

CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
February 22, 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 George Benefield. Bob Burns led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 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 February 8, 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

Gary Smith, a resident of County Road 770, requested the County consider paving the road. Fred Penn, County Engineer, stated all residents along County Road 770 must be willing for a 50' right of way in order for paving. Chairman Graves directed Mr. Penn to look into the matter.

Clarence Benefield, expressed concern about trash along County Road 1673.

NEW BUSINESS

Authorize the Chairman and EMA Director to sign the EMPG agreement for state funds FY 2011

Phyllis Little, EMA Director, stated the EMPG agreement is the state FY-2011 funding for EMA. The \$3,801 reflects a 15% cut in funding over the 2010 level. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to authorize the Chairman and EMA Director to sign the EMPG agreement. Commissioner Hicks seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Approve \$3,000 donation to the Festhalle Market

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to donate \$3,000 to the Festhalle Market. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Approve rate increase for setting 6" fire hydrants from \$2,100 to \$2,650

Chairman Graves stated at rate increase has become necessary to cover the cost of a fire hydrant placement. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to increase the charge for setting a 6" fire hydrants to \$2,650 from \$2,100. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2011-25 – Donating the Luther Hays Home to the Cullman County Historical Society

Chairman Graves stated the Commission had addressed the donation of the Luther Hays home in a meeting in 2006 but formal action was never taken. This resolution is to formally ratify the donation. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to donate the Luther Hays Home to the Cullman County Historical Society. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2011-26 – Resurface and traffic stripe of County Road 1669 from the town limits of Holly Pond, northerly to Fairview town limits, 4.990 miles

Fred Penn, County Engineer, stated County Road 1669 is the federal aide road project for 2011. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the resolution for the resurfacing and traffic striping of County Road 1669. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Graves to appoint Steve Griffith to fill the unexpired term of Gordon Sandlin on the E-911 Board. Term to expire 9-1-2011

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to appoint Steve Griffith to fill the unexpired term of Gordon Sandlin to the E-911 Board. His term will expire 9-1-2011. Commissioner Hicks seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Hicks to appoint Dorothy Maddox to fill the unexpired term of Joe Golden on the E-911 Board. Term to expire 9-1-2012

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to appoint Dorothy Maddox to the E-911 Board for a term to expire 9-1-2012. This is to fill the unexpired term of Joe Golden. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Commissioner Hicks to appoint J.L. Parker to fill the unexpired term of Jack Hopper on the E-911. Term to expire 9-1-2013

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to appoint J.L. Parker to fill the unexpired term of Jack Hopper to the E-911 Board for a term to expire 9-1-2013. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Approve the following surplus request:

Sherriff's Department – Various vehicles to be sold on govdeals
Water Department - One (1) 580 Case Backhoe

Revenue Department - Nine (9) cubicles to be given to other departments
Smith Lake Park – Water slide to be sold on govdeals

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to surplus the above referenced items. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. Upon unanimous voice vote, the motion passed,

Approve the following personnel actions:

Resignations:

Jessica Rodgers – Sheriff Dept.
David Chapman – CARTS
Christopher Starnes – Sanitation Dept.

Dismissals:

Oscar Wade – CARTS (part-time)
Gorman Guthery – CARTS (part-time)

New Hire:

Tammy Brenner – Sheriff Dept
Stephen L. Wunderlich – CARTS (part-time)
Jeffery W. Jackson – Sanitation Dept. (temporary)

Raises:

Haley Russell – OHV Park (part-time to full time)
Christie Franklin – Sheriff Dept.

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to approve all personnel action listed. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Approve 2 hours pay for delayed weather opening on February 10, 2011 for all employees scheduled to work

Chairman Graves stated the courthouse delayed opening until 10:00 a.m. on February 10, 2011 due to winter weather. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to pay employees who were scheduled to work for the two (2) hours. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval the following bids:

Bid No. 1067 – Debris Removal

Fred Penn, County Engineer, stated FEMA requires a debris removal bid to be in place for disaster situations. TAG Grinding, Inc., who currently has the bid, was the low bidder and Mr. Penn recommended awarding the bid. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to award the bid to TAG Grinding. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1068 – Grader Blades

John Easterwood, Road Department Administrative Coordinator, stated Thompson Tractor was the low bidder for the grader blades and recommended awarding the bid. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to award the bid to Thompson Tractor. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Bid No. 1069 – Used Railroad Tank Cars

Mr. Easterwood stated there was only one bid from Gateway Pipe from St. Louis. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to award the bid for used railroad tank cars to Gateway Pipe. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1070 – Heating Fuel

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to table approval of the bid. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The item was tabled.

Authorize Phyllis Little, EMA Director, to sign the SMORT grant

Phyllis Little, EMA Director, stated the \$2,284 grant from public health is funding for a SMORT team to attend the national conference. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to authorize Ms. Little to sign the SMORT grant. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

The next NARCOG meeting will be February 23, 2011 at the Decatur office of NARCOG.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2011

Chairman Graves announced the next commission meeting will be Thursday, March 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 10:27 a.m.

James D. Graves, Chairman

Darrell Hicks
Associate Commissioner

Stanley Yarbrough
Associate Commissioner