

CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
March 12, 2012

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman James Graves called the Commission Meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and welcomed the visitors.

CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The County Clerk called the roll; present were Chairman James Graves, Commissioner Darrell Hicks, Commissioner Stanley Yarbrough and County Attorney Heath Meherg. The invocation was given by Buchanan Jackson. Phyllis Little led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 28, 2012 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 the February 28, 2012 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

Donna Gangi addressed the Commission about her concerns on a lack of information about storm shelter locations in Cullman County. She presented the Commission with some suggestion on how the public can better be informed on tornado preparedness.

Phyllis Little, EMA Director, announced there will be a weather spotting class on March 20th at the City Hall Auditorium.

Gary Olson addressed the Commission about the annexation of the Burrow property on County Road 222. He stated he did not have all the facts at the last meeting and he did not realize the acquisition by the City of Cullman was through a directive of Mrs. Burrow's will. He expressed he is still concerned the City may try to annex additional property and he is opposed to any annexation by the City.

Delitha Marchman, Sportsman Lake Park Manger, announced there will be a Yard Sale at the park March 17th.

NEW BUSINESS

Authorize the Chairman to sign the Restated By-Laws of the Cullman Regional Airport Board

Attorney Meherg stated the current by-laws for the airport were old and needed reviewing to assure they were in compliance with current laws. Only a few minor changes in language were made. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the restated by-laws for the Cullman Regional Airport Board. Commissioner Hicks seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement with CRMC for the use of county office space by EMS dispatch personnel

Chairman Graves explained following the tornado last April, the EMS dispatch office moved in with the state troopers in the dispatch office at the courthouse. The temporary relocation has turned into a more permanent situation and an agreement is needed for everyone's benefit. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement with CRMC concerning the use of office space by EMS dispatch. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize the Chairman to sign the contract for professional services with Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Inc. for airport improvements

Bob Burns, Airport Manager, stated the airport board is considering the purchase of land adjacent to the airport. The contract is for appraisal and review appraisal of the property. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract with Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Inc. for the professional services. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion was approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement with Crown Castle South LLC for the lease of a communication tower

Attorney Meherg stated the existing communication tower, located at the OHV Park, is currently under a 2008 lease to Corr, Inc. Corr, Inc. is assigning the lease to Crown Castle South, LLC. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the lease agreement with Crown Castle South, LLC. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1099 – Use of a hot mix plant

Jon Brunner, Acting County Engineer, stated Wiregrass Construction Co., Inc. was the low bidder at \$14.15 per ton. This is a new system the county is going to try for the patching of potholes. A test area has been done and it appears the repair work is holding up much better. The new method requires the material to be done at a hot mix plant then delivered to the job site. It is anticipated the cost will be lower than what is being used now and hopefully will last longer. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to award the bid for use of a hot mix plant to Wiregrass Construction Co., Inc. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1100 – Modified bituminous material

Mr. Brunner stated one (1) bid for received for the modified bituminous material. Ergon Asphalt and Emulsion was the only bidder at a price of \$3.18 per gallon. This is the material which will be added to the coal mix for the road patching. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to award the bid to Ergon. Commissioner Hicks seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Ratify the following personnel actions:

Demotion:	Bryce Bradshaw	Water Department
Dismissal:	Tenis Moore	OHV Park
	Melody Day	Revenue Department
Resignation:	Justin Whaley	Sheriff's Department
	Jeramie Martin	Juvenile Detention

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to ratify all personnel actions. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

The Chairman informed the public County Road 1595 is being paved today. County Road 1669 will be paved in April or May and County Road 438 this summer along with County Road 747 from Center Hill to Hwy 69. Next year's federal aid road will be County Road 1223.

The next NARCOG meeting will be March 28, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the Decatur office of NARCOG.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2012

Chairman Graves announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday March 27, 2012 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 10:30 a.m.

/s/ _____
James D. Graves, Chairman

/s/ _____
Darrell Hicks,
Associate Commissioner

/s/ _____
Stanley Yarbrough,
Associate Commissioner