

**CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**March 12, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Chairman Kenneth Walker called the Commission Meeting to order at 10:01 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. Randall Shedd led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 26, 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 February 26, 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**

**Phyllis Little**, EMA Director, announced they have received a grant from the Cullman County Community Development Commission (CCCCDC) for \$22,832 which will cover the grant match for new sirens. With the two grants, the sirens project will not cost the County anything. The plan is to start replacement of the sirens later this year after the spring severe weather season is over. Chairman Walker thanked Ms. Little for her work in finding the funding for the project.

Ms. Little reported that the EMA Department will be meeting with local law enforcement, the fire department, and EMS to begin planning for the *Rock the South* concert to be held in June. The two day event will require more extensive planning than last year's initial one day event.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Ratify the Chairman signing the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce Agreement to fund the I-65 County Road 222 Interchange Project**

The Chairman explained the Chamber of Commerce has agreed to use 70% of the tourism funds they received toward the payments of the interchange project at I-65 and County Road 222. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to ratify the Chairman signing the agreement with the Chamber of Commerce for the funding of the interchange project. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize the Chairman to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for 222 Interchange Project**

Attorney Meherg explained the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is between the County, the Chamber of Commerce, the City of Cullman and the City of Good Hope for the 222 Interchange Project including the payment agreement. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the MOU. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 2013-23 - Authorizing the issuance, execution, sale and delivery of \$2,000,000 principal amount General Obligation Warrant of the Cullman County Commission and the payment thereof**

Attorney Meherg explained since the interchange project lies within the unincorporated area of Cullman County, the County will be the entity borrowing the \$2,000,000 for the match. The warrant will have a maturity date of March 1, 2023. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to authorize the issuance of the General Obligation Warrant. Commissioner Hicks seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Authorize the County Administrator to co-sign with the Chairman on bank account at Premier Bank for the 222 Project funds**

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, explained a separate account was opened at Premier Bank for the deposit of the \$2,000,000 from the General Obligation Warrant to avoid the comingling of funds. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to authorize the County Administrator to co-sign with the Chairman on the account for the 222 Project. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize the signing of the Revised Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) for Cullman County**

Phyllis Little, EMA Director, stated agencies throughout the County have assisted with the revisions to the EOP which needs to be submitted to the State EMA Office before March 31. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to authorize the signing of the revised EOP. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize the County Administrator to sign the Memorandum of Participation for the Actuarial Study for Post-Employment Benefits by Cavanaugh Macdonald Consulting, LLC**

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, stated GASB 43 and 45 require the County to have an actuarial study done every two years to determine the potential liability for retired employees. The County participates in the State's retirement program; however since the County is self-insured for health coverage, actuarial study is needed. Cavanaugh Macdonald Consulting has done the previous studies and their cost, \$7,000, is what the previous study cost. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to authorize the County Administrator to sign the participation agreement with Cavanaugh Macdonald Consulting, LLC for the study. Commissioner Hicks seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

**Commissioner Yarbrough to appoint Cynthia Dodds to fill the unexpired term of Brett Adams on the Department of Human Resources Board for a term expiring 5-15-2014**

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to appoint Cynthia Dodds to fill the unexpired term of Brett Adams on the Department of Human Resources Board for a term expiring 5-15-2014. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Commissioner Yarbrough to re-appoint E.H. Duke to the Walter Water Authority for a six (6) year term to expire 3-1-2019**

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to re-appoint E.H. Duke to the Walter Water Authority for a six (6) year term to expire 3-1-2019. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 2013-24 – Authorize the Chairman to sign State Sub-grantee Agreement for Storm Shelter at Cullman Senior Center; HMGP DR (1971 – 670)**

Randall Shedd, Director of Commission on Aging, thanked the Commission for their involvement, along with EMA, the Economic Development Office and the legislative delegation, in obtaining the grants for the storm shelters. Each of the shelters will be located at senior centers where there will be direct access to the shelter from the center. In addition to the three shelters on today's agenda, shelters are planned for Baileyton, Fairview, Good Hope and West Point.

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to approve the resolution for the storm shelter at Cullman Senior Center. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 2013-25 – Authorize the Chairman to sign State Sub-grantee Agreement for Storm Shelter at Colony Senior Center; HMGP DR (1971 – 665)**

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the signing of the sub-grantee agreement for the storm shelter at the Colony Senior Center. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

**Resolution 2013-26 – Authorize the Chairman to sign State Sub-grantee Agreement for Storm Shelter at Crane Hill Senior Center; HMGP DR ( 1971 – 669)**

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement for a storm shelter to be located at the Crane Hill Senior Center. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider correction of information of vehicle purchased for C.A.R.T.S from Surplus Department at Eva; vehicle was 2005 Chevrolet Colorado**

At the previous commission meeting, it was stated the vehicle purchased for C.A.R.T.S was a 2009 model. It should have been listed as a 2005. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to correct the information on the vehicle. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider the surplus of 1995 Ford F-150XLT from the Garage to be donated to the Town of Colony, Serial # 2FTEF15N2SCA07140**

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to surplus a 1995 Ford F-150XLT, Serial # 2FTEF15N2SCA07140, from the County Garage to be donated to the Town of Colony. Commissioner Hicks seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Consider surplus of the following items from the Water Department to be sold on Govdeals**

Smith air compressor Serial # 100D7258  
50/60 kw generator Serial # A675367F  
WB Bucket Serial # 63374  
WB Bucket "88 Komatsu PC 48"  
Bucket 96" JCB Loader Bucket

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to surplus the items from the Water Department to be disposed of on Govdeals. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider awarding the following bids:**

**Bid No. 1125 – Computer Equipment**

Joey Martin, IT Director, stated the computer equipment bid is for six months which cover PC's, laptops and printers. I.S. Corp, the current supplier, was the low bidder meeting the specifications. He recommended awarding the bid. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to award the bid for computer equipment to I.S. Corp. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. Upon a unanimous voice, the motion passed.

**Bid No. 1126 – Fireworks for 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration at Smith Lake Park**

Doug Davenport, Smith Lake Park Manager, stated one bid was received for the fireworks show which is more than the County anticipated paying. He recommended that a set price be established and the project be rebid to see if an acceptable show could be done within the budget. He suggested a cost of \$20,000 with a bid opening date of April 4<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to reject and rebid for the fireworks for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Bid No. 1129 – Grader Blades**

Jon Brunner, County Engineer, stated Tractor and Equipment Co. was the low bidder. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to award the bid for grader blades for one (1) year to Tractor and Equipment Co. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Bid No. 1130 – Used Railroad Tank Cars**

Jon Brunner, County Engineer, stated the low bidder for the tank cars was Smith Diversified Railcar. These railroad tank cars are used where large pipes are required at approximately half the cost of concrete pipe. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to award the bid for used railroad tank cars to Smith Diversified Railcar. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MARCH 25, 2013**

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Monday, March 25, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. in the commission meeting room. The change is necessary due to the run-off election for the District 11 House Seat which is Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> the regular meeting date.

**ADJOURN THE MEETING**

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion. Chairman Walker adjourned the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

/s/  
Kenneth Walker,  
Chairman

/s/  
Darrell Hicks,  
Associate Commissioner

/s/  
Stanley Yarbrough,  
Associate Commissioner