

**COMMISSION MEETING
June 10, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

A regular meeting of the Cullman County Commission was held Tuesday, June 10, 2008 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 Wayne Willingham, Commissioner Doug Williams and County Attorney Dan Willingham. Attorney Dan Willingham gave the invocation and Mr. George Mann 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

Mrs. Williams addressed the commission concerning Animal Control and their Policy and Procedures.

PRESENTATIONS

Animal Shelter – Commissioner Williams read aloud an award (Life Time Achievement Award) to Tim McKoy, Director of the Animal Shelter, from the Alabama Animal Control Association.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Errors and Litigation for 2007

Mrs. Marguerite Davis with the Revenue Commissioner's Office stated that a report of errors, insolvents and taxes in litigation for 2007 must be approved by the Commission before it can be sent to the State.

Commissioner Williams made the motion to authorize the chairman to sign the errors, insolvents and taxes in litigation for 2007. Commissioner Willingham seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2008-28 - Consider approval of and authorize the Chairman to sign the 5311 Grant for the Cullman Area Rural Transportation System (CARTS)

Mr. Donnie Smith, CARTS Director, stated the 5311 Grant is operating funds for CARTS. CARTS will be asking for more funds due to the increase in fuel costs. Commissioner Williams made the motion to allow the Chairman to sign the grant. Commissioner Willingham seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Consider the surplus of three trucks – Sanitation Department

Mr. James Rollo, Manager of the Sanitation Department, asked the Commission to surplus three trucks; a 2002 Sterling Accterra, vin# 2FzHanak12AB96329; a 2002 Freightliner FL-160, vin# 1FVHB1B862HK17664; and a 2002 Mack MR690-S, vin# 1M2K185C53M00942. The Sanitation Department has already replaced the trucks. Commissioner Willingham made the motion to surplus three trucks from the sanitation department. Commissioner Williams seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2008-29 - Consider 2008 Sales Tax Holiday

Mr. Chris King, Director of the Sales Tax Office, stated the Sales Tax Holiday for 2008 will start Saturday, August 1st and will end August 3rd at 12:00pm. The Sales Tax office has not seen any negative impact on sales tax collection since the county has been participating in the Tax Holiday.

Commissioner Williams made the motion to participate in the 2008 Sales Tax Holiday. Commissioner Willingham seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Consider Agreement with AT&T Alabama

Mr. Pledger, AT&T representative, stated this is an agreement that specifies what AT&T's obligations are for providing video franchise service for their new UVerse product to the unincorporated areas of Cullman County. It also states the benefits that Cullman County will derive from AT&T in terms of revenue.

Commissioner Williams made the motion to enter into an agreement with AT&T contingent upon the correction of the agreement. Commissioner Willingham seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Authorize the Chairman to sign the Senior Community Service Employment Program Host Agency Agreement for fiscal year 2008-2009

Chairman Kitchens stated this is an agreement with NARCOG for senior community service that is paid for by NARCOG. Commissioner Willingham made the motion to allow the chairman to sign the agreement. Commissioner Williams seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Consider awarding Bid No. 958 -- service on Sheriffs Department and other various Department vehicles

Commissioner Williams made the motion to award Bid No. 958 to Texaco Express Lube. Commissioner Willingham seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

OHV Park

Commissioner Williams introduced the OHV Park Director, Mr. John Sellers, and the Assistant Director, Cheri Hulsey. The OHV Park is being funded by federal transportation dollars filtered through the State of Alabama and through ADECA. This is a very large grant program. Building this park, we believe, will bring extensive sales tax revenue to Cullman County from outside of the county.

Commissioner Williams proposed that the OHV Park be named Stoney Lonesome OHV Park in Cullman County and explained that Stoney Lonesome is the name of the creek that runs through the property. The Commission believes this to be an appropriate name for an outdoor park. Commissioner Williams made the motion to name the park Stoney Lonesome

OHV Park in Cullman County. Commissioner Willingham seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Consider \$1,000.00 donation for Center Hill Community Center

Commissioner Williams made the motion to give the Center Hill Community Center a \$1,000.00 donation. Commissioner Willingham seconded, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. George Mann updated the Commission on the Veterans Park at Sportsman Lake.

Commissioner Williams discussed the rising cost of fuel and the impact it has on county department budgets.

Chairman Kitchens discussed that departments could rotate employees to a four day ten hour workweek. This would be left up to the elected officials and department heads.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2008

Chairman Kitchens announced the next regular Commission meeting will be changed to Monday, June 23, 2008 at 10:00 am, due to some members of the commission being out of town.

ADJOURN

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

Wiley Kitchens, Chairman

J. Douglas Williams
Associate Commissioner

Wayne Willingham
Associate Commissioner