

CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
June 14, 2011

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman James Graves called the Commission Meeting to order at 10:02 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 and Commissioner Stanley Yarbrough. The invocation was given by Randall Waldrep. Buchanan Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MAY 24, 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 May 24, 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, announced there would be a public meeting tonight at 6:00 p.m. at the County Board of Education concerning grant money for the building of safe rooms. It will be under a 75/25 grant with a maximum reimbursement of \$4,000. A letter of intent must be sent to FEMA by June 24th. The Economic Development Office will be available to assist applicants through June 21st.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2011-41 - Appointment of Culpepper & Associates, LLC as the County's attorney

Chairman Graves stated Rusty Turner has been appointed to the vacated office of district judge. Heath Meherg has joined the law office of Culpepper & Associates, LLC. Both Tim Culpepper and Mr. Meherg will be handling the county's legal issues. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to appoint Culpepper & Associates, LLC as the County's attorney. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider termination of local emergency

Chairman Graves stated the Commission feels it would be best to leave the declaration of local emergency in place until the State lifts the statewide emergency. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to table. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The item was tabled.

Discussion of debris removal and “Clean Sweep” program

Chairman Graves stated the County is now paying 5% of the debris removal until July 12, 2011. The County is currently being told after July 12th our portion will go to 12.5%. At that time, FEMA will be asked to leave Cullman County due to the cost. Currently FEMA has not awarded the bid for the “Clean Sweep” private property debris removal. It appears it will be impossible to remove all debris from private property before the July 12th deadline. Chairman Graves asked Representative Buttram to use his contacts to see if there might be an extension.

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, stated that municipalities who have been “piggy backing” on the County’s agreement with FEMA for debris removal will now be responsible for the 5% match.

It was announced Wednesday, June 12, will be the last day the County will accept the right of entries for private property debris removal.

Revenue Commissioner, Barry Willingham, will present the credits, insolvents, and bankruptcies for 2010 property tax.

Barry Willingham, Revenue Commissioner, stated this is the annual process his department must follow to settle with the state comptroller. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to approve the credits, insolvents and bankruptcies for the 2010 property tax. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize the Chairman to sign the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) agreement NARCOG

Chairman Graves stated the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) allows the County to hire senior workers in an effort to help them improve their job skills with the goal of full time employment in the job market. The County pays the employee a dollar an hour and the remainder of salary paid by NARCOG. The County currently has six employees in the program. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the SCSEP agreement with NARCOG. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Authorize the Chairman to sign the work authorization between the Cullman County Commission and Eidson & Associates, Inc. for work to be preformed in conjunction with the April 27, 2011 storm damage

Tim Culpepper, County Attorney, stated Eidson & Associates, Inc. preformed emergency services to the Courthouse following the April 27th tornado. The work authorization will allow the contractor to bill the insurance company. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the work authorization with Eidson & Associates, Inc. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Yarbrough and passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize the posting of changes to the Personnel Handbook with regard to Section 11.20.2.5

The Chairman stated this is an administrative change to correct some wording. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to post the changes. Commissioner Hicks seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2011-42 – Area Designated for Foreclosures

Attorney Culpepper stated there has been some confusion about where foreclosures are to take place. The statue states at the front of the Courthouse; however, due to the damage the Courthouse has sustained the front steps are not a safe option. Therefore, the east entrance will be designated as the main entrance for the purpose of foreclosures. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Hicks seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Resolution 2011-43 – Authorize Local Matching Funds for CARTS

Chairman Graves stated this is the annual funding for CARTS. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to authorize the local matching funds for CARTS. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2011-44 – Authorize the Chairman to sign the grant agreement with ALDOT for the CARTS grant

Chairman Graves stated this is the federal portion of the annual funding for CARTS. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the grant agreement with ALDOT for the CARTS grant. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider surplus of Masterbuilt walk-in freezer from the Animal Shelter

Chairman Graves stated the freezer compressor was damaged in the storm. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to surplus the walk-in freezer from the Animal Shelter. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider surplus of 2006 Ford Crown Vic Serial # 2FAFP71WX6X118834 from the Sheriff Department to be donated to the Hanceville Police Department

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to surplus a Ford Crown Vic Serial # 2FAFP71WX6X118834 from the Sheriff Department to be donated to the Hanceville Police Department. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Discussion of the development of a mobile home park in the area of County Road 813

Chairman Graves stated the Commission has received an inquiry concerning the development of a mobile home park in the area of County Road 813. Attorney Culpepper stated there is no legislation in place that allows the Commission to regulate mobile home parks unless lots are being sold. It is his understanding this is not the case; therefore the Commission has no jurisdiction.

Consider approval of the development of Our Lady of the Hills Homestead Cemetery LLC

Attorney Culpepper stated the Commission needs to refer the application for the cemetery to the health department for their approval. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to refer the application for the development of Our Lady of the Hills Homestead Cemetery, LLC to the health department. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1080 – Vehicle Diagnostic Machine, Tire Balancer and Tire Changer Machine

Joyce Echols, Assistant Director of CARTS, stated the bid was all or in part. The low bidder, which met specifications, for the vehicle diagnostic machine was Bud’s Automotive Diagnostic Equipment Co. and she recommended awarding the bid. She recommended rejecting all bids for the tire balancer and changer machine as the bid exceeded the grant monies available for the project. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to award the bid for the diagnostic machine and reject the bid for the tire balancer and changer machine. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Approve the following personnel actions

- Retired: Larry Slaughter Road Department

- Resignations: Bailey Mahler Sheriff Department
Brenda Britt Sheriff Department
Brian A. Smith Sheriff Department
James Farmer Sheriff Department
Ricky Hamblen Sanitation Department
Wilson Clemons Sanitation Department
Arthur Rutherford CARTS

- Transfers: Jeffery Jackson From Sanitation to Water
Fred Speake From Road Dept. to Garage

- New Hires: Brandi Hudson Smith Lake lifeguard – temporary
Olivia Hyde Smith Lake lifeguard – temporary
William Ransom Smith Lake lifeguard – temporary
Lindsey Kent Smith Lake lifeguard – temporary
Joshua McClure Smith Lake lifeguard – temporary
Joseph Burleson Smith Lake lifeguard – temporary
Mallory Buchanan Smith Lake lifeguard - temporary
Robyn Shirley CARTS – part time
June Kelley Sheriff Department
Richard Neese Sheriff Department
Michael Tyus Sheriff Department
Don Newman Juvenile Detention – part time
Shannon Graves Sanitation – temporary
Jacob Mann Sanitation – temporary
Jeremiah Howe Sanitation – temporary

- Pay Raises: Brenda Williamson Smith Lake Park
Sara Teichmiller Sportsman Lake Park – part time to full time

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

The next NARCOG meeting will be June 22, 2011 at the Decatur office of NARCOG.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING TUESDAY June 28, 2011

Chairman Graves announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, June 28, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Meeting Room.

RECESS THE MEETING

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to recess the meeting until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 15, 2011. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion. Chairman Graves recessed the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

/s/_____

James D. Graves, Chairman
Hicks,
Associate Commissioner

/s/_____

Darrell
Stanley Yarbrough,
Associate Commissioner

/s/____