

COMMISSION MEETING
July 24, 2007

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

A regular meeting of the Cullman County Commission was held Tuesday, July 24, 2007 at 10:00 a.m., in the County Commission Office Conference Room, Chairman Kitchens called the meeting to order and welcomed all visitors.

CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present were Chairman Wiley Kitchens, Commissioner Doug Williams, Commissioner Wayne Willingham and Attorney Michael Fuller. County Engineer Fred Penn gave the invocation and Commissioner Williams lead the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES, APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS, TRAVEL EXPENSE AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED

Commissioner Willingham made the motion to approve. Commissioner Williams seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kimberly Love – addressed the commission concerning the intersection of County Road 222 and County Road 814. Ms. Love presented the commission with a petition to install a 4-way stop at this intersection for the safety of citizens.

Eddie Hand – with Smith Lake Living Magazine addressed the commission concerning the water issue concerning Smith Lake homeowners.

Deb Berry – President of the Smith Lake Preservation Committee addressed the commission with the Smith Lake Issue rates.

John Culvert – would like to meet with the commission after the commission meeting to discuss dust control on County Roads 208, 206, and 207 located on the west side of the county.

Mr. Wilhite – addressed the commission with his concerns about water problems in the future.

Billy Meeks – stated his property joined the Subdivision, The Preserve at Ryan Creek. He would like to know if the county has thought about regulating building in the Smith Lake Area. Would like the commission to look at the community as a whole before taking on new developments and future growth, is this something the county can afford to keep doing. The county will have more upkeep on county roads with new developments, how is this going to affect the local fire departments and what provisions are being made with the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Meeks stated he is not against development, these are things the commission needs to consider.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Tax Abatement for Advanced Rotors, Inc.

Commissioner Williams made the motion for the Tax Abatement for Advance Rotors, Inc. Commissioner Willingham seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Consider Tax Abatement for Good Ole Boy Properties, LLC

Commissioner Williams made the motion for the Tax abatement for Good Ole Boy Properties, LLC. Commissioner Willingham seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Consider awarding Contract for Resurfacing of 24th St. from State route 69 to Co. Rd. 490 – Widening of Co. Rd. 715 from Co. Rd. 490 to US 31

Consider design speed variance and proposed plat for The Preserve at Ryan Creek located in District 2 off County Road 438

Consider release of \$50,000.00 surety bond and acceptance of County Road 175

Keith Creel, Engineering Assistant stated this is a road located in West Shore West Subdivision. This bond was put up in 2001. The developer has now paved the road and the County Engineer has inspected this road. At this time we are asking the commission to accept this portion of county road 175 into the maintenance system and the release of the \$50,000.00 surety bond.

Commissioner Willingham made the motion to accept county road 175 and to release the surety bond. Commissioner Williams seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2007-45 Reduce Speed Limit on County Road 1453 to 30 MPH

Commissioner Williams made the motion to reduce the Speed Limit on County Road 1453 to 30 MPH. Commissioner Willingham seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2007-46 CRMC

Attorney Michael Fuller stated this is a resolution passed by the Health Care Authority of Cullman to seek permission to restate and amend their article of reincorporation on the Health Care Authority Act and to come in compliance to the amendments made to the act. Also, permission to expand the Board from nine (9) members to fifteen (15) members. The current nine members will remain on the board and the commission will appoint the additional six (6) members. Chairman Kitchen stated he would recommend passing this resolution.

Commissioner Willingham made the motion to adopt this resolution. Commissioner Williams seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Consider awarding Bid No. 901 Protective Clothing and Footwear for S-Mort

Phyllis Little, EMA Director stated a bid was put out for a BDU type uniform a jacket, pants, shirt, boots and a gear bag. This is to be paid for with two grants we received for public health and homeland security. Three bids were received, only

one bid meet all the specifications. I recommend awarding the bid to MES for all the equipment. Commissioner Williams made the motion to award the bid to MES. Commissioner Willingham seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Consider awarding Bid No. 902 Outdoor Warning Equipment

Ms. Little stated this bid is for the Outdoor Warning Sirens. We received three bids, Allcom Wireless was the lower bidder. I recommend awarding the bid to Allcomm Wireless.

Commissioner Williams made the motion to accept the bid. Commissioner Williams seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Command Support Vehicle – Madison County – EMA

Ms. Little stated Madison County has a 1991 Mobile Command Vehicle with approximately 8,000 miles, this is a fully equipped vehicle ready to go. Madison County has offered to give this to Cullman County with the requirement that it maintains its status as a mobile support vehicle. The approximate value of the vehicle is \$17,000.00 as it sits today. I recommend the commission to allow for me to sign for this vehicle under the contingency that it has no major motor problems. This vehicle would be available to any emergency response team that would have a need to use it.

Commissioner Williams made the motion to accept this vehicle from Madison County and to allow Phyllis Little to sign for it. Commissioner Willingham seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Authorize Annual Appropriations to Mt. Zion Cemetery

Commissioner Williams made the motion to authorize the annual appropriations of \$200.00 to Mt. Zion Cemetery. Commissioner Willingham seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Authorize Probate Judge to Sign Maintenance Agreement with Syscon Inc. – Probate Office

Tammy Brown with the Probate Office stated this is an agreement between Syscon, Inc. and the Probate Office for the hardware and software services. There is a prepayment of \$20,000.00 required for an approximate fixed monthly payment of \$4,239.59 for the use of the system. This is a three (3) year agreement.

Commissioner Williams made the motion to allow the Probate Office to enter into an agreement with Sysco Inc. Commissioner Willingham seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2007-47 CDBG Grant for Walter Water Authority

Economic Development Office reported this is a \$350,000.00 grant they have been working on for the Walter Water Authority (90/10 match). We need the commission's permission to proceed with this application.

Commissioner Williams made the motion to proceed with the application. Commissioner Willingham seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Authorize the Freeman Family to proceed with Family Cemetery

Commissioner Williams stated this cemetery is located on Al. Hwy. 69 at Simco. I make the motion to forward the request to the Health Department for further review.

Commissioner Willingham seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Discuss Water Fees

Chairman Kitchens stated this issue has already been discussed and will be tabled till a later date.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2007

Chairman Kitchens announced the next regular Commission Meeting would be Tuesday, August 14, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Office Conference Room.

Commissioner Williams recognized Mr. Euell Hodge, President of the Volunteer Fire Association. This past weekend The Volunteer Fire Association named the training center for the Fire Association after Mr. Hodge.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Williams made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Willingham seconded.

Wiley Kitchens, Chairman

J. Douglas Williams
Associate Commissioner

Wayne Willingham
Associate Commissioner