

CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
August 23, 2011

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman James Graves called the Commission Meeting to order at 10:08 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 Tim Culpepper. The invocation was given by Randall Waldrep. Buchanan Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 9, 2011 MEETING, APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS, TRAVEL EXPENSES; AND APPROVE ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED.

Commissioner Yarbrough made the motion to approve the minutes from August 9, 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

Barry Willingham, Revenue Commissioner, announced the satellite office in Hanceville is now open. He also gave a report on the effects the new immigration laws will have on the operations of the Revenue Department beginning September 1st. The Revenue Office will be required to determine if the individual transacting business is a U.S. citizen. Failure of the Revenue Office to comply is a Class C felony. Since the Revenue Office must obtain positive identification of citizenship for the renewal of tags, this will eliminate renewal by mail and online. Also all names which appear in the renewal notice must provide proof of citizenship.

Marshall Brannon inquired of the status of the State audit of the Water Department. Chairman Graves stated the Commission has not heard despite numerous inquiries to the State Auditor's Office.

Ralph Brooks discussed his frustration over the Clean Sweep program for debris removal of his property.

Chairman Graves announced the County will make one pass the first week of October to pick up the remaining debris on the right of ways.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing concerning the vacating of County Road 988

Chairman Graves opened the public hearing. There were no public comments concerning the vacating of County Road 988. Chairman Graves closed the public hearing.

Resolution 2011-51 – Vacation of County Road 988

Mr. Culpepper, County Attorney, stated both property owners on County Road 988 have requested the vacating of the road and the advertising has been done. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to vacate County Road 988. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Public Hearing to discuss the potential of a splash pad at Sportsman Lake Park

Chairman Graves opened the public hearing. Buchanan Jackson from the Economic Development Office stated this is for the pre application for a LWCF grant. The County applied for this grant last year and was denied. Additional grant money is being looked for to complete the project cost. There were no further comments. Chairman Graves closed the public hearing.

Resolution 2011-54 – Authorize the Chairman to sign the pre-application for the splash pad at Sportsman Lake Park

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to authorize Chairman Graves to sign the pre-application for the splash pad at Sportsman Lake Park. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2011-53 - Agreement between ALDOT and Cullman County to cover financing of construction costs for project ER-8940

Fred Penn, County Engineer, stated the agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) will make approximately \$90,000 available for storm-related debris removal and for damage repair along the rights of way of several major county roads, categorized as Federal Aid roads, and to repair guard rails and signage. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the signing of the agreement with ALDOT. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider approval of a contract for engineering services with Ladd Environmental Consultants, Inc. for the Harmony School pump station

Chairman Graves stated the lack of water pressure at Harmony School has been an ongoing problem resulting in the sprinkler system being inoperable. Ladd Environmental Consultants, Inc. is recommending a pump station to increase the pressure. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the contract for the engineering services with Ladd Environmental Consultants, Inc. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Commissioner Yarbrough to reappoint Dewayne Goodwin to the E-911 Board for a four (4) year term to expire 9-1-2015

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Chairman Graves to reappoint Steve Griffith to the E-911 Board for a four (4) year term to expire 9-1-2015

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion for Chairman Graves to reappoint Steve Griffith to the E-911 Board for a four (4) year term to expire 9-1-2015. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Commissioner Hicks to appoint Rusty Roden to the Cullman County Agricultural Development Board replacing Billy Fletcher for a term to expire 9-30-2014

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Consider awarding Bid No. 1085 – 20X30X40 Metal Building for CARTS

Joyce Echols, CARTS Director, stated the building is being funded through a federal grant from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. She also thanked John Easterwood and Roy Jackson from the Road Department for their assistance on the site prep work. She stated Inland Buildings was the low bidder and she recommended awarding the bid. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to award the bid to Inland Buildings for 20X30X40 metal building for CARTS. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider acceptance of County Road 1458 located in District 3.

Keith Creel, Assistant Engineer, stated the road is 20 feet wide with asphalt and right of way. A variance has been requested because there is no cul-de-sac but a turn around. Mr. Creel stated he and the County Engineer have looked at the road and they recommend acceptance. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to accept County Road 1458 into the county maintenance system. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider surplus of the following from the Parks Department

1981 Ford Tractor C665111 Massey Ferguson Tractor 9AT71153

Chairman Graves stated the garage has advised the Commission the tractors are not worth repairing. It was determined they will be offered to the public with sealed bids to be delivered to the commission office by close of business on September 9, 2011 and awarded at the September 13, 2011 commission meeting. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to surplus the tractors from the parks department. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Approve the posting of the following changes to the personnel handbook

Tim Culpepper, County Attorney, stated the current personnel handbook is complicated and it was been problematic in working with supervisors and department heads. The Commission's desire is to streamline the handbook to make it easier to understand. It should be ready for posting in the next few days. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve posting the handbook changes as soon as the attorney has the draft ready. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Ratify the following personnel actions:

Retired Cynthia
Goodwin Personnel

Resignation Jennifer Moreland Sheriff Dept
Heath Daniel Road Dept

Transfer Gerald Gaddis Road Dept to Sign Shop

New Hire Laura Yarbrough Sheriff Dept
Kitty Jones CARTS – part time
Gina Pugh CARTS – part time
Donna Marcella CARTS –part time
Steven Nash CARTS – part time

Promotion William A. Wray Patrol Deputy to Criminal Investigation
(Left Off In Error 3/22/11)

Demotion Billy Chumbley Smith Lake Park Manager to Maintenance
Supervisor

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve all personnel actions. Commissioner Yarbrough stated he wished to abstain as he was not sure if he is related to the Ms. Yarbrough which has been hired by the Sheriff. Chairman Graves seconded the motion. Chairman Graves and Commissioner Hicks voted “aye”. Commissioner Yarbrough abstained. The motion carried.

The next NARCOG meeting will be September 28, 2011 at the Decatur office of NARCOG.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

Chairman Graves announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Meeting Room.

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ADJOURN THE MEETING

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion. Chairman Graves adjourned the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

/s/ _____

James D. Graves, Chairman

/s/ _____

Darrell Hicks,

/s/ _____

Stanley

Yarbrough,
Associate Commissioner

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