

COMMISSION MEETING – MAY 23, 2005

A regular meeting of the Cullman County Commission was held on Monday, May 23, 2005, at 10:00 a.m., in the County Commission Office Conference Room. 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 MAY 9, 2005 MEETING

Commissioner Yarbrough made the motion to approve minutes of the May 9, 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.

CONSIDER AWARDING BID NO. 808 COMPUTER HARDWARE

Joey Martin with Data Processing stated Bid No. 808 was for Computer Hardware. Four bids were received and two of those bids were non-responsive. This is for the server on the time clocks. I recommend awarding this bid to Hi-Tech Computer Systems. Cost of the server with the ten licenses receivable is \$5,298.00.

Commissioner Williams made the motion to award Bid No. 808 to Hi-Tech Computer Systems. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

PARK BOARD APPOINTMENT – COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS

Commissioner Williams made the motion to appoint Gary Dean to the Park Board. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dean's term will expire May 22, 2011.

PARK BOARD APPOINTMENT – COMMISSIONER YARBROUGH

Commissioner Yarbrough made the motion to appoint Wayne Williams to the Park Board. Commissioner Williams seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. William's term will expire May 22, 2011.

JUVENILE PROBATION – BRENDA HOWELL

Brenda Howell, Director of Juvenile Probation stated that she would like to tell the Commission how much she appreciates what they have done for Juvenile Probation and for Cullman County. The new Jail, Juvenile Detention and Probation Facilities are wonderful and I would like so said "Thank You" for the difference it will make down the road. For years we have transported youth to all four corners of Alabama. The cost for beds at \$85.00 a night is well over \$100,000.00 a year not including transportation and the transportation officer, the bulk of this money will stay here in Cullman County. The biggest liability that's going to help Cullman is with the youth staying here and not bringing back big city problems to Cullman County. I also applaud this Commission for looking to the future when planning this facility.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-36 REDUCE SPEED COUNTY ROAD 587 TO 25 MPH

County Engineer Philip Widner stated that County Road 587 is located on the East Side of Cullman in the Dodge City area. Several residents have asked for the speed limit to be reduced on this road. After looking at this road we feel the speed limit should be reduced to 25 MPH from County Road 573 to County 563.

Commissioner Williams made the motion to reduce the speed limit on County 587 to 25 MPH. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER GRANTING ONE (1) YEAR EXTENSION FOR SURETY BOND – HELD BY CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION FOR LAKE ALAQUA

Mr. Widner stated Lake Alaqua is off County Road 587 and one year ago the Commission approved the final plat for Lake Alaqua. This subdivision is subject to a \$25,000.00 surety bond. We have received a letter requesting a one year extension on this surety bond and I recommend the Commission granting the one year extension.

Commissioner Williams made the motion to grant the extension. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF NAME CHANGE FROM JOLLY SUBDIVISION TO SHELTERED COVE SUBDIVISION

Mr. Widner stated this subdivision is located on the West Side of Cullman. Alabama Land Partners the Developers presented this preliminary plat to the Commission in March of this year as Jolly Subdivision. At this time the Commission needs to approve the name change from Jolly Subdivision to Sheltered Cove Subdivision.

Commissioner Yarbrough made the motion to change the name from Jolly Subdivision to Sheltered Cove Subdivision. Commissioner Williams seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FINAL PLAT FOR SHELTERED COVE SUBDIVISION SUBJECT TO \$100,000.00 SURETY

Mr. Widner, said basically all that needs finishing is the paving in Sheltered Cove Subdivision. The construction meets all the specification and I recommend approval of the Final Plat subject to the \$100,000.00 surety. Commissioner Yarbrough made the motion to except the Final Plat for Sheltered Cove Subdivision. Commissioner Williams seconded, and upon on a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

MENTAL HEALTH BOARD APPOINTMENT – CHAIRMAN KITCHENS

Chairman Kitchens read a letter from the Mental Health Board asking for Ms. Earlene Johnson to be reappointed to the Mental Health Board for another 6 year term. Chairman Kitchens made the motion to reappoint Ms. Johnson to the Mental Health Board. Commissioner Williams seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER EXTENDSION OF BID NO. 755 FOR ONE YEAR – SERVICE OF THE SHERIFF’S DEPT. AND OTHER VARIOUS DEPT. VEHICLES FROM 4-27-05 UNTIL 4-27-06

Commissioner Williams made the motion to extend Bid No. 755 for one year. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously. Dan Willingham, County Attorney stated that the bid doesn’t state that they will get everything but in your letter of acceptance you need to let who ever is awarded the bid know that the county will be doing some of these services.

DISCUSS FUTURE PURCHASE OF MACK TRUCKS

Mr. Widner announced the Mack Trucks purchased from the State Bid cost \$500,014.00 for six Mack Trucks. We recently sold these Macks thru auction for \$564,000.01. As you can see the County had free use of these trucks and a cash inflow of about \$50,000.00 for these trucks. What I would like the Commission to discuss is trying this again. The new ACCA state bid is \$89,255.00 for the same truck. If we order the trucks now delivery would be in January of 2006. Due to the increase in price of new trucks and the increase in mileage on the trucks the County is presently using, I don’t expect to do as good as last year, but I think the County would be ahead. Commissioner Williams made the motion to go ahead and order three Mack Trucks for the east side and four Mack Trucks for the west side. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING JUNE 13, 2005 AT 10:00 A.M. IN COMMISSION OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM

Chairman Kitchens announced the next regular Commission Meeting will be June 13, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Office Conference Room.

RECESS MEETING

Commissioner Yarbrough stated the Commission has another order of business to address that will need to be brought before the Commission for approval. Twin Pines Coal Company and by recessing this Commission Meeting all the official notices would be out announcing the recessed date. Chairman Kitchens announced the recess meeting would be Tuesday, May 31, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Office Conference Room. At this time Chairman Kitchens opened the floor for public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kris Holmes who lives on St. Joseph St. addressed the Commission concerning the vacant lot adjacent to her property that the County presently owns. Ms. Holmes stated that the County only mows this property twice a year. With the tall grass they are having problems with snakes and rodents because of the waist high grass. Ms. Holmes asks the Commission to please mow this lot. Commissioner Yarbrough told Ms. Holmes that he would have the county mow this lot.

Wiley Kitchens, Chairman

Doug Williams, Commissioner

Stanley Yarbrough, Commissioner