

CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
March 23, 2010

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman James Graves called the Commission Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed the visitors.

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

Charlotte Slatton, County Clerk, called the roll; present were Chairman James Graves, Commissioner Doug Williams, Commissioner Wayne Willingham, and County Attorney Dan Willingham. The invocation was given by Dan Willingham and Commissioner Wayne Willingham led the Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 15, 2010 MINUTES, APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS, TRAVEL EXPENSES; AND APPROVE ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED.

Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the March 15, 2010 minutes, approve appropriations, expenditures, requisitions, travel expenses and approve all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Willingham seconded the motion, and upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Warren Parker, a resident on Goodwin Road, addressed the Commission about the possibility of extending Goodwin Road to I-65 to allow for commercial development. The Commission thanked him for his comments.

NEW BUSINESS

Proclamation – Child Abuse Prevention Month

Chairman Graves presented Javon Daniel, Director of Cullman Caring for Kids, with the proclamation on child abuse prevention month. Mr. Daniels thanked the Commission for the recognition and for what they do for Cullman County children. Blue ribbons were passed out to help make the public aware of the problem of child abuse. Commissioner Willingham made a motion to approve the proclamation recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Commissioner Williams seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Proclamation – Animal Control Appreciation Week

Chairman Graves made mention of the excellent job the animal control officers do in Cullman County. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the proclamation for the week of April 11-17 as Animal Control Appreciation Week. Commissioner Willingham seconded and upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Consider changing appointment order of Industrial Development Board

Sammie Danford from the Economic Development Office stated over the past several years the order of the Commission's appointments to the Industrial Development Board has changed. Industrial Development Board appointments are made every two years for staggered six years terms. Originally each Commissioner had one appointment every two years; however some confusion has occurred and some years a Commissioner has two appointments while another Commissioner has none. The Industrial Development Board has recommended, beginning in 2011, and every two years thereafter, each Commissioner be allotted one appointment. Commissioner Williams made a motion for the Commission to approve each Commissioner having one appointment to the Industrial Development Board every two years. Commissioner Willingham seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize David Bussman to sign all documents pertaining to meter replacement program with SRF/Debt Reduction Program

Mr. Bussman, Water Department Manager, stated they have been informed the Water Department will be receiving \$2.9 million from the State Revolving Fund (SRF)/ Debt Reduction Program. This will look like debt; however the federal government will be paying it through stimulus money. This will be used to replace approximately half the water meters in the County's water system with meters that can be read from an office terminal, thus eliminating the need for personnel to go out and read each meter. These will be replacing meters that are 20-30 years old. Commissioner Williams made a motion to authorize Mr. Bussman to sign all documents pertaining to the SRF/ Debt Reduction Program. Commissioner Willingham seconded, and upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Consider plat for Welcome Subdivision located on County Road 1564 in District 3

Keith Creel, Assistant Engineer, stated the Welcome Subdivision has six lots which all touch an existing county maintained road. It meets the County's requirements for a minor subdivision and he recommended acceptance of the plat. Commissioner Williams made a motion to accept the plat for the Welcome Subdivision located on County Road 1564 in District 3. Commissioner Willingham seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider plat for Patterson South located on County Road 698 in District 3

Mr. Creel stated the Patterson South subdivision has four lots all touching an existing county maintained road. It meets the County's requirements for a minor subdivision and he recommended acceptance of the plat. Commissioner Williams made a motion to accept the plat for Patterson South located on County Road 698 in District 3. Commissioner Willingham seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider plat for Rocky Springs Subdivision, Phase II, located on County Road 67 in District 2

Mr. Creel stated Phase II of Rocky Springs Subdivision has 39 lots with approximately 3,835 feet of roadway. The road has not been paved, therefore the County is requesting a surety bond of \$75,000. He recommended acceptance of the plat contingent on delivery of the surety bond and the necessary signatures on the plat. Commissioner Willingham made a motion to accept the plat for the Rocky Springs Subdivision, Phase II, located on County Road 67 in District 2 contingent on the surety bond and signatures. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and it passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize Chairman to sign the Agreement No: 69-4101-10 with NRCS for EWP funds

Fred Penn, County Engineer, stated the agreement between Natural Resources Conservation Service for Emergency Watershed Protection (NRCS for EWP) and Cullman County provides \$100,687.00 for slope and ditch

stabilization. Commissioner Williams made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement No. 69-4101-10 with NRCS for EWP funds. Commissioner Willingham seconded, and upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Resolution 2010-28 – Set the speed limit on County Road 403 at 25 MPH

Mr. Penn stated County Road 403 is a gravel road in the Spring Hill community. He recommended setting the speed limit at 25 MPH. Commissioner Willingham stated a dead end sign has also been placed on the road and he made a motion to set the speed limit at 25 MPH. Commissioner Williams seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Consider extending Bid No. 929 – Debris Removal

Gary Teichmiller stated the bid is for debris removal during a major disaster. The bid has never been used, but to comply with FEMA guidelines, the county needs to have emergency debris removal in place. Currently TAG Grinding, Inc. has the bid and they have agreed to extend the bid for one (1) year at the current price. He recommended extending the bid and the county engineer concurred. Commissioner Willingham made a motion to extend Bid No. 929 for debris removal. Commissioner Williams seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider allowing the City of Hanceville to participate in the County's joint bid program.

It was stated that the City of Hanceville failed to apply to join the County in the joint bid program in which the county municipalities participate. This allows everyone to receive better pricing due to the larger quantities ordered. Commissioner Williams made a motion to allow the City of Hanceville to participate in the County's joint bid program. Commissioner Willingham seconded, and upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Chairman Graves announced the next meeting of NARCOG will be April 24, 2010 at the Decatur office of NARCOG.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MONDAY APRIL 12, 2010

Pursuant to Section 11-3-8(a) of the Code of Alabama 1975, the Commission hereby resolves, determines and announces that the next regular meeting of the Commission shall be held in the Commission chambers in the Cullman County Courthouse at 10:00 a.m. (Central Daylight Savings time) on Monday, April 12, 2010.

ADJOURN THE MEETING

Chairman Graves asked if there was further business to consider and there was none. Chairman Graves adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

James D. Graves, Chairman

J. Douglas Williams
Associate Commissioner

Wayne Willingham
Associate Commissioner