July 21, 2026

Call to order and welcome guests
Chairman Clemons called the meeting to order 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, and County Engineer Philip Widner. Sam Hollis gave the invocation, and Shane Bailey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve the minutes of June 18, 2026, Meeting, appropriations, expenditures, personnel actions, payroll, and requisitions, and approve all journal entries to be posted
Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the minutes of June 18, 2026, Meeting, appropriations, expenditures, personnel actions, payroll, and requisitions, and approve all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comments/Updates
Chairman Clemons stated there were no Public Comments/Updates.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2026-37: Change speed limit to 30 mph on County Road 385
County Engineer Philip Widner stated we have several speed limit changes tonight. I want to take this opportunity to encourage everyone to slow down.
Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-37: Change speed limit to 30 mph on County Road 385. Commissioner Duke seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2026-38: Authorize Commission to apply for state and federal matching funds for airport improvement projects for the Cullman Regional Airport during FY 2027
Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-38: Authorize Commission to apply for state and federal matching funds for airport improvement projects for the Cullman Regional Airport during FY 2027. Commissioner Duke seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Resolution 2026-39: Change speed limit to 25 mph on County Road 458
Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-39: Change speed limit to 25 mph on County Road 458. Commissioner Watson seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Amend abatement for Project Panel in the amount of $261,342
Sales Tax Director, Vicky Fisher, addressed the Commission and stated this abatement was originally approved June 18, 2026. The company discovered additional renovations. It is an increase of more than ten percent and by law, they must bring that back for an amendment to the original abatement. They are going to have to add a sprinkler system and large roll-up door.
Commissioner Watson made a motion to Amend abatement for Project Panel in the amount of $261,342. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize Chairman to sign RTP Grant Amendment (25-RT-55-01 & 25-RT-55-02) for Stony Lonesome OHV Park
Commissioner Duke made a motion to Authorize Chairman to sign RTP Grant Amendment (25-RT-55-01 & 25-RT-55-02) for Stony Lonesome OHV Park. Commissioner Freeman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider moving September 15, 2026, Commission Meeting to September 22, 2026, due to Washington Fly-in and Economic Development Intensive

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve moving September 15, 2026, Commission Meeting to September 22, 2026, due to Washington Fly-in and Economic Development Intensive. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider FY 2027 Rebuild Alabama County Transportation Plan

County Engineer Philip Widner addressed the Commission and stated we must provide a detailed list of all the projects for the next fiscal year. Based on the kind of estimate that we anticipate our revenue to be, we are anticipating about $1.9 million in Rebuild Alabama funds. We have six projects and I will read these for the minutes. County Road 1527 in the amount of $461,195. County road 1117 in the amount of $404,488. County Road 798 in the amount of $364,330.07. County Road 463 in the amount of $295,241. County Road 282 in the amount of $263,138.07. County Road 768 in the amount of $93,896.80. We anticipate about $1.9 million. These total to be $1,882,289.73. These are the funds we get from the gas tax.

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve FY 2027 Rebuild Alabama County Transportation Plan. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider FY 2026 Rebuild Alabama Contractor Report

County Engineer Philip Widner stated this is based off what we done last year. They require us to send a list of all the contractors that we utilize for projects like Rebuild Alabama and the minimum we can use is $400,000.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve FY 2026 Rebuild Alabama Contractor Report. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider the purchase of a 2027 Ford Explorer for CARTS off State Bid (MA220000003128) in the amount of $37,525 (fund 155-56211-550)

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2027 Ford Explorer for CARTS off State Bid (MA220000003128) in the amount of $37,525 (fund 155-56211-550). Commissioner Freeman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the purchase of a 2026 Chevrolet Silverado PPV for Animal Control from McSweeney in the amount of $ 48,080.19 (fund 001-55401-550)

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2026 Chevrolet Silverado PPV for Animal Control from McSweeney in the amount of $ 48,080.19 (fund 001-55401-550). Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider agreement between Cullman County Commission and Three Notch Group, Inc. for drafting services associated with resurfacing County Road 222 (Project R981926001) and authorize Chairman and County Engineer to sign all related paperwork necessary to complete this project

County Engineer Philip Widner stated this is the portion of County Road 222 from Livingston Chapel Church to Big Bridge. We were able to work with Senator Gudger. He got us about $800,000 for this million-dollar project.

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve agreement between Cullman County Commission and Three Notch Group, Inc. for drafting services associated with resurfacing County Road 222 (Project R981926001) and authorize Chairman and County Engineer to sign all related paperwork necessary to complete this project. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider authorization for the Cullman Civitan Club to use the south parking lot of the Cullman

County Courthouse on Friday, July 31, 2026, and Saturday, August 1, 2026, from 8:00 am-4:00 pm
Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize the Cullman Civitan Club to use the south parking lot of the Cullman County Courthouse on Friday, July 31, 2026, and Saturday, August 1, 2026, from 8:00 am-4:00 pm. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider Commissioner Freeman's nominee, Stephanie Lawson, for appointment to the DHR Board to replace Jack Collins for a six (6) year term set to expire 5/15/30
Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve Commissioner Freeman's nominee, Stephanie Lawson, for appointment to the DHR Board to replace Jack Collins for a six (6) year term set to expire 5/15/30. Commissioner Duke seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider quote from ESRI for Enterprise License Agreement for Reappraisal in the amount of $58,500 (fund 120-51800-182)
Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve quote from ESRI for Enterprise License Agreement for Reappraisal in the amount of $58,500 (fund 120-51800-182). Commissioner Duke seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider purchase of a Hanel Lektreiver Rotating Storage Unit for the Probate Office from Sourcewell Contract in the amount not to exceed $78,000 (fund 112-51100-540)
Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the purchase of a Hanel Lektreiver Rotating Storage Unit for the Probate Office from Sourcewell Contract in the amount not to exceed $78,000 (fund 112-51100-540). Commissioner Marchman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Proposed plat J.M.J Homes Subdivision. A minor subdivision containing 6 Lots in Commission District 1. The subdivision is located on County Road 1635, one mile north of the Hwy 278
Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Proposed plat J.M.J Homes Subdivision. A minor subdivision containing 6 Lots in Commission District 1. The subdivision is located on County Road 1635, one mile north of the Hwy 278. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Proposed plat Hidden Shores Subdivision a Resurvey of Lots 22 &23. A minor subdivision containing 23 Lots in Commission District 4. The subdivision is located on County Road 2104 in Cold Springs, 3.2 miles East of Hired Hand off County Road 71
Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve Proposed plat Hidden Shores Subdivision a Resurvey of Lots 22 &23. A minor subdivision containing 23 Lots in Commission District 4. The subdivision is located on County Road 2104 in Cold Springs, 3.2 miles East of Hired Hand off County Road 71. Commissioner Duke seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Proposed plat Dorsey Creek Farms Subdivision. A minor subdivision containing 2 Lots in Commission District 4. The subdivision is located on AL Hwy 91 Bremen AL, four miles South of AL Hwy 69 in Bugtussle
Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve Proposed plat Dorsey Creek Farms Subdivision. A minor subdivision containing 2 Lots in Commission District 4. The subdivision is located on AL Hwy 91 Bremen AL, four miles South of AL Hwy 69 in Bugtussle. Commissioner Duke seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Proposed plat Ponder Row Subdivision. A minor subdivision containing 4 Lots in Commission District 4. The subdivision is located in Jones Chapel on County Road 940, two miles South of Hwy 278 at the corner of County Road 944
Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve Proposed plat Ponder Row Subdivision. A minor

subdivision containing 4 Lots in Commission District 4. The subdivision is located in Jones Chapel on County Road 940, two miles South of Hwy 278 at the corner of County Road 944. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Proposed plat Blessem Bottoms Subdivision. A minor subdivision containing 2 Lots in Commission District 3. The subdivision is located on County Road 539, a half mile South of Bethlehem East Baptist Church

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve Proposed plat Blessem Bottoms Subdivision. A minor subdivision containing 2 Lots in Commission District 3. The subdivision is located on County Road 539, a half mile South of Bethlehem East Baptist Church. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Proposed Resubdivide of Lot 2 of Valley View Subdivision. Originally approved on June 11th, 2019, in Commission District 1. The subdivision is located on County Road 1339, one mile north of Hwy 157

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Proposed Resubdivide of Lot 2 of Valley View Subdivision. Originally approved on June 11th, 2019, in Commission District 1. The subdivision is located on County Road 1339, one mile north of Hwy 157. Commissioner Freeman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider extension of existing bond in the amount of $96,947.69 for Long Branch Pointe, a major subdivision containing 5 lots in Commission District 4. The subdivision is located off County Road 41 a quarter mile North of the intersection of County Road 51 and County Road 41

County Engineer Philp Widner stated this is the extension of existing construction bond. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve extension of existing bond in the amount of $96,947.69 for Long Branch Pointe, a major subdivision containing 5 lots in Commission District 4. The subdivision is located off County Road 41 a quarter mile North of the intersection of County Road 51 and County Road 41. Commissioner Duke seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Award RFQ 2026-1: Guaranteed Energy Savings to Path

Commissioner Duke made a motion to Award RFQ 2026-1: Guaranteed Energy Savings to Path. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Bid # 1503: UPS Battery Backup System for Sheriff's Office Dispatch-No Bidders- Per Bid Law will seek informal quotes

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve Bid # 1503: UPS Battery Backup System for Sheriff's Office Dispatch-No Bidders- Per Bid Law will seek informal quotes. Commissioner Freeman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Award Bid # 1504: Gas & Diesel to B & B Petroleum

Commissioner Watson made a motion to Award Bid # 1504: Gas & Diesel to B & B Petroleum. Commissioner Duke seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Award Bid # 1506: for HVAC System for Stony Lonesome OHV Park to Dye HVAC

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to Award Bid # 1506: for HVAC System for Stony Lonesome OHV Park to Dye HVAC. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Extend Bid # 1466: for Lawn Care Maintenance to Pro Lawn Unlimited for one (1) year

Commissioner Watson made a motion to Extend Bid # 1466: for Lawn Care Maintenance to Pro Lawn Unlimited for one (1) year. Commissioner Duke seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Extend Bid # 1486: for Aggregate to Wiregrass Construction Company, Vulcan Materials Company, and Grayson Carter & Sons Contracting, Inc based on vicinity and availability for one (1) year

Commissioner Duke made a motion to Extend Bid # 1486: for Aggregate to Wiregrass Construction Company, Vulcan Materials Company, and Grayson Carter & Sons Contracting, Inc based on vicinity and availability for one (1) year. Commissioner Freeman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

The next Commission Work Session will be on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room

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The next Commission Meeting will be on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room

Chairman Clemons announced the next Commission Meeting will be on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room

Adjourn

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Freeman seconded. The Meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Jeff Clemons,
Chairman

Attest: County Clerk

Kerry Watson,
Commissioner

Kelly Duke,
Commissioner

Garry Marchman,
Commissioner

Corey Freeman,
Commissioner