

CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
November 19, 2020

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Clemons called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM

Tiffany Merriman, County Clerk, called the roll; present were Chairman Jeff Clemons, Commissioner Kerry Watson, Commissioner Garry Marchman, County Administrator Gary Teichmiller, County Engineer Bryan Cheatwood, and County Attorney Emily Johnston. Josh Hogland, Pastor at Corinth Baptist Church, gave the invocation. Phyllis Little, EMA Director, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 11, 2020 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS, AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED

Commissioner Marchman made the motion to approve the minutes from the November 11, 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

Jamie James from Commission on Aging stated, "Director Dusty Baker could not be here tonight because he had a previous engagement. Everyone is aware of how much we love our seniors, including the Commission. Due to the COVID Pandemic, we are not going to be able to have the Christmas Party. In lieu of the Christmas Party, we have been trying to do all we can do for our seniors. They are isolated and our centers are closed.

In partnership with Doug Davenport, we are going to have a Winter Wonderland at Sportsman's Lake Park for all our seniors sixty years and older. December 18, 2020, December 19, 2020, and December 20, 2020, there will be no charge for our seniors. We might do a surprise for them as they are going in. This may lift them up because a lot of them are really struggling due to our centers being closed with no idea when we can open our centers back up due to the COVID Pandemic. It is a blessing to serve the seniors, and we are going to do all we can to lift them up through the holiday season and this COVID Pandemic. We are excited about the Winter Wonderland. We would like to thank Sportsman's Lake for their partnership in allowing us to provide this opportunity to our seniors. If anyone has a question, they can call the Commission on Aging. Also, I would like to add, we have open enrollment right now. We are taking appointments only this year because of the COVID Pandemic. During these appointments, we can discuss their prescription drug plans. Seniors tend to struggle because they get so much information at one time. We had to start making appointments, which has worked out great for our seniors because it ensures their safety. The deadline to enroll is December 7, 2020."

NEW BUSINESS

Recognition-Phillip Patterson retiring after 25 years of service to Cullman County Commission

Commissioner Marchman stated, " Phillip has done a fantastic job. I cannot say enough about his service with the County." Chairman Clemons stated, " it has truly been an honor working with Phillip all these years. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the Recognition of Phillip Patterson retiring after 25 years of service to Cullman County Commission. Commission Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.

Proclamation- Farm-City Week

Emily Johnston, County Attorney, read aloud the Proclamation that was presented to Cherrie Haney. Cherrie Haney addressed the Commission and stated, "I just want to thank the Commission. This is very important to me and Doris Patterson who is the Farm-City Chairman. Thank you, because it takes a partnership between farmers and the citizens of Cullman." Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the Proclamation for Farm-City Week. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion then passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize Chairman Clemons to sign Agency Agreement with Secretary of State for payment of postage on voter notifications

Emily Johnston, County Attorney, explained to the Commission that the Secretary of State's Office, on behalf of Cullman County, will send out postcards to registered voters without forwarding addresses, and returned cards will be purged from the voter list. Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize Chairman Clemons to sign an Agency Agreement with Secretary of State for payment of postage on voter notifications. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion then carried.

Resolution 2021-01: Payment of postage on voter notifications

Emily Johnston, County Attorney, addressed the Commission and explained the Secretary of State would pay postage, but the money will come from the State Elections Fund set aside for each county to purge the voter list. Commissioner Marchman made a motion approving Resolution 2021-01: Payment of postage on voter notifications. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2021-02: Rebuild Alabama Act Grant

Bradley Williams, Director of Economic Development, addressed the Commission in regards to a grant for \$250,000 for a Rebuild Alabama Grant. Mr. Williams stated, "I have been working with the County Engineer, Bryan Cheatwood. This grant does not compete with any other grants on Rebuild Alabama, and we will not have a local match." Commissioner Watson made a motion approving Resolution 2021-02: Rebuild Alabama Act Grant. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2021-03: Amend Resolution 2000-16 and Resolution 2000-64 to allow private roll off sanitation companies to do business in Cullman County

Commissioner Marchman stated, "This resolution will only allow for the use of private roll offs and would not affect any other parts of our Sanitation". Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-03: Amend Resolution 2000-16 and Resolution 2000-64 to allow private roll off sanitation companies to do business in Cullman County. Commissioner

Watson abstained from voting. Chairman Clemons made a motion to second. The affirmative votes came from Commissioner Marchman and Chairman Clemons, with Commissioner Watson abstaining.

Amend October 14, 2020 minutes to adjust total received from Sanitation trucks sold to Ingram Equipment Company from \$195,000 to \$190,000

James Rollo, Director of Sanitation, explained to the Commission that the \$5,000 reduction that was previously quoted is due to one of the trucks on the inventory list had already sold. Commissioner Watson made a motion to Amend October 14, 2020, minutes to adjust the total received from Sanitation trucks sold to Ingram Equipment Company from \$195,000 to \$190,000. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.

Authorize Chairman Clemons to sign Site Agreement with FLW Pro Series Fishing Tournament
Emily Johnston, County Attorney, addressed the Commission and explained this Site Agreement has already been approved.

The contract had to be written and is now ready to be signed. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to Authorize Chairman Clemons to sign a Site Agreement with FLW Pro Series Fishing Tournament. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion then passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize Chairman Clemons to sign an Agreement Waiver and Consent with the Law Firm of Baker Donelson for the filing of CARES Act Reimbursements

Emily Johnston, County Attorney, stated, "This is an agreement with the Law Firm of Baker Donelson to file for reimbursement under the CARES ACT and to handle any denial or audit." Commissioner Watson made a motion to Authorize Chairman Clemons to sign an Agreement Waiver and Consent with the Law Firm of Baker Donelson for the filing of CARES Act Reimbursements. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.

Authorize Chairman Clemons to certify CARES Act Reimbursement for Public Safety Personnel

Emily Johnston, County Attorney, addressed the Commission and explained this is a new certification that needs to be updated and is ready to be signed. We are going to file for reimbursement for Public Safety Personnel, and we are basing this reimbursement on the information provided by the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to Authorize Chairman Clemons to certify CARES Act Reimbursement for Public Safety Personnel. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion then passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize CARTS to purchase 14 replacement buses for 2021- Total cost \$954,268 with the local match of \$95,426.80 and additional \$9,030 for bus cameras

Joyce Echols, Director of CARTS, stated, "There are fourteen 2013 buses that need to be replaced. The purchase of fourteen new buses for 2021 will cost \$954,268.00 with the local match of \$95,426.80. The reason for the extra \$9,030.00 is for the purchase of backup cameras and a fourth camera inside that looks out the front of the bus. Due to the CARES Act, we are

able to buy the first bus at a 20 % match and no match for the second bus. That is why the total local match is so small.” Commissioner Watson made a motion to Authorize CARTS to purchase 14 replacement buses for 2021- Total cost \$954,268 with the local match of \$95,426.80 and an additional \$9,030 for bus cameras. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.

Authorize Chairman Clemons and EMA Director, Phyllis Little, to sign Homeland Security Grant-Total amount \$29,183

Phyllis Little, EMA Director, addressed the Commission and explained the Homeland Security Grant is a 100% reimbursable grant allowing upgrades to some equipment and furniture in the Emergency Operation Center. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to Authorize Chairman Clemons and EMA Director, Phyllis Little, to sign Homeland Security Grant-Total amount of \$29,183.

Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion then passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize Chairman Clemons and EMA Director, Phyllis Little, to sign the State Mortuary Operations Grant-Total amount \$12,000

Phyllis Little, EMA Director, explained to the Commission that the annual Department of Homeland Security Grant provides training for our volunteers that make up the State Mortuary Operations Team. This grant is 100% reimbursable.” Commissioner Watson made a motion to Authorize Chairman Clemons and EMA Director, Phyllis Little, to sign the State Mortuary Operations Grant-Total amount \$12,000.

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

Authorize Maintenance Supervisor, Chris Sears, to purchase all equipment to upgrade restrooms for mitigation of COVID-19

Emily Johnston, County Attorney, addressed the Commission regarding motion sensors for paper towel dispensers, automatic flushing toilets, and automatic faucets. She stated, “ We want to reduce as much transmission due to the volume of citizens in and out of the Courthouse.” Commissioner Marchman made a motion to Authorize Maintenance Supervisor Chris Sears, to purchase all equipment to upgrade restrooms for mitigation of COVID-19.

Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion then passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider Water Department to have a rate study done by St John & Associates

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, stated, “Randall Waldrop, Director of the Water Department, would like to have a rate study done to update our numbers based on new revenue.

The city has indicated possibly a 40 cent per 1,000-gallon increase. I would recommend the study.” Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the Water Department to have a rate study done by St John & Associates. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.

Consider leasing Cullman County AG Center to River Gun Show

Doug Davenport, Director of Parks, addressed the Commission to have a Gun Show on April 21, 2020, April 22, 2020, and April 23, 2020, at the Cullman County AG Center. Commissioner

Marchman made a motion to approve leasing Cullman County AG Center to River Gun Show. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion then passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider payment to Johnston Technologies for Dispatch battery cabinet servicing for the Sheriff's Office-cost \$5,094

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the payment to Johnston Technologies for Dispatch battery cabinet servicing for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$5,094. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.

Consider extension of employee vacation time to February 28, 2021

Commissioner Marchman stated the Commission wanted to extend the time frame for employees to use their time to February 28, 2021. This will be more flexible for our employees. "Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the extension of employee vacation time to February 28, 2021. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion then passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval and renewal of property insurance with Travelers

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, stated the renewal of the county property insurance with Travelers, through Smith & Gray, will cost \$645,525. This will be a 6% increase from last fiscal year. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve and renew the property insurance with Travelers. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.

Consider payment to NARCOG for dues for fiscal year 2020- amount \$56,299

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the payment to NARCOG for dues for fiscal year 2020 in the amount of \$56,299. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion then passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the purchase of 6 triaxle dump trucks for the Road Department-cost \$942,030 (\$157,005 per truck)

Bryan Cheatwood, County Engineer, addressed the Commission and stated this is the annual rotation of our six triaxle dump trucks, and the sale of the prior six trucks will cover or exceed the purchase of the new trucks. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the purchase of 6 triaxle dump trucks for the Road Department-cost \$942,030 (\$157,005 per truck). Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.

Commissioner Marchman to appoint Darla West to the Department of Human Resources Board, replacing Cynthia Dodd, for a 6-year term expiring 05/15/2026

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to appoint Darla West to the Department of Human Resources Board, replacing Cynthia Dodd, for a 6-year term expiring 05/15/2026. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1293-extension-Traffic Sign Inc for Traffic Signs

Bryan Cheatwood, County Engineer, recommended Bid No. 1293 extension. Commissioner Watson made a motion to extend Bid No. 1293 to Traffic Sign Inc for Traffic Signs. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1294-extension-J.C. Cheek for Traffic Striping

Bryan Cheatwood, County Engineer, recommended Bid No. 1294 for extension. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to extend Bid No. 1294 to J.C. Cheek for Traffic Striping. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1316-extension-McPherson Companies and W. H. Thomas Oil Co. for Motor Oil, Hydraulic Fluid, Transmission Fluid, and Grease

Bryan Cheatwood, County Engineer, recommended the Cullman County Commission extend Bid No. 1316.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to extend Bid No. 1316 to McPherson Companies and W. H. Thomas Oil Co. for Motor Oil, Hydraulic Fluid, Transmission Fluid, and Grease. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon unanimous vote.

WORK SESSION

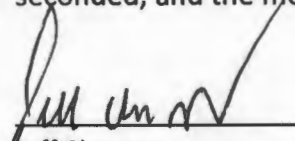
The Commission will hold a Work Session on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at 4:30 p.m. in the commission meeting room.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING Tuesday, December 15, 2020

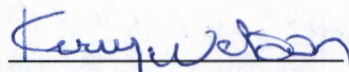
Chairman Clemons announced the next commission meeting would be Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the commission meeting room.

ADJOURN THE MEETING

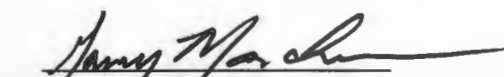
Commissioner Marchman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.



Jeff Clemons,
Chairman



Kerry Watson,
Associate Commissioner



Garry Marchman,
Associate Commissioner