

**Commission Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2024**

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 roll; present were Chairman Clemons, Commissioner Watson, Commissioner Marchman, Commissioner Duke, Commissioner Freeman, County Administrator John Bullard, County Attorney Emily Johnston, and County Engineer Philip Widner. Jim Deason gave the invocation. Brynlee Merriman from Fairview High School led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 22, 2024, MEETING, APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, PERSONNEL ACTIONS, PAYROLL, AND REQUISITIONS, AND APPROVE ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2024, meeting, appropriations, expenditures, personnel actions, payroll, and requisitions, and approve all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/UPDATES

Chairman Clemons announced there were no public comments/updates.

NEW BUSINESS

Recognition: Lisha Sullins retiring after 19 years of service with the Road Department

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Recognition: Lisha Sullins retiring after 19 years of service with the Road Department. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Recognition: Jeff Bishop retiring after 9 years with the Sanitation Department

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve Recognition: Jeff Bishop retiring after 9 years with the Sanitation Department. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Proclamation: Child Abuse and Neglect Awareness Month

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve Proclamation: Child Abuse and Neglect Awareness Month. Commissioner Duke seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2024-12: Change speed limit to 35 mph on County Road 1233

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-12: Change speed limit to 35 mph on County Road 1233. Commissioner Duke second, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2024-13: Change speed limit to 25 mph on County Road 1250

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-13: Change speed limit to 25 mph on County Road 1250. Commissioner Duke second. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2024-14: Authorize Chairman to sign CDBG grant and Contract Amendment to construct road improvements on County Road 1490

Economic Development Director Matt Kinsland addressed the Commission and stated this will allow us to proceed on County Road 1490 using the annual bid. Once the resolution is passed; we can start on County Road 1490 with the CDBG funds.

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-14: Authorize Chairman to sign CDBG grant and Contract Amendment to construct road improvements on County Road 1490. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2024-15: Award bid for CDBG Urgent Need (Emergency Funds) to Apel Machine and Supply in the amount of \$762,132.23 to replace the two (2) failing culverts beneath County Road 222

County Engineer Philip Widner stated this is for the pipe failure on County Rd 222. We put this out for bid, and we received three pre-bids, Russo Corporation from Birmingham, Apel in Cullman, and Core Communications. All three of these companies are reputable and do good work. We are going to recommend awarding the bid to Apel even though they were the 2nd highest bidder. Core Construction included several bid provisions that could extend their bid past what Apel could provide and we are locked in with the price.

Economic Development Director Matt Kinsland stated there is \$300,000 in CDBG emergency funds that is part of this project and that is the requirement with ADECA that we pass this in the form of a resolution. Our office is also working on locating additional funds in other areas.

County Administrator John Bullard, I have the total of the additional funds that partners have agreed, so far between the work of the Chairman, Engineer, Matt Kinsland, and his office, they have put together \$552,000 which includes the \$300,000 in CDBG funds. These commitments are from the CDBG, legislators from their delegation fund of \$127,000, the City of Cullman has committed \$50,000, the Tourism Bureau has committed \$50,000, and the City of Good Hope is discussing \$25,000 but it has not went in front of their council yet.

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-15: Award bid for CDBG Urgent Need (Emergency Funds) to Apel Machine and Supply in the amount of \$762,132.23 to replace the two (2) failing culverts beneath County Road 222. Commissioner Duke seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Amend Item J from February 22, 2024 Meeting to reflect the purchase of a 2023 Ford F-150 in the amount of \$45,242

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve to Amend Item J from February 22, 2024 Meeting to reflect the purchase of a 2023 Ford F-150 in the amount of \$45,242. Commissioner Marchman second, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Ratify Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) in the amount of \$2,342

EMA Director Tim Sartain addressed the Commission and stated this is our normal EMPG grant that we get every year and this is just accepting that grant.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve to Ratify Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) in the amount of \$2,342. Commissioner Duke second. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider Commissioner Marchman's and Commissioner Freeman's nominee, Mike Cone, for reappointment to the Cullman County 310 Authority Board for a six (6) year term to expire 04/01/30

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve Commissioner Marchman's and Commissioner Freeman's nominee, Mike Cone, for reappointment to the Cullman County 310 Authority Board for a six (6) year term to expire 04/01/30. Commissioner Duke seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize Chairman and County Attorney to sign FY 2024 Certifications and Assurances for FTA Assistance Programs for CARTS

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve to Authorize Chairman and County Attorney to sign FY 2024 Certifications and Assurances for FTA Assistance Programs for CARTS. Commissioner Watson second. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider authorization for TK&K Mobile Detail to use the south parking lot at the Courthouse to host a car wash on Saturday, March 23, 2024, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve authorization for TK&K Mobile Detail to use the south parking lot at the Courthouse to host a car wash on Saturday, March 23, 2024, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Commissioner Duke seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider cancellation with WENS Mass Alert System

EMA Director Tim Sartin stated this is the mass notification system we currently have. They gave us problems during the ice storm.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve cancellation with WENS Mass Alert System. Commissioner Freeman second. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider quote from Everbridge for Mass Alert Notification System in the amount of \$23,840.89 and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork

EMA Director Tim Sartin stated this is the mass notification system I spoke about in the work session. We have looked at five to seven different mass notification systems. We have got agreements from several of the townships and Cullman City that is going to drop this \$23,000 price down to just below \$15,000. We will be locked in this for 3 years, so it will not go up for 3 years. They are guaranteeing 3 million messages and not to cut us off in the middle of a storm or event. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve quote from Everbridge for Mass Alert Notification System in the amount of \$23,840.89 and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of contract between the Cullman County Commission and Post Panda and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork

Commissioner Watson made a motion to the approval of contract between the Cullman County Commission and Post Panda and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork. Commissioner Duke second. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider payment of Workers Compensation additional amount of \$35,213.73 to County Risk Services due to results of annual audit

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve payment of Workers Compensation additional amount of \$35,213.73 to County Risk Services due to results of annual audit. Commissioner Duke seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of WEX Fuel Agreement on State Contract (Contract # C20010P403)

Commissioner Duke made a motion to the approval of WEX Fuel Agreement on State Contract (Contract # C20010P403). Commissioner Freeman second. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider applying for FY 2024 State Homeland Security Grant for EOC upgrade for computers, smartboards, and cameras for EMA in the amount of \$60,000

EMA Director Tim Sartin stated this is to upgrade everything inside our office. The ones we have now is 15 to 20 years old.

Commissioner Freeman, there is no match?

EMA Director Tim Sartin, No. This is 100% a grant.

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve to apply for FY 2024 State Homeland Security Grant for EOC upgrade for computers, smartboards, and cameras for EMA in the amount of \$60,000. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider allocating \$100,000 in Opioid funds for The Link Personal Pathways to Recovery Program

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve allocating \$100,000 in Opioid funds for The Link Personal Pathways to Recovery Program. Commissioner Freeman second. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize Chairman to sign agreement with Cardiac Solutions for the installation of AED devices using Opioid funds

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve to Authorize Chairman to sign agreement with Cardiac Solutions for the installation of AED devices using Opioid funds. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize the purchase of a 2008 John Deere Road Grader (model # 670D) from General Services Administration for the Road Department in the amount of \$50,000

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2008 John Deere Road Grader (model # 670D) from General Services Administration for the Road Department in the amount of \$50,000. Commissioner Duke second. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider updating the guidelines for acceptance of roads into the County maintenance system

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve updating the guidelines for acceptance of roads into the County maintenance system. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider updating the guidelines for paving County maintained gravel roads

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve updating the guidelines for paving County maintained gravel roads. Commissioner Freeman second. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider updating County Subdivision Regulations

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve updating County Subdivision Regulations. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the surplus of the following items from the Road Department to be auctioned on GovDeals or by any means necessary

- **Built-Rite Clam and Trailer**
- **1987 GMC (Vin # 1GDJ7D1F4HV539774)**
- **2007 GMC 550 (Vin # J8DE5B16577301515)**
- **Broce Broom (Model # RJ350)**
- **2005 Ford F-350 (Vin # 1FDWW36P55ED06275)**
- **2005 Ford F-350 (Vin # 1FDWF36P95ED06277)**
- **1982 GMC (Vin # 1GD37D1F3CV591812)**
- **2005 Ford F-350 (Vin # 1FDWW36P35ED06274)**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the surplus of the following items from the Road Department to be auctioned on GovDeals or by any means necessary, Built-Rite Clam and Trailer, 1987 GMC (Vin # 1GDJ7D1F4HV539774), 2007 GMC 550 (Vin # J8DE5B16577301515), Broce Broom (Model # RJ350), 2005 Ford F-350 (Vin # 1FDWW36P55ED06275), 2005 Ford F-350 (Vin # 1FDWF36P95ED06277), 1982 GMC (Vin # 1GD37D1F3CV591812), and 2005 Ford F-350 (Vin # 1FDWW36P35ED06274). Commissioner Freeman second. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Extend Bid # 1430: for Guardrail to Alabama Guardrail

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve to Extend Bid # 1430: for Guardrail to Alabama Guardrail. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Extend Bid # 1431: for Poly Pipe to Bear Concrete

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve to Extend Bid # 1431: for Poly Pipe to Bear Concrete. Commissioner Marchman second. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Extend Bid # 1433: for Bituminous Plant Mix (Product Only) to Whitaker Contracting and Wiregrass Construction

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve to Extend Bid # 1433: for Bituminous Plant Mix (Product Only) to Whitaker Contracting and Wiregrass Construction. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Extend Bid # 1384: for Fireworks to Pyro Shows of Alabama, Inc.

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve to Extend Bid # 1384: for Fireworks to Pyro Shows of Alabama, Inc. Commissioner Freeman second. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Award Bid # 1455: for Bituminous Plant Mix (Installed) to Whitaker Contracting and Wiregrass Construction

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Award Bid # 1455: for Bituminous Plant Mix (Installed) to Whitaker Contracting and Wiregrass Construction. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Award Bid # 1456: for Herbicides and Adjuvants to Red River Specialties, LLC

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve Award Bid # 1456: for Herbicides and Adjuvants to Red River Specialties, LLC. Commissioner Freeman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Award Bid # 1458: for Pickle Ball Court at Smith Lake Park to Ortiz Concrete

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to Award Bid # 1458: for Pickle Ball Court at Smith Lake Park to Ortiz Concrete. Commissioner Duke seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Award Bid # 1460: for One or More New Pick-up Truck(s) to Eckenrod Ford Lincoln

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Award Bid # 1460: for One or More New Pick-up Truck(s) to Eckenrod Ford Lincoln. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

WORK SESSION WILL BE THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSION MEETING ROOM

Chairman Clemons announced that the next Work Session will be Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room

THE NEXT COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSION MEETING ROOM

Chairman Clemons announced that the next Commission meeting will be Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room.


ADJOURN THE MEETING

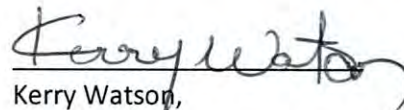
Commissioner Duke made a motion to Adjourn. Commissioner Freeman seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

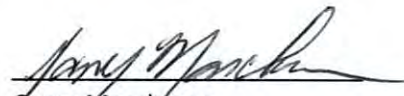
Attest:




Tiffany Merriman,
County Clerk



Jeff Clemons,
Chairman

Kerry Watson,
Commissioner

Barry Marchman,
Commissioner

Kelly Duke,
Commissioner

Corey Freeman,
Commissioner