

**Commission Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME GUESTS

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

CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM

Miranda Hood, CSR, 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. Eric Jones gave the invocation. Airport Manager Ben Harrison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 18, 2024 MEETING, APPROPRIATIONS, 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 April 18, 2024, meeting, appropriations, expenditures, personnel actions, payroll, and requisitions, and approve all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Duke 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: Doug Davenport retiring after 25 years of service with Parks

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve Recognition: Doug Davenport retiring after 25 years of service with Parks. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Recognition: Sharon Davenport retiring after 23 years of service with Sales Tax

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve Recognition: Sharon Davenport retiring after 23 years of service with Sales Tax. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Ratify the City of Cullman Tax Abatement for Project Canton in the amount of \$573,300

County Administrator John Bullard addressed the Commission and stated that Economic Development spoke about this last month. This is Project Canton and it is an existing company. In the Resolution it lists Rehaul Automotive. It is an expansion for a new line they are going to be taking on and it will be maintaining jobs that would be laid off. This project is over a 10-year period and not to exceed over \$573,300.00, whichever one comes first. Commissioner Watson made a motion to Ratify the City of Cullman Tax Abatement for Project Canton in the amount of \$573,300. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Proclamation: 2024 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve Proclamation: 2024 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2024-22: Change speed limit to 25 mph on County Road 1421

County Engineer Philip Widner stated this is a road in the Goldridge Community in Commissioner Watson's district. We had a request to look at this road and we felt like we should reduce the speed limit to 25 mph. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-22: Change speed limit to 25 mph on County Road 1421. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2024-23: Consider approving Engineering Services Contract, pending any requested changes by ALDOT, for General Aviation Apron Reconstruction Design Project at the Cullman Regional Airport

Airport Manager Ben Harrison addressed the Commission and stated that this is the last piece of our movement area once this apron is rebuilt, then all of our movement area, runways, taxiways, etc. will have been completely replaced since 2016. This is a congressional grant that came down so we could complete this as one project instead of a phase project. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-23: Consider approving Engineering Services Contract, pending any requested changes by ALDOT, for General Aviation Apron Reconstruction Design Project at the Cullman Regional Airport. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2024-24: Consider approving Engineering Services Contract, pending any requested changes by ALDOT, for Midfield Development Design Project at the Cullman Regional Airport

Airport Manager Ben Harrison stated this is the first phase of a growth plan that we have at the airport. This is a new taxiway that will go off of our existing taxiway and will go east and west instead of north and south. This will allow development into new hangers on a 19-acre parcel on the west side of the field. Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-24: Consider approving Engineering Services Contract, pending any requested changes by ALDOT, for Midfield Development Design Project at the Cullman Regional Airport. Commissioner Freeman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Approve payment to Thompson Rental for equipment repair in the amount of \$24,264.88

County Engineer Philip Widner addressed the Commission and stated that this is the result of an incident that happened in July 2022. It was damage to rental equipment, and this is closing that out. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve payment to Thompson Rental for equipment repair in the amount of \$24,264.88. Commissioner Duke seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Ratify the final settlement of insolvents, errors, and taxes in litigation for FY2023 for the Cullman County Revenue Service and authorize Chairman to sign

County Administrator John Bullard stated this is the annual amount that is set aside for the Revenue Commissioner for uncollectibles. Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve to Ratify the final settlement of insolvents, errors, and taxes in litigation for FY2023 for the Cullman County Revenue Service and authorize Chairman to sign. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the purchase of two (2) Ford Maverick Super Crew off State Bid from Stivers in the amount of \$24,352 each for Revenue Department

County Administrator John Bullard addressed the Commission and stated these vehicles will be purchased out of the Reappraisal fund. Revenue Commissioner Barry Willingham consistently purchases vehicles and keeps them rotated. Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve the purchase of two (2) Ford Maverick Super Crew off State Bid from Stivers in the amount of \$24,352 each for Revenue Department. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider payment of invoice to Nitorco for Server Configuration to Azure in the amount of \$35,000.50 from Reappraisal fund

County Administrator John Bullard stated this would move from our local server to a cloud-based service. This will give us more protection. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve payment of invoice to Nitorco for Server Configuration to Azure in the amount of \$35,000.50 from Reappraisal fund. Commissioner Duke seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider authorizing three-year Master Agreement with Nitorco Technology for hosted assurance software suite in the amount of \$6,000 monthly for the Revenue Department and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork

County Administrator John Bullard addressed the Commission and stated this is the posting cost annually. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve authorizing three-year Master Agreement with Nitorco Technology for hosted assurance software suite in the amount of \$6,000 monthly for the Revenue Department

and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider amendment to employment for Attorney, removing cap on hours worked during interim period

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve amendment to employment for Attorney, removing cap on hours worked during interim period. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Approve payment to Cullman Appliance Repair, LLC in the amount of \$12,692.83 for a six-ton compressor, thermostat, and dehumidification system for the Cullman County Sheriff's Office Dispatch

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve payment to Cullman Appliance Repair, LLC in the amount of \$12,692.83 for a six-ton compressor, thermostat, and dehumidification system for the Cullman County Sheriff's Office Dispatch. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider NARCOG dues and matching request in the amount of \$77,392.38

County Administrator John Bullard stated this is our annual amount match for the grants we get. We get significantly more back through NARCOG than we put in. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve NARCOG dues and matching request in the amount of \$77,392.38. Commissioner Duke seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider Commissioner Watson's and Commissioner Duke's nominee, Brooke Desnoes, to replace Brenda Scott on the Library Board for a term to expire 9/1/25

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve Commissioner Watson's and Commissioner Duke's nominee, Brooke Desnoes, to replace Brenda Scott on the Library Board for a term to expire 9/1/25. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider Chairman Clemon's nominee, Dawn Beard, to replace Jerry Smith on the DHR Board for a term to expire 5/15/30

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve Chairman Clemon's nominee, Dawn Beard, to replace Jerry Smith on the DHR Board for a term to expire 5/15/30. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the surplus of the following items from Probate to be disposed of by E-Waste

- **seventy (70) 18.5-volt batteries from Probate to be disposed of by E-Waste**
- **fifty-two (52) 18-volt batteries from Probate to be disposed of by E-Waste**
- **sixty-six (66) Election Automark Ballot Guides to be disposed by E-Waste**
- **seventy (70) Express Poll tablets to be disposed of by E-Waste**

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve the surplus of the following items from Probate to be disposed of by E-Waste, seventy (70) 18.5-volt batteries from Probate to be disposed of by E-Waste, fifty-two (52) 18-volt batteries from Probate to be disposed of by E-Waste, sixty-six (66) Election Automark Ballot Guides to be disposed by E-Waste, and seventy (70) Express Poll tablets to be disposed of by E-Waste. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the surplus of the following items from Smith Lake Park to be auctioned on GovDeals or by any means necessary

- **1997 Seadoo (Hull # ZZN45237J596)**
- **1987 Welcraft Boat (Hull # WELR9797C787)**

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the surplus of the following items from Smith Lake Park to be auctioned on GovDeals or by any means necessary, 1997 Seadoo (Hull # ZZN45237J596) and 1987 Welcraft Boat (Hull # WELR9797C787). Commissioner Duke seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the surplus of a 1991 Chevrolet 3500 (Vin # 1GBJR33J1MF300945) from the Road Department to be auctioned on GovDeals or by any means necessary

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve the surplus of a 1991 Chevrolet 3500 (Vin # 1GBJR33J1MF300945) from the Road Department to be auctioned on GovDeals or by any means necessary. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the surplus of a 1997 Ford F-350 (Vin # 1FDLF47F4VEA51925) from Sanitation to be auctioned on GovDeals or by any means necessary

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the surplus of a 1997 Ford F-350 (Vin # 1FDLF47F4VEA51925) from Sanitation to be auctioned on GovDeals or by any means necessary. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the surplus of a 2000 Chevrolet Venture Van (VIN # 1GNDU03E4YD107173) from IT to be auctioned on GovDeals or by any means necessary

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve the surplus of a 2000 Chevrolet Venture Van (VIN # 1GNDU03E4YD107173) from IT to be auctioned on GovDeals or by any means necessary. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the surplus of the following vehicles from the Sheriff's Office to be auctioned on GovDeals or by any means necessary

- **2013 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV (Vin # 1GNLC2E04DR371051)**
- **2014 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV (Vin # 1GNLC2EC2FR569964)**
- **2013 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV (Vin # 1GNLC2E0XDR134077)**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the surplus of the following vehicles from the Sheriff's Office to be auctioned on GovDeals or by any means necessary, 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV (Vin # 1GNLC2E04DR371051), 2014 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV (Vin # 1GNLC2EC2FR569964), and 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV (Vin # 1GNLC2E0XDR134077). Commissioner Duke seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Extend Bid # 1434: for Metal Pipe to Twins Oaks Environmental

County Engineer Philip Widner stated we bid this item out last year and state law allows us to extend the annual bids in one year increments up to three years. This will be our second year. We contacted Twin Oaks and they are agreeable with extending the bid. We would like to request the Commission to extend this bid.

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve to Extend Bid # 1434: for Metal Pipe to Twins Oaks Environmental. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Award Bid # 1463: for one (1) Self Propelled Power Broom to Cowin Equipment Company, Inc and authorize the purchase for \$33,184 from Road funds and authorize Chairman to sign

County Engineer Philip Widner addressed the Commission and stated this is the broom we use in the pavement operations and we have been renting the equipment for over a year now. We would like to go ahead and purchase the equipment and Cowin has agreed to extend back 85 percent of the actual money we have paid into it. We are trying to get away from rentals and leases so this will be one of the steps in getting to that point.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Award Bid # 1463: for one (1) Self Propelled Power Broom to Cowin Equipment Company, Inc and authorize the purchase for \$33,184 from Road funds and authorize Chairman to sign. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Award Bid # 1464: for two (2) Manufactured Park Model Cabins to Alabama Park Models, LLC and authorize the purchase for \$54,075 each from Tourism Funds and authorize Chairman to sign

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve to Award Bid # 1464: for two (2) Manufactured Park Model Cabins to Alabama Park Models, LLC and authorize the purchase for \$54,075 each from Tourism Funds and authorize Chairman to sign. Commissioner Freeman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Proposed plat The Reserve Phase 2 at Stonebridge. A minor subdivision containing 3 Lots in Commission District 3. Subdivision is located half a mile South of the Bolte Road on County Road 706 and the corner of County Road 717

County Engineer Philip Widner stated this is a minor subdivision. There are three lots and all of them are boarding over the existing County Road. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve plat The Reserve Phase 2 at Stonebridge. A minor subdivision containing 3 Lots in Commission District 3. Subdivision is located half a mile South of the Bolte Road on County Road 706 and the corner of County Road 717. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Request from Attorney for Executive Session Under Section 7 (a)(6) of Act No. 2005-40 regarding a real estate transaction

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the request from Attorney for Executive Session Under Section 7 (a)(6) of Act No. 2005-40 regarding a real estate transaction. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Miranda Hood, CSR, called roll to go into Executive Session.

Chairman Clemons "Yea."

Commissioner Watson "Yea."

Commissioner Marchman "Yea."

Commissioner Duke "Yea."

Commissioner Freeman "Yea."

County Attorney, Emily Johnston, stated I do not anticipate this lasting longer than 30 minutes.

Chairman Clemons stated any objections, motion passed.

Chairman Clemons stated I would like to call this meeting to order again. At this time, we have heard information from our County Attorney. We will not take any action at this time and no formal action was taken during Executive Session.

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

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

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

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

ADJOURN THE MEETING

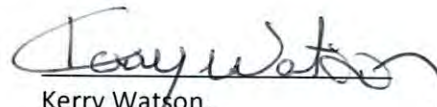
Commissioner Watson made a motion to Adjourn. Commissioner Duke seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

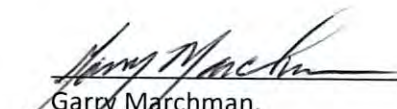
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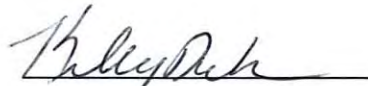


Tiffany Merriman,
County Clerk

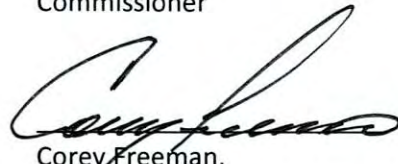

Jeff Clemons,
Chairman


Kerry Watson,
Commissioner


Garry Marchman,
Commissioner



Kelly Duke,
Commissioner



Corey Freeman,
Commissioner