

**CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**June 23, 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. Commission on Aging Director, Dusty Baker gave the invocation. Chairman Walker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 9, 2020 MEETING AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 22, 2020 EMERGENCY COMMISSION MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED**

Commissioner Marchman made the motion to approve the minutes from the June 9, 2020, Commission Meeting and the minutes from June 22, 2020 Emergency 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**

**Chairman Walker**, stated, "I would like to very much thank several people that was involved in Saturday and Sundays decision. Emily, Meleigh, Judy, Ken, Christa, John, Delitha, Gary, Chris Sears, Commissioner Watson, Commissioner Marchman, and Dr. Thomas and his staff. I thank you all very much for the job you all have done to put this together. I knew we had a team that could do it, and we got it done, and I appreciate it."

**Dr. Thomas**, "Thanks again for letting me come aboard and help with this matter. I appreciate everyone's help. It did certainly take a team. Just to give everyone an update, we are currently under the Commission's recommendation in what you passed. We are doing temperature checks, making sure people have a mask and stay the 6-foot distance while entering the Courthouse. That goes for the staff and also the general public. We have passed some things with the Attorney and Human Resources regarding what to do if employees test positive or how to get employees tested. Those guidelines will be coming from the County Attorney, Emily, or Judy with Human Recourses. So just to give an update, yesterday went very well. The Courthouse had a delay on start. In reference to get this going with people lined up on the sidewalk in the heat, my staff went through the line and tested about 100 or more people. We marked the line, so when the doors were opened, there was no problem with flow. They all came in, and I think it went very well. We did not have any real negative complaints. There were concerns over people not being aware of the mask, but a mask was provided for them since they did not have prior knowledge. Other than that, it went well. The good news on COVID-19 as a report, the numbers of COVID-19 cases in certain 20-21 states, has gone up quite rapidly, but the deaths are now following that. So doing the things like we are doing here, we need to continue to do it once we leave here. If we can maintain that we can get a handle on this virus and vaccines and things will be made for it. I think everyone is doing their part, and it has gone well."

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Ratify the City of Cullman Abatement for HomTex, Inc., in the amount of \$5,000,000**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to ratify the City of Cullman Abatement for HomTex, Inc., in the amount of \$5,000,000. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion and stated the abatement is part of the upgrade to HomTex to produce masks. It is a positive thing for everyone. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Public Hearing- Consider Vacating a portion of County Road No. 2101**

Emily Johnston, County Attorney, addressed the Commission and stated the County is requesting a portion of County Road 2101 be vacated. All the land owners have been notified, as well as the utility providers. The Commission has published this with the Cullman Times for four (4) consecutive weeks; May 26, June 2, June 9 and June 16. Additionally, a notice for the public hearing was placed on the bulletin board coming into the Courthouse and has been posted there for more than 30 days. Ms. Johnston asked, "Mr. Cheatwood, would you please explain to the Commission why the request for the vacation of County Road 2101 was initiated."

Mr. Cheatwood, "A gate has been installed at the entrance of this roadway, which would create an obstacle to maintain, plus emergency access. I would recommend vacating, especially as far as the County's maintenance goes."

Ms. Johnston, "Mr. Cheatwood, does this photograph accurately depicted the gate we are talking about?"

Mr. Cheatwood, "Yes, Ma'am."

Ms. Johnston, "Is that a keypad that the public does not have a way to know what opens it, is that right?"

Mr. Cheatwood, "Correct."

Ms. Johnston, "and the County did not put this up?"

Mr. Cheatwood, "Correct."

Ms. Johnston, "Mr. Cheatwood, is just the highlighted portion County Road 2101, is the portion where the roundabout is, is this the portion that needs to be vacated at this time?"

Mr. Cheatwood, "Yes, Ma'am."

Ms. Johnston, "I notified all utilites on May 26, I received no rejection from any utility company regarding this proposed vacation. Mr. Cheatwood, have you received any opposition to vacate the road?"

Mr. Cheatwood, "No, Ma'am."

Ms. Johnston, "In your opinion, will anyone be negatively impacted or inconvenienced in any manner from the vacation of this road?"

Mr. Cheatwood, "No, Ma'am."

Ms. Johnston, "Commissioners, it was approved during the May 27, 2020 meeting that a public hearing would be set for today. I ask that you would open the public hearing to any other citizens who wish to speak to oppose to the proposed vacation."

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to open the public hearing regarding the proposed vacation of County Road 2101. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried. No public comments were made. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to close the public hearing regarding the proposed vacation of County Road 2101. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 2020-29: Vacate a portion of County Road No. 2101**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-29: Vacate a portion of County Road No. 2101. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion then carried upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Public Hearing- FY 2020 Alabama Community Development Block Grant Program**

Ashley Graves from Economic Development addressed the Commission and explained that a public hearing is required by ADECA to apply for a CBDG application for Commission on Aging. The grant application max amount is \$250,000, and it is an 80/20 grant. Mrs. Graves explained the plan with the grant: The Commission has the old rescue squad building, and the Commission on Aging wants to restore and use it for senior services. Residents in the community could go and receive assistance with the various programs that the Commission on Aging offers. Commissioner Watson made a motion to open the public hearing for the FY 2020 Alabama Community Development Block Grant Program. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

No public comments were made. Commissioner Watson made a motion to close the public hearing regarding the FY 2020 Alabama Community Development Block Grant Program. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion then carried upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 2020-31: Authorize Community Consultants to provide all administrative services for the CBDG grant for the renovation of a building for Commission on Aging to be used for Senior Services**

Ashley Graves from Economic Development explained to the Commission she and Dusty Baker, Commission on Aging Director had previously talked and both recommended the Commission authorize Community Consultants to provide all administrative services for the CBDG grant. Commissioner Marchman made a motion approving Resolution 2020-31: Authorize Community Consultants to provide all administrative services for the CBDG grant for the renovation of a building for Commission on Aging to be used for Senior Services. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Resolution 2020-32: Authorize St. John & Associates to provide engineering and architectural services for the CBDG grant for the renovation of a building for Commission on Aging to be used for Senior Services**

Ashley Graves from Economic Development addressed the Commission and stated she and Commission on Aging Director, Dusty Baker, both recommend St. John & Associates to provide engineering and architectural services for the CBDG grant. Dusty Baker, Commission on Aging Director, stated there were three (3) different companies submitting proposals, and Commission on Aging and Economic Development felt it was best to work with someone they had worked with previously and keep it local. Commissioner Watson made a motion approving Resolution 2020-32: Authorize St. John & Associates to provide engineering and architectural services for the CBDG grant for the renovation of a building for Commission on Aging to be used for Senior Services. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 2020-30: ATRIP Resurfacing of County Road 747**

County Engineer, Bryan Cheatwood addressed the Commission and stated Resolution 2020-30 is a closing agreement to re-appropriate leftover funds from a previous project on County Road 747. Commissioner Marchman made a motion approving Resolution 2020-30: ATRIP Resurfacing of County Road 747. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Ratify payment to Cullman Elks Veterans Committee for a Veterans Day Celebration in the amount of \$8,000**

Commissioner Watson made a motion ratifying the payment to Cullman Elks Veterans Committee for a Veterans Day Celebration in the amount of \$8,000. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Ratify the payment for Hygenix sanitizing of Cullman County Buildings in the amount \$10,348**

Commissioner Marchman made a motion ratifying the payment for Hygenix sanitizing of Cullman County Buildings in the amount \$10,348. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Consider the purchase of 1 or more laptops and portable printers due to COVID-19**

Ken Walling from IT Department, addressed the Commission and stated he received a request to purchase additional laptops for the County, and the proposal was for 12-16 laptops. The request comes due to people working from home due to COVID-19. Also, the request includes some printers and docking stations. Mr. Walling stated the estimated cost at this time is between \$6,000 and \$7,000. Commissioner Marchman stated, "One thing about this that people need to know, we are trying to be a little proactive with being able to remotely work in case we get to a point where we cannot come in due to COVID-19."

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the purchase of 1 or more laptops and portable printers due to COVID-19. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Approve purchase of hydrostatic pump for reclaimer at Road Department- cost \$5,500**

Bryan Cheatwood, County Engineer, stated the reclaimer is a main piece of equipment used by the Road Department during paving season, and this is needed. Commissioner Watson made a motion approving the purchase of hydrostatic pump for reclaimer at Road Department in the amount of \$5,000. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion then passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize Chairman to sign the 5311 Supplemental Agreement No. 2 between CARTS and ALDOT**

Joyce Echols, Director of CARTS, addressed the Commission and explained the agreement is adding to the current agreement CARTS already has with ALDOT. Ms. Echols stated it allows CARTS to draw money from the CARES Act. Commissioner Marchman made a motion authorizing Chairman to sign the 5311 Supplemental Agreement No. 2 between CARTS and ALDOT. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Authorize Chairman Walker to sign an agreement on behalf of the Cullman County Commission with Flournoy Engineering and Consulting LLC for HVAC system at the Cullman County Courthouse**

Emily Johnston, County Attorney, addressed the Commission and explained Mr. Haynes Smith, who was the original engineer on the HVAC system who has since retired. Mr. Chip Flournoy was involved with Mr. Smith and the original bidding on the system. Ms. Johnston stated she recommended for continuity, and to save money, the Commission move forward and retain Mr. Flournoy to make the bids and move forward with trying to replace the HVAC system that is currently needed. Commissioner Marchman made a motion authorizing Chairman Walker to sign an agreement on behalf of the Cullman County Commission with Flournoy Engineering and Consulting LLC for HVAC system at the Cullman County Courthouse. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion then passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Correct CARTS Bus Wash Bid awarded to C.H Harris on February 25, 2020 for \$285,950**

Joyce Echols, Director of CARTS, stated when the bid was awarded there were no bid bonds included in the bid on either party who submitted a bid. Ms. Echols stated the bid would still be awarded to the same company but the amount would change to add the bid bond to it. Commissioner Watson made a motion to correct CARTS Bus Wash Bid awarded to C.H Harris on February 25, 2020, for \$285,950. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Bid No. 1283- Extension- Lawn Care and Maintenance to Pro Lawn Unlimited**

Commissioner Marchman made a motion approving the extension of bid no. 1283 for Lawn Care and Maintenance to Pro Lawn Unlimited. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Bid No. 1284- Extension- Jail Supplies to North Alabama Chemical and Central Paper- chemicals only**

Commissioner Marchman made a motion approving the extension of bid no. 1284 for Jail Supplies to North Alabama Chemical and Central Paper- chemicals only. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion then passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**WORK SESSION**

The Commission will hold a Work Session on July 28, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. in the commission meeting room.

**NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2020**

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting would be Tuesday, July 28, 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 10:21 a.m.

/S/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Kenneth Walker,  
Chairman

/S/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Kerry Watson,  
Associate Commissioner

/S/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Garry Marchman,  
Associate Commissioner