

CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
April 19, 2022

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME GUESTS

Chairman Clemons called the Meeting 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 Attorney Emily Johnston, County Administrator John Bullard, and County Engineer Bryan Cheatwood. Matt Smith gave the invocation. Facilities and Equipment Manager Shane Bailey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE March 15, 2022 MEETING, EXPENDITURES, PERSONNEL ACTIONS, PAYROLL, AND REQUISITIONS AND APPROVE ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2022, Meeting, appropriations, expenditures, personnel actions, payroll, and requisitions and approve all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/UPDATES

Camp Liberty owner Joe Land addressed the Commission and stated Camp Liberty has been serving young people for six years in Cullman County. 3,000 youth from 43 states and 17 countries have attended Camp Liberty. Mr. Land introduced Dr. Robert Montague, who is a staff member. Beginning in September of this year, in partnership between Liberty Communications and Global Medical Response, Camp Liberty will host the EMS Fast Track Program. This program is for military personnel that want to go into emergency services. There will be approximately 150 warfighters, young men, and women, coming through the gates at Camp Liberty. This program will be a 31-day residential program. Sixty-eight percent will serve in the military, law enforcement, firefighter, or paramedic fields upon completion of the program.

Chairman Clemons thanked Cullman County Superintendent Shane Barnett and District Attorney Wilson Blaylock for being present at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Proclamation: Child Abuse Prevention Month

County Clerk Tiffany Merriman read the proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month. Brooks Place and the Department of Human Resources accepted the proclamation. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Proclamation: Child Abuse Prevention Month. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Proclamation: Sexual Assault Awareness Month "Building Safe Online Spaces Together"

County Clerk Tiffany Merriman read the proclamation for Sexual Assault Awareness Month "Building Safe Online Spaces Together". Olivia Wyatt with Victim Services accepted the proclamation. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve Proclamation: Sexual Assault Awareness Month

“Building Safe Online Spaces Together”. Commissioner Watson seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2022-41: Tax Abatement for Project Home in the amount of \$107,829

Cullman Economic Development Agency Project Manager Stanley Kennedy addressed the Commission and stated this is a Cullman based start-up. It is under a confidential name because this product is an innovation in structure building in terms of place of residence, which has practical applications for FEMA as a disaster relief option and our national defense. They are building a \$1.95 million facility in Cullman County. This abatement will create six new jobs. They will save a little over \$107,000 over a ten-year period but will create \$66,000 plus for our schools over that same period. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-41: Tax Abatement for Project Home in the amount of \$107,829. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2022-42: Tax Abatement for Project Tank in the amount of \$ \$1,186,986

Cullman Economic Development Agency Project Manager Stanley Kennedy stated this abatement is a \$22.46 million project in unincorporated Cullman County. This project is related to the construction field. This abatement will create 12 new jobs with an average wage between \$62,000 and \$63,000 a year, which is above our county averages. This project is also already looking at a potential expansion on top of this one. \$1.18 million will be saved in tax revenue over a 10-year period and will create \$772,000 in educational revenue. High salaries will equal additional economic impact throughout our communities. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-42: Tax Abatement for Project Tank in the amount of \$ \$1,186,986. Commissioner Watson seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2022-35: Change speed limit to 25 mph on County Road 349

County Engineer Bryan Cheatwood stated our staff had done a speed study on this roadway. There is a new development going in with several high concentrations of driveways. It is going to be a high residential community, and I do recommend approval of this resolution. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-35: Change speed limit to 25 mph on County Road 349. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2022-36: To Adopt Model Policies and Procedures Applicable to Federal Awards as required by 2 CFR Part 200

County Administrator John Bullard stated this is a requirement for the American Rescue Plan money. This only applies to federal awards, and it has to do with cost principles and the uniform guidance for how to bid and spend that money. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-36: To Adopt Model Policies and Procedures Applicable to Federal Awards as required by 2 CFR Part 200. Commissioner Watson seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2022-38: Award Bid for Project CV-NC-20-041 to Jet-Pep, Inc in the amount of \$934,695.20 to construct a Pandemic Response Center and authorize Chairman to sign

Cullman County Economic Development Director addressed the Commission and stated we have already received the CBG grant money for this. This is the bid from Jet-Pep. They were the only bidder. We got a total of \$803,861 in CBG grant money. We will have an approved reconstruction amount of around \$672,000. The cost of the county will be around \$262,000 for a building that will be worth around \$1.3 million. This is a good investment. This is the old Rescue Squad building that has been dilapidated. If we do not do something soon, it may go into disrepair. The \$803,000 is a 100 percent grant from COVID monies. We did cut back when we spoke to Jet-Pep of some funds for paving and cement work the

county can do. That is a \$200,000 plus we could cut out of that to get it down to the total cost of \$934,695.20. It will be used for anything pandemic related in the future, but the building can also be used for other functions. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-36: To Adopt Model Policies and Procedures Applicable to Federal Awards as required by 2 CFR Part 200. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote the motion carried.

Resolution 2022-39: Change speed limit to 15 mph on County Road 1747

County Engineer Bryan Cheatwood addressed the Commission and stated this is a narrow dirt road. It is only wide enough for one car to pass through. County Road 1748 is another dirt road section coming off County Road 1747. Mr. Cheatwood stated he does recommend the approval of this resolution. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-39: Change speed limit to 15 mph on County Road 1747. Commissioner Watson seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2022-40: Change speed limit to 15 mph on County Road 1748

County Engineer Bryan Cheatwood stated he recommends approval of this resolution. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-40: Change speed limit to 15 mph on County Road 1748. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Amend approval for Enterprise Lease Agreement to reflect 24 months instead of 36 months with no price change

County Administrator John Bullard stated this is getting the details right on the Enterprise Agreement. We initially approved the agreement on a 36-month term, and it was for a 24-month term. The price approved was for the 24-month price. This will give us flexibility to make sure this program is going to work well for us and turn these vehicles around and keep the vehicle rotation going. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to Amend approval for Enterprise Lease Agreement to reflect 24 months instead of 36 months with no price change. Commissioner Watson seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize Chairman Clemons to sign the Reversionary Agreement with Alabama Forestry Commission for John Deere Cab Crawler

County Administrator John Bullard addressed the Commission and stated the cab crawler was purchased earlier, and we just received the reversionary agreement from the state. This agreement states that they cannot sell the piece of equipment, and the equipment must come back to the county if they do not need it. This also gives us a 30-day window to request the piece of equipment back should we ever need to do so. Commissioner Watson made a motion to Authorize Chairman Clemons to sign the Reversionary Agreement with Alabama Forestry Commission for John Deere Cab Crawler. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize CARTS staff to travel to 2022 CTAA Rodeo and EXPO in Louisville, Kentucky

County Administrator John Bullard stated this is a national recognition for our CARTS drivers. After federal dollars are applied, it will end up costing the program approximately \$600. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to Authorize CARTS staff to travel to 2022 CTAA Rodeo and EXPO in Louisville, Kentucky. Commissioner Watson seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Approve contract amendment with JMR+H with a revised fee schedule to reduce fees for ventilation project and authorize Chairman to sign

County Administrator John Bullard stated this will reduce our cost by another approximately five percent. The original discount that was approved was 15 percent off the state model fee schedule. This

is an additional five percent off that. This is a result of the significant amount of business that goes through the Investing in Alabama Counties Program. JMR+H was able to further discount their rates. Commissioner Watson made a motion to Approve contract amendment with JMR+H with a revised fee schedule to reduce fees for ventilation project and authorize Chairman to sign. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider selection of ABM Building Solutions, LLC for Comprehensive Infrastructure Energy Savings Project and authorize Chairman to sign Master Development Agreement with ABM to proceed to the study and audit phase of the project

County Administrator John Bullard addressed the Commission and stated Don McPherson is here with us from ABM Building Solutions, LLC. They were selected through the RFQ process, and the next step will be to enter into the agreement, do the review, and send the engineers out. Don McPherson spoke on behalf of ABM Building Solutions, LLC and stated they could take the money the county is already spending on power, gas, water, sewer, etc., and go in and upgrade the counties infrastructure and lower that and use the money you are already spending. This means you are good stewards of your business. We are excited about getting started and look forward to working with you. As we move forward, we will look at your entire district and show this is where you are. We want to show what needs to be worked on now and what is coming up. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the selection of ABM Building Solutions, LLC for Comprehensive Infrastructure Energy Savings Project and authorize Chairman to sign Master Development Agreement with ABM to proceed to the study and audit phase of the project. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider Allocation of \$2,000 to CRMC Foundation toward the purchase of specialized CCU beds

County Administrator John Bullard stated the county hospital is an allowable expense for the County Commission. The foundation is raising money for specialized beds in the critical care unit. This is a request from the CRMC Foundation for an allocation. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the allocation of \$2,000 to CRMC Foundation toward the purchase of specialized CCU beds. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the purchase of six (6) T880 or T880S dump truck chassis for the Road Department from the ACCA Bid in the amount of \$171,990 each.

County Engineer Bryan Cheatwood addressed the Commission and stated these are trucks that we will be purchasing using funds that we will receive from the sale of our current trucks. This will be the same for item Q. I do recommend the approval of this purchase. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the purchase of six (6) T880 or T880S dump truck chassis for the Road Department from the ACCA Bid in the amount of \$171,990 each. Commissioner Watson seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the purchase of six (6) 16' stampede steel dump body for the Road Department from the ACCA Bid in the amount of \$29,651 each

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the purchase of six (6) 16' stampede steel dump body for the Road Department from the ACCA Bid in the amount of \$29,651 each. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of Lease Agreement with Victim Service and authorize Chairman to sign

County Attorney Emily Johnston stated Victim Service's received a \$500,000 grant to make improvements to the building. As part of that, we are going to enter into a lease agreement upon their approval so they can move forward with the grant. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the Lease Agreement with Victim Service and authorize Chairman to sign. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote the motion carried.

Consider surplus of four (4) ovens from the Cullman County Jail to be disposed of on GovDeals

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the surplus of four (4) ovens from the Cullman County Jail to be disposed of on GovDeals. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Proposed plat Logan West subdivision. A minor subdivision containing 5 Lots located off County Road 844 and County Road 818

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the proposed plat Logan West subdivision. A minor subdivision containing 5 Lots located off County Road 844 and County Road 818. Commissioner Watson seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Award Bid #1388: Full Depth Reclamation with Portland Cement to Chilton Contractors

County Engineer Bryan Cheatwood stated this is a paving item we will use on our projects including County Road 18. We have been given final approval on the grant, and we are using our County Transportation Plan for County Road 17 and County Road 702. This will create a very solid base. Commissioner Watson made a motion to Award Bid #1388: Full Depth Reclamation with Portland Cement to Chilton Contractors. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Award Bid #1389: RAP Millings to Vulcan Materials Asphalt and Construction, LLC and Wiregrass Construction Co., Inc (purchase will be based on vicinity and availability of materials)

County Engineer Bryan Cheatwood addressed the Commission and stated we will have this in place as to when the supply becomes available. This is due to the limited supply of base materials. We will have this available to purchase as we need it. Mr. Cheatwood recommends the approval of this bid. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to Award Bid #1389: RAP Millings to Vulcan Materials Asphalt and Construction, LLC and Wiregrass Construction Co., Inc (purchase will be based on vicinity and availability of materials). Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote the motion carried.

Award Bid # 1390: Hauling to Carcel G, LLC

County Engineer Bryan Cheatwood recommends approval of this bid. It will help us supplement some of the work that is going on now. Commissioner Watson made a motion to award Bid # 1390: Hauling to Carcel G, LLC. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Award Bid # 1391: Structural Steel to Shelton Steel

County Engineer Bryan Cheatwood stated this is an additional steel accessory to the bridges that we replaced in Joppa and County Road 838. Mr. Cheatwood does recommend approval of this bid. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to award Bid # 1391: Structural Steel to Shelton Steel. Commissioner Watson seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

WORK SESSION

Chairman Clemons announced the next Commission Work Session will be Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022

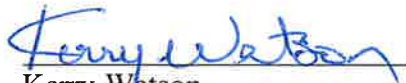
Chairman Clemons announced the next Commission Meeting will be Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room

ADJOURN THE MEETING

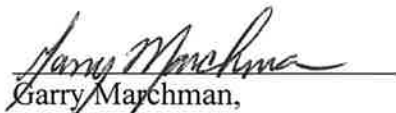
Commissioner Watson made a motion to Adjourn. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.



Jeff Clemons,
Chairman



Kerry Watson,
Associate Commissioner



Garry Marchman,
Associate Commissioner