

CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
February 8, 2011

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman James Graves called the Commission Meeting to order at 10:04 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 Stanley Yarbrough. Chairman Graves led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 28, 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 28, 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

Phyllis Little, EMA Director, informed the Commission of the winter storm warning that will be in effect for Cullman County from 6:00 p.m. tomorrow evening till midnight with possible snow accumulations of 1-3". Ms. Little also informed the public there will be a "Severe Storm Spotting" program on March 3rd at City Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

Set tax levy for 2011

Rusty Turner, County Attorney, stated this not a new tax but an annual requirement for the continued collection of existing taxes. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to set the tax levy for 2011 at the current rates. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Approve six (6) dump trucks and one (1) lowboy tractor, which was declared surplus on 1-13-2011, to be auctioned

John Easterwood, Road Department Administrative Coordinator, stated J.M. Wood Auction Company, Inc. has guaranteed the most money on the auction of the equipment. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract with J.M. Wood Auction Company, Inc. for the auction of the equipment. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Approve the purchase of six (6) dump trucks and one (1) lowboy tractor off the ACCA joint bid list

Mr. Easterwood stated this equipment is to replace equipment which is being sold. By replacing the equipment, it keeps it under maintenance warranty. The County can not afford to buy the equipment that is required to service the trucks after the warranty expires. Keeping the trucks under warranty should save the County money over all. The equipment will be purchased off the ACCA joint bid list. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to purchase six (6) dump trucks and one (1) lowboy tractor. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Approve the Rate Agreement Schedule for the Road Department

Mr. Easterwood stated this is a reimbursement rate the Road Department will charge for work done for other entities such as municipalities or schools. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to approve the rate agreement schedule for the road department. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Graves to re-appoint Judy Green to the Cullman 310 Authority for a six year term to expire 4-1-2017

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to re-appoint Judy Green to the Cullman 310 Authority for a six year term to expire April 1, 2017. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Commissioner Hicks to re-appoint Wayne McCracken to the Cullman 310 Authority for a six year term to expire 4-1-2017

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to re-appoint Wayne McCracken to the Cullman 310 Authority for a six year term to expire April 1, 2017. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Commissioner Yarbrough to re-appoint Pat Thompson to the Cullman 310 Authority for a six year term to expire 4-1-2017

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to re-appoint Pat Thompson to the Cullman 310 Authority for a six year term to expire April 1, 2017. Commissioner Hicks seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Resolution 2011-24 – Authorize the Chairman to sign agreement with ALDOT for extension of Clarkson Bridge Restoration project to 1-17-13

Chairman Graves stated the restoration project has been under consideration for some time and grant money is set aside for the project. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to adopt the resolution with ALDOT for the extension of the Clarkson Bridge Restoration project STPTE-2000(19) S3 to 1-17-2013. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Approve the following personnel actions:

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the following personnel actions. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Retirements:

Susan Bales	Joyce Presley
Gilbert Law	Wilhelmina Parris
Betty Lawson	Melissa Parrish

Dismissals:

Cheri Hulseley – OHV Park

New Hire:

Max Bartlett – Sheriff 's Department – full time
Billy Smith – Water Department – part time

Chairman Graves mentioned that Josh Pendergrass was hired earlier by the Sheriff.

Approve Courthouse closing due to weather - Friday, February 4, 2011 – 2 hour delayed opening

Chairman Graves stated the Courthouse opened 2 hours late on Friday, February 4, due to the snow. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to pay employees who were scheduled to work for the 2 hours. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion 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 22, 2011

Chairman Graves announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, February 22, 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 10:20 a.m.

James D. Graves, Chairman

Darrell Hicks
Associate Commissioner

Stanley Yarbrough
Associate Commissioner