and H140 Hammer from Thompson CAT Rental in the amount of \$5650.20 for the Road Department. Commissioner Watson second and stated this equipment was used to repair a bridge. The motion then passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Ratify purchase of an Extreme Duty Root Grapple from KA Fabrication, LLC., in the amount of \$9,400 for the Road Department. Road Department has requested reimbursement from FEMA

County Engineer, Bryan Cheatwood explained this machine would be used for brush clean-up. Commissioner Watson made a motion to ratify the purchase of an Extreme Duty Root Grapple from KA Fabrication, LLC., in the amount of \$9,400 for the Road Department. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider proposed plat for Deer Valley Estates Subdivision (resurvey of LOT 5 of Valley View Subdivision). A minor subdivision with 7-10 lots, located in District 3 off of County Road 1329

County Engineer, Bryan Cheatwood stated all requirements and standards were met and recommended that the proposed plat for Deer Valley Estates Subdivision be approved. Commissioner Marchman made a motion approving proposed plat for Deer Valley Estates Subdivision (resurvey of LOT 5 of Valley View Subdivision). A minor subdivision with 7-10 lots, located in District 3 off of County Road 1329. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider proposed plat for Grand Vista Pointe Subdivision. A major subdivision with 23 lots, located in District 2 off of County Road 51

County Engineer, Bryan Cheatwood stated all requirements and standards were met and recommended that the proposed plat for Grand Vista Pointe Subdivision be approved. Commissioner Watson made a motion approving proposed plat for Grand Vista Pointe Subdivision. A major subdivision with 23 lots, located in District 2 off of County Road 51. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider proposed plat revision of Shady Cove Subdivision (removal of Lot 8, splitting lot 1 and adjusting Lots 2-4) Located in District 2 off of County Road 51

County Engineer, Bryan Cheatwood stated all requirements and standards were met and recommended that the proposed plat for Shady Cove Subdivision be approved. Commissioner Marchman made a motion approving proposed plat revision of Shady Cove Subdivision (removal of Lot 8, splitting lot 1 and adjusting Lots 2-4) Located in District 2 off of County Road 51. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion then passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Surplus miscellaneous electronics from EMA to be disposed

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the surplus of miscellaneous electronics from EMA to be disposed of. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1324- Hauling of Aggregate, Asphalt, and other various materials- award to all bidders

Bryan Cheatwood, County Engineer, addressed the Commission and recommended the bid be awarded to all bidders based upon availability and proximity. Commissioner Marchman made a motion approving Bid No. 1324 Hauling of Aggregate, Asphalt, and other various materials are awarded to all bidders. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion then passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

WORK SESSION

The Commission will hold a Work Session on May 27th, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. in the commission conference room.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING WEDNESDAY, MAY 27TH, 2020

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting would be Tuesday, May 27th, 2020, 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 10:24 a.m.

/S/ _____
Kenneth Walker,
Chairman

/S/ _____
Kerry Watson,
Associate Commissioner

/S/ _____
Garry Marchman,
Associate Commissioner