

**CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
January 27, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman James Graves called the Commission Meeting to order at 10:05 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 Darrell Hicks, Commissioner Stanley Yarbrough, and County Attorney Rusty Turner. The invocation was given by Clarence Benefield. Commissioner Yarbrough led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 13, 2011 MINUTES, APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS, TRAVEL EXPENSES; AND APPROVE ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED.

Commissioner Yarbrough made the motion to approve the minutes from January 13, 2011 Commission Meeting, approve appropriations, expenditures, requisitions, travel expenses and approve all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider approval of the Catastrophic Inmate Medical Insurance

Chairman Graves stated the catastrophic inmate medical insurance is an annual policy renewal to cover extraordinary medical cost of County inmates. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to approve the insurance. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Commissioner Hicks to appoint Jerry Weathersby to fill the unexpired term of Tim Culpepper on the Cullman Area Mental Health Authority Board, term to expire April 1, 2013

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to appoint Jerry Weathersby to fill the unexpired term of Tim Culpepper on the Cullman Area Mental Health Authority Board. His term will expire April 1, 2013. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2011-22 – Employ accounting firm of Jackson & Thornton for independent review of water rates

Rusty Turner, County Attorney, stated Jackson & Thornton specialize in accounting for utilities. Chairman Graves stated the County wants to hire someone outside Cullman County for an independent audit of the water rates which are charged by the City of Cullman. This is in conjunction with the mediation with the GUSC and SCCD lawsuits. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to approve the hiring of Jackson & Thornton for an independent review of the water rates. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Resolution 2011-23 – Grant Trimble Volunteer Fire Department authority to maintain helicopter landing zone

Roy Jackson, Maintenance and Construction Supervisor for the Road Department, stated the department will do a minimal amount of work to prepare for the pad which will be done by the fire department. Currently there is not a suitable area for a helicopter to land in the area of the Westside Road Department. Commissioner Yarbrough made to motion to grant the Trimble Volunteer Fire Department authority for a helicopter landing zone in the area of the Westside Road Department. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider awarding the following bids:

James Rollo, Sanitation Manager, stated the equipment being purchased is on the 5 year replacement plan for the Sanitation Department. Commissioner Hick made a motion to award Bid No. 1063, 1064, and 1065 as follows:

Bid No. 1063 – One (1) or more new hook lift roll-off truck(s)

To be awarded to Truck Equipment Sales, Inc. from Mobile.

Bid No. 1064 – Current model compact truck loader

To be awarded to Thompson Tractor Co.

Bid No. 1065 – Two (2) or more 25 cubic yard rear loading refuse trucks with body

To be awarded to Ingram Equipment, Inc.

Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

The Chairman complimented the Sanitation Department for the excellent job the department did during the recent winter storm.

Commissioner Yarbrough stated he has a request from Beat 8 Community Center for a \$1,000 donation. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to add the item to the agenda. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The item was added to the agenda by unanimous voice vote.

Approve \$1,000 donation to the Beat 8 Community Center

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to approve a donation of \$1,000 to the Beat 8 Community Center, a polling place. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

The next NARCOG meeting will be February 16, 2011 at the Decatur office of NARCOG.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2011

Chairman Graves announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Meeting Room.

ADJOURN THE MEETING

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion. Chairman Graves adjourned the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

James D. Graves, Chairman

Darrell Hicks
Associate Commissioner

Stanley Yarbrough
Associate Commissioner