

**CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**March 29, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Chairman James Graves called the Commission Meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. and welcomed the visitors. The meeting was postponed from the announced time of 10:00 a.m. due to two of the Commissioners having morning meetings in Montgomery.

**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. Javon Daniel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 10, 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 March 10, 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**

**Proclamation – April Child Abuse Prevention Month**

Chairman Graves read the proclamation of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Javon Daniel, Director of Cullman Caring for Kids, addressed the Commission about the need for public awareness and involvement in the prevention of child abuse in our community.

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the proclamation. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize the Chairman to sign the settlement agreement for Neal vs. Williams et.al.**

Rusty Turner, County Attorney, informed the Commission that the Governmental Utility Services Corporation of Cullman County and South Cumberland Cooperative District filed dissolution papers in the Probate Office today. This puts the control of the Cullman County Water Department back under the Cullman County Commission.

Chairman Graves thanked the public for their involvement in helping get the water department back under the County's ownership. He also thanked the law firm of Culpepper & Turner for their work along with other attorneys involved.

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to authorize the signing of the settlement of Neal vs. Williams et al. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider approval of engineering agreement with Ladd Environmental for County Road 437 waterline project**

Chairman Graves stated approximately two miles of waterline need to be replaced. Ladd Environmental had previously done some preliminary work on the project. They have given the County credit for the previous work. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the engineering agreement with Ladd Environmental for the waterline project on County Road 437. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

**Consider approval of Home Box Office, Inc. agreement with Animal Shelter**

Attorney Turner explained Home Box Office is spotlighting animal shelters across the county with emphasis on rescue and adoption of animals. The Cullman County Animal Shelter had over 1,000 adoptions last year. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to authorize Tim McCoy, Director of the Animal Shelter, to sign the agreement with Home Box Office, Inc. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider approval of Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance**

John Brunner, Assistant Engineer, stated this new ordinance replaces Resolution 2005-37 which is no longer in compliance with FEMA regulations. In order for homeowners to continue to have flood insurance available the County must be in compliance with current FEMA regulation. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to adopt the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Consider surplus of 1977 GMC Dump Truck Serial # TC1337V594050 from Parks**

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to surplus the 1977 GMC dump truck, to be sold for scrap. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider surplus of 2004 Dodge Durango Serial # 1D4HB38N34F158739 from Reappraisal Department**

Chairman Graves stated the vehicle is to be declared surplus from the Reappraisal Department and transferred to the Coroner. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to surplus the 2004 Dodge Durango. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 2011-32 – Set speed limit on County Road 1246 at 35 MPH**

Fred Penn, County Engineer, recommended the speed limit on County Road 1246 be set at 35 MPH due to horizontal and vertical curves. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to set the speed limit on County Road 1246 at 35 MPH. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 2011-33 – Set speed limit on County Road 563 at 20 MPH**

Mr. Penn stated due to safety concerns he recommends the road be posted at 20 MPH. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to set the speed limit on County Road 563 at 20 MPH. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. Upon a unanimous vote the motion carried.

**Announcement of PALS County/City Clean-Up Day April 16, 2011**

Chairman Graves announced the annual PALS Clean-UP Day will be April 16th. Dumpsters will be placed throughout the community so the public can dispose of items properly. He also reminded the public the month of May will be "Free Day at the Dump". Certificates will be in the April billing from the Electric Co-op.

**Approve the following personnel actions:**

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| <u>Resignations:</u> | Katie Johnson<br>Jennifer Bartlett                                 | Revenue Commission<br>Sheriff Department   |
| <u>Transfers:</u>    | Brett Rodgers  | from Sheriff Dept. to Road Dept.   |
| <u>Dismissals:</u>   | Stuart M. Guffey   | Sanitation   |
| <u>New Hires:</u>    | Charles F. Cashion<br>Shannon Bolte<br>Jeremy Hudson<br>Anita Shaw | CARTS (part-time)<br>Sanitation (full-time temporary)<br>Sheriff Department (full-time)<br>CARTS (part-time) |
| <u>Raises:</u>       | Kyle Smith<br>Joey Cone  | Sportsman Lake<br>Sheriff Department   |

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

The next NARCOG meeting will be April 27, 2011 at the Decatur office of NARCOG.

**NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING TUESDAY APRIL 12, 2011**

Chairman Graves announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, April 12, 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 3:34 p.m.

/s/  
James D. Graves, Chairman

/s/  
Darrell Hicks  
Associate Commissioner

/s/  
Stanley Yarbrough  
Associate Commissioner