

COMMISSION MEETING – MARCH 14, 2005

A regular meeting of the Cullman County Commission was held on Monday, March 14, 2005, at 6:00 p.m., in the Courtroom, 2nd floor. Present were Chairman Wiley Kitchens, Commissioner Doug Williams, and Commissioner Stanley Yarbrough. Chairman Kitchens called the meeting to order and welcomed the visitors. Attorney Dan Willingham gave the invocation and Chairman Kitchens led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 28, 2005 MEETING

Commissioner Yarbrough made the motion to approve minutes of the February 28, 2005 meeting as recorded. Commissioner Williams seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS, TRAVEL EXPENSE, ETC.

Commissioner Yarbrough made the motion to approve appropriations, expenditures, requisitions, travel expense, etc. Commissioner Williams seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED

Commissioner Yarbrough made the motion to approve all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Williams seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

SERVPRO – UPDATE

Russell Durham with SERVPRO stated the remediation of the Park and Rec. Building began March 1; we plan to be finished with all the cleaning and remediation work by the end of the week. All cleaning is planned to be complete by the end of the week. We plan to start the testing Monday.

CONSIDER AWARDING BID FOR PAINTING WATER TANKS

Mr. David Bussman, Director of the Cullman County Water Department stated they received 3 bids for the painting of the Springhill Water Tank and the Eva Water Tank. The Springhill Water Tank is an 80,000 gallon tank and the Eva Water Tank is a 130,000 gallon tank. I recommend awarding the bid to Tank Pro. Commissioner Yarbrough made the motion to award the bid to Tank Pro. Commissioner Williams Seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

OFFICIALLY ACCEPTED KEYS TO NEW JAIL

Chairman Kitchen announced the County officially accepted the keys to the new County Jail today.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-23 WORK RELEASE PROGRAM FOR CULLMAN COUNTY INMATES

Sheriff Tyler Roden stated with this Resolution it will allow the county to operate a Work Release Program at the new jail facility. This will consist of an area of certain classification of inmates to go out in the community for employment. Dan Willingham, County Attorney state that the Work Release Program you can do just so by county to county by Resolution, by the County Commission. In the Resolution there's a statue that says you will not displace any other employed workers job. Commissioner Williams made the motion to accept the Work Release Resolution. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

BOARD APPOINTMENT CULLMAN 310 AUTHORITY – WILLIAMS

Commissioner Doug Williams made the motion to appoint Pat Thomason to the Cullman 310 Authority. Commissioner Stanley Yarbrough seconded, and by a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

BOARD APPOINTMENT CULLMAN 310 AUTHORITY – YARBROUGH

Commissioner Stanley Yarbrough made the motion to appoint Judy Green to the Cullman 310 Authority. Commissioner Doug Williams seconded, and by a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

BOARD APPOINTMENT CULLMAN 310 AUTHORITY – KITCHENS

Chairman Wiley Kitchens made the motion to appoint Wayne McCracken to the Cullman 310 Authority. Commissioner Stanley Yarbrough seconded, Commissioner Doug Williams sustained from the vote due to personal conflict. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AWARDING BID NO. 794 – INMATE MATTRESSES

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator stated only one (1) vendor met the bid specs. I recommend awarding the bid to Derby. Commissioner Williams made the motion to award Bid No. 794 to Derby. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AWARDING BID NO. 795 FORCE FEED LOADER

County Engineer Philip Widner stated this is what we refer to as a shoulder machine. The county received nine (9) responses and eight (8) of those were no bids. The only bid came from Joe Money. Joe Money bid a Leeboy, Model 3000 4-speed loader, which meets all the specifications of the bid. Joe Money is the only source that carries this type of machinery.

Commissioner Yarbrough made the motion to award Bid No. 795 to Joe Money. Commissioner Williams seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER DECLARING ONE 1991 DODGE CARAVAN AS SURPLUS.

Chairman Kitchens stated the Commission on Aging would like the County Commission to consider declaring one 1991 Dodge Caravan as Surplus.

Commissioner Yarbrough made the motion to declare the 1991 Dodge Caravan as surplus. Commissioner Williams seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

PALS SPRING CLEAN-UP

Diane Green with Pals announced every year at this time we have a county wide Annual Spring Clean-up where we challenge everyone to help clean up county wide. We would also like to express to the Commission our appreciation for their support with this project.

Mr. Burt Jones, also with Pals told the Commission if you go out on our roads today you can't tell any difference. I think its worse than four (4) years ago when I began working with Pals. We just can't keep up with the liter problem and I would like to appeal to the members of the Commission and ask for some additional help, in the form of regular crew in the critical areas. Chairman Kitchens stated that the Commission is well aware of the problem with liter across the county. We will look at the possibility of using more inmates to help with the clean-up.

CONSIDER APPOINTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Chairman Kitchens stated Ms. Sammie Danford has been serving in the position of Interim Director for the past 14 months now. The Commission would like to go ahead and place Ms. Danford in the position of Director with the Economic Development Office.

Commissioner Yarbrough made the motion to place Ms. Danford in the position of Director. Commissioner Williams seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER PLACING FREEZE ON ALL HIRING

Chairman Kitchens stated this is something I think is beginning to get out of hand and the Commission needs to place a freeze on all hiring. We're not saying if the position is needed you can't hire. So I have ask that a freeze be placed on hiring unless you have approval of the County Commission and can justify the position before any hiring is done.

Commission Williams made the motion to place a freeze on all hiring. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER PLACING FREEZE ON ALL PROMOTIONS

Chairman Kitchens stated that we don't want to deny anyone a job opportunity if their qualified, what we don't need is a continuation of employees being placed in a position of being promoted to get around the one step raise. So I recommend placing a freeze on all promotions except with the approval of the Commission.

Attorney Willingham said basically what the Chairman wants to do is reinforce the County Handbook, you will not be able to promote unless there's a position available.

Commission Yarbrough made the motion to freeze all promotions. Commissioner Williams seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AUTHORIZING HOMELAND SECURITY POC TO SIGN GRANT

Phyllis Little, EMA Director stated this concerning a grant we have received total \$279,625.00. I need authorization to sign as point of contact.

Commissioner Yarbrough made the motion to assign Phyllis Little as point of contact. Commissioner Williams seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING MARCH 28, 2005, 10:00 A.M. COMMISSION OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM

Chairman Kitchen announced the next regular Commission Meeting will be March 28, 2005, 10:00 a.m. at the Commission Office Conference Room.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Edwin Calvert

Mr. Calvert stated he is opposed to security being placed at the entrance of the courthouse, but not opposed to the security procedures being placed in the courtrooms. The courthouse is a public building and this taking freedom away from the citizens, and I can't justify spending that kind of money for courthouse security.

ADJOURN

Upon a duly made and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Wiley Kitchens, Chairman

Doug Williams, Commissioner

Stanley Yarbrough, Commissioner