

CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
April 23, 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. Jon Brunner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 9, 2013 MEETING; APPROVE PERSONNEL ACTIONS, APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED.

Commissioner Hicks made the motion to approve the minutes from the April 9, 2013 Commission Meeting; approve personnel actions, appropriations, expenditures, requisitions and all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Johnny Richmond from Alabama Brick, located on Co Rd 222, stated the company has been in Cullman for 12 years. He thanked the Commission for the work they do and stated the company is interested in supporting the County in any way they can.

Phyllis Little, Director of EMA, updated the Commission in several areas. Sunday, Cullman Regional Medical Center received a bomb threat. The hospital was evacuated and patients were taken to the Woodland Medical Center Building. The evacuation went well with the assistance of Cullman County, the City of Cullman, CARTS, EMC, Cullman EMS, Blount County EMS and local RPS ambulance service with the assistance of their Jasper office. She reported the man who called in the bomb threat is in custody at Cullman County Jail.

There are two events the local EMA office is preparing for. First is the Region 6 exercise which will take place in Decatur the end of May. They are also planning for the *Rock the South* concert which will be held on June 21-22.

She was happy to report that with the help of the District Attorney's office and the EMP Committee, funding has been found for the purchase of eight radios and one walkie-talkie. These will be owned by the county. The radios will be installed in State Trooper patrol cars which are assigned to Cullman County. If the car is taken out of service or the trooper is transferred to another county, the radios will be removed and installed in a vehicle which is serving the County. The walkie-talkie will be used in the helicopter. Currently the helicopter is unable to communicate with law enforcement on the ground. The equipment will be on loan to the Department of Public Safety (DPS). All equipment will meet DPS specifications.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider rate increase for Cullman County Sanitation

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, stated the Sanitation Department has not had a rate increase since 2007. Expenses are up 15% and revenues are up 6% resulting in a \$150,000 loss per year. The proposed increase will be \$1.00/month for residential customers. Seasonal customer rates will be the same as regular residential customers. Commercial rates will go up 10%. There will be no change in the senior rate charge, remaining at \$7.82. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the rate increase for the sanitation pick-up. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of Preliminary Design Engineering: DE-HPP-AL92 (900); Right-of Way Acquisition: ACIM50508-ATRP (001); Utility Relocation: ACIM49107-ATRP (001) ATRP 22-03-15 for Interchange at I-65 and County Road 222

Jon Brunner, County Engineer, stated the County has received the first invoice from the State for the 222 project. The invoice is for preliminary design engineering, right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation. The \$634,812.20 invoice will be paid against the \$2 million project match. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to approve the Preliminary Design Engineering: DE-HPP-AL92 (900); Right-of Way Acquisition: ACIM50508-ATRP (001); Utility Relocation: ACIM49107-ATRP (001) ATRP 22-03-15 for Interchange at I-65 and County Road 222. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of contract for professional services between the Airport (City/County) and Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood for the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Project No. 3-01-0022-020-2013 for Grant Administration Services for Land Acquisition for a total estimated fee of \$9000

Ben Harrison, Assistant Airport Manager, stated the AIP project for 2013 must be administered by an FAA regulatory engineering firm. Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood are a certified FAA firm. The cost of the service is estimated to be \$9,000. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the contract for the professional services. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Approve insurance payment to the ACCA Self-Insurance Fund

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, stated there is an adjustment to the liability and property insurance. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to approve payment to the ACCA Self-Insurance Fund. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize the posting of a change to the Personnel Handbook addressing Section 10.7.3 concerning Payment of Administrative Weather days

Attorney Meherg stated changes to the personnel handbook must be posted for 10 days prior to the Commission taking action. Following the posting, the Commission will take action at the next commission meeting. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to authorize proposed changes to the personal handbook concerning payment of administrative weather days be posted. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of Cullman Caring for Kids to hold a memorial ceremony on the front courthouse steps for the children who died in 2012 on April 25, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve Cullman Caring for Kids to hold a memorial ceremony on the front courthouse steps on April 25, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in remembrance of the children who died in 2012. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Resolution 2013-27 – FY 2013 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Application for a joint project with the City of Cullman for a Downtown Streetscape Project along Hwy 31 from 5th to 7th St SW

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the joint application with the City of Cullman for TAP funds for the sidewalk project along Hwy 31 from 5th St SW to 7th St SW. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of plat re-subdividing lot 14 in Muscadine Point Subdivision, located in District 2 on County Road 855

Keith Creel, Engineering Assistant, stated Muscadine Point Subdivision, located in District 2 on County Road 855, is a minor subdivision. The property owner is desirous of subdividing Lot 14 into Lots 14-A and 14-B. He recommended approval to the plat changes. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the lot re-subdividing. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider extension of the following bids:

Bid No. 1100 – Modified Bituminous Material

Jon Brunner, County Engineer, stated Ergon Asphalt & Emulsion has agreed to extend the bid for one (1) year at the current bid price. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to extend the bid with Ergon for cold mix product. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Bid No. 1107 – Jail Supplies

Mr. Teichmiller stated Phenix Supply has agreed to extend the bid for jail supplies, chemicals for the laundry and dishwasher dispensers, for one (1) year. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to approve the bid extension with Phenix Supply for jail supplies. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider awarding the following bids:

Bid No. 1133 – Use of Hot Mix Plant

Mr. Brunner stated Wiregrass Construction Co., Inc. was the low bidder for use of the hot mix plant. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to award the bid to Wiregrass Construction Co., Inc. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1135 – Tires

Mr. Brunner recommended splitting the bid for tires. McGriff Tire Co., Inc. will be awarded categories A, B, and E. Holly Pond Tire & Lube will have the bid for categories C and D. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to award the bid on the County Engineer's recommendation. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1136 – Batteries

Mr. Brunner stated Stewart Auto Supply was the only vendor to submit a complete bid. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to award the bid. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1137 – Traffic Signs

Mr. Brunner stated G&C Supply Co. of Atwood, Tennessee was the low bidder and recommended awarding the bid to them. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to award the bid for traffic signs to G&C Supply Co. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. Upon a unanimous voice, the motion passed.

Bid No. 1138 – Concrete Pipe

Mr. Brunner stated Hanson Pipe & Precast was the only vendor to submit a complete bid. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to award the bid for concrete pipe to Hanson Pipe & Precast located in Huntsville. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Ratify the following personnel actions:

Richard Hammock	Sheriff's Dept
Chandra Mahler	Probate
Angela Tankersley	Revenue
Hanley Vanderberg	Sheriff's Dept
Betty Reynolds	Reappraisal
James Sankey	Juvenile Detention to Sheriff
Weylin Heath Stewart	Economic Development
Jimmy Quick, Jr.	Roads
Tommy Shickles	Water
Alyson Tuggle	Sheriff's Dept

Katie Edwards	Probate to Smith Lake Park
Marlin Johnson	Sheriff's Dept
David Sandlin	CARTS
Stacy Earwood	Sheriff's Dept

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

NEXT REGUALR COMMISION MEETING May 14, 2013

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, May 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 10:27 a.m.

/s/
Kenneth Walker,
Chairman

/s/
Darrell Hicks,
Associate Commissioner

/s/
Stanley Yarbrough,
Associate Commissioner