

CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
January 22, 2013

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Kenneth Walker called the Commission Meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and welcomed the visitors.

CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM

The County Clerk called the roll; present were Chairman Kenneth Walker, Commissioner Darrell Hicks, Commissioner Stanley Yarbrough and County Attorney Heath Meherg. The invocation was given by Commissioner Hicks. Sheriff Mike Rainey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 8, 2013, MEETING, APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND APPROVE ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED.

Commissioner Yarbrough made the motion to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2013 Commission Meeting, approve appropriations, expenditures, requisitions and approve all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2013-14 – Authorize the Chairman to sign agreement with ALDOT for the Preliminary Design Engineering, Right-of-Way Acquisition, Utility Relocation and Construction of the Interchange at the Intersection of I-65 and Co Rd 222 upon approval from Cities of Cullman and Good Hope

Heath Meherg, County Attorney, stated the resolution allows the State to move forward with the engineering design, right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation for the interchange at I-65 and Co Rd 222. However, the County wishes to make it contingent on receiving approval documentation from the cities of Cullman and Good Hope along with a commitment from the Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to approve the resolution to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement with ALDOT contingent on the County receiving signed documentation from the other parties involved in the project. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2012-15 – Authorize the Chairman to sign State Sub-grantee Agreement for Storm Shelters at Smith Lake contingent on ADECA Land Usage Approval

Mr. Meherg stated the County has received approval from ADECA this morning on the location of the storm shelter for Smith Lake Park; therefore, the contingency will not be necessary. Cherrie Haney from the Economic Development Office explained the storm shelter will be a prefab building housing 96 people. It is a 75/25 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) project. The value of the land is sufficient to cover the County's match.

Commissioner Yarbrough stated he has received numerous inquires as to why the shelter is going to be built at the edge of the park by the maintenance building. Ms. Haney explained that the land at the park was purchased with federal grant money therefore ADECA has the final determination of any structures built in the park. It had been the intention of the County to build the shelter in the open area just past the gate. However, ADECA wanted this area to be left open as a recreational area and has approved the location next to the maintenance building.

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the grant for the storm shelter at Smith Lake Park. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize the request for the local delegation to propose legislation on the Unit System Act

Mr. Meherg stated the County desires to go back to the unit system at the Road Department. It has been discussed with the legislative delegation and proposed legislation has been drafted. Commissioner Hicks explained the unit system allows the County to combine efforts, instead of having two separate road departments. This has resulted in eliminating duplication of equipment, reduction of employees and better use of County resources. The County has been working under the unit system for approximately two years resulting in a savings of about a million dollars per year. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to authorize the Commission to request the legislative delegation present proposed legislation on the Unit System Act for Cullman County to the State Legislature. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider approval of the Catastrophic Inmate Medical Insurance

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, stated the catastrophic inmate medical insurance covers medical claims in excess of \$10,000. The annual premium is approximately \$50,000. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to approve the catastrophic inmate medical insurance. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Ratify Jim Burke Construction to do renovation work on the third floor offices and courtroom – total \$14,985

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to ratify renovation work on the third floor offices of Judge Nicholas, the Circuit Clerk and the courtroom done by Jim Burke Construction totaling \$14,985.00. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Commissioner Hicks to re-appoint Greg Barksdale to the Industrial Development Authority for a six (6) year term to expire 1-19-2019

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to re-appoint Greg Barksdale to the Industrial Development Authority for a six (6) year term to expire 1-19-2019. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Chairman Walker to re-appoint Raymond Williams to the Industrial Development Authority for a six (6) year term to expire 1-19-2019

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to re-appoint Raymond Williams to the Industrial Development Authority for a six (6) year term to expire 1-19-2019. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Commission to re-appoint Wilhelmina Parris to the Regional Housing Authority for a four (4) term to expire February 2017

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to re-appoint Wilhelmina Parris to the Regional Housing Authority for a four (4) term to expire February 2017. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1124 – New AS-400 Computer

Joey Martin, IT Director, stated the bid is for a computer replacement for the current AS-400 at a cost of \$60,719. Revenue Commissioner Barry Willingham has the cost of the system in the Reappraisal Department budget for FY-2013 since that department has the majority of the computer usage. The old AS-400 will be moved off-site for use as a disaster recovery backup system. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to award the bid to Premise, Inc. the sole bidder. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Consider a donation of \$1,000 to the Walter Community Center, a polling location

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to donate \$1,000 to the Walter Community Center a voting location. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Ratify the following personnel actions:

Cheri Gibbs (Rehire)	Sheriff's Department – part time temp
Thomas Rutherford	Sheriff's Department – full time
Katrina Swann	Probate- full time
Joshua Wallace	Sheriff's Department – full time
Wesley Self	Road Department - full time
Monica Kugler	Probate- full time

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

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING FEBRUARY 14, 2013

Chairman Walker announced due to the special-called election for District 11 Representative, the next commission meeting will be Thursday, February 14, 2013, 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 Walker adjourned the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

/s/
Kenneth Walker,
Chairman

/s/
Darrell Hicks,
Associate Commissioner

/s/
Stanley Yarbrough,
Associate Commissioner