

CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
November 26, 2013

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Kenneth Walker called the Commission Meeting to order at 10:00 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 Hick, Commissioner Stanley Yarbrough and County Attorney Heath Meherg. The invocation was given by Representative Randall Shedd. Chairman Walker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 12, 2013 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED.

Commissioner Yarbrough made the motion to approve the minutes from the November 12, 2013 Commission Meeting; approve appropriations, expenditures, requisitions and 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 there will be a weather briefing this afternoon at 2:00 concerning the possibility of winter weather tonight and early tomorrow. She also stated there will be a table top exercise on December 10th in preparation for winter weather.

NEW BUSINESS

(Precinct maps were presented for the Commission and public viewing)

Resolution 2014-05 – Adopt Cullman County Precinct Map

Attorney Meherg explained this has been a joint effort on the part of the Commission, Probate Judge and Board of Registrars. This does not change the County precinct but adds areas which have been annexed into the City of Cullman into the City precinct. This will assure those individual who live in areas recently annexed by City of Cullman, but are outside the current City precinct map, to vote in the city precinct. This map will be sent to the State Legislative Reapportionment Office.

Probate Judge Tammy Brown thanked all those involved in the project. She explained this came about because of the 2014 re-districting which changed House Districts 9, 11 and 12 and this became a State mandated issue.

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to adopt the resolution for the Cullman County Precinct Map. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2014-06 – Adopt Sub-district Map for City of Cullman Precinct

Mr. Meherg explained previously the City of Cullman was divided between District 11 and District 12. Under redistricting, following the 2010 census, the majority of the City has been moved to District 12. The adoption of the sub-district map will assign a polling place based on the resident's address in the City. State law mandates no more than 2,400 ballots per voting machine. Following the adoption of the new map, notification will be sent to voters by the Board of Registrars. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to adopt the sub-district map for City of Cullman Precinct. Commissioner Hicks seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Authorize the Chairman to negotiate and sign a contract for the purchase of an additional 20 acres of land adjacent to the OHV Park

Doug Davenport, Park Director, stated the 20 acres of land lies at the base of a large hill. They want to construct a "beginner" trail in the area. They have riders who have gotten stuck in more advanced areas of the park and have had to be "rescued" by park employees. This will extend the park to a creek with will give a natural property line for the park. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to authorize the negotiation and execution of a contract for the purchase of an additional 20 acres of land adjacent to the Stoney Lonesome OHV Park. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider authorizing the Chairman to sign an agreement with County Board of Education and the Sheriff's Department to hire one (1) School Resource Officer (SRO)

Chief Deputy Max Bartlett explained there had been a grant application for three (3) SROs, but the application was denied. He stated one officer in the investigation unit is being transferred as the SRO for Parkside and Welti Elementary Schools. He also requested authorization for a new hire to fill the slot of the transferred officer.

Mr. Meherg stated an agreement has been drawn up; however after the Board of Education reviewed it, some changes will need to be made. He anticipates the School Board will be approving the agreement at their meeting next month. The agreement states the Cullman County Board of Education will pay the salary of the SRO and the County Commission will cover the health care cost. He recommended the Commission approve the request in steps; first to authorize the SRO and then to authorize someone to come out of investigation. He felt the Sheriff could authorize the personnel change since he is over that department.

Chief Bartlett stated the SRO would be effective December 1st. He stated the School Board has agreed to make the salary retroactive to that date.

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to authorizing the Chairman to sign an agreement with County Board of Education and the Sheriff's Department to hire one (1) School Resource Officer (SRO). Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize the renewal of the property, inland marine and automobile insurance policy with Travelers Insurance through Smith-Gray Insurance Agency, Inc. – total premium \$301,761

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, stated the renewal is effective December 1st and represents a premium increase of 7%; however this does include some additional structures. He stated Travelers has given the County good service on claims and recommended renewal of the policy. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to authorize the renewal of the property, inland marine and automobile insurance policy with Travelers Insurance through Smith-Gray Insurance Agency, Inc. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize the EMA Director to sign the agreement with the State for Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Phyllis Little, EMA Director, stated County has received a grant for the updating of the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. This is a 75/25 grant. The County's match will be \$6,875 of the total cost of \$27,500. The current plan, which expires in 2014, is multi-jurisdictional covering the County and well as the municipalities within the county. It is mandatory that the plan be in place for Cullman County to receive any future federal disaster grants. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to authorize the EMA Director to sign the agreement for the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Authorize the Chairman to sign the Cooperative Agreement between the Juvenile Detention Center and the following agencies:

**Cullman Emergency Medical Services
Cullman Regional Medical Center
Paul D. Bussman, D.M.D.
Mental Health Care of Cullman**

Tonya Sears, Juvenile Detention Director, stated these are annual mandatory agreements required by Youth Services for the detention center to meet minimum standards for licensing. Mr. Meherg stated he has looked over the agreements; however he feels there needs to be some clarification on what "emergency medical service" encompass and would also like to have a fee schedule. He also wants to make sure who provides medical service as currently the County is in negotiations for inmate medical care. He wants to make sure medical services, inside and outside the detention center, are clarified. He recommended the agreements be approved contingent on clarification of services and a fee schedule being in place. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to approve the agreements provided the attorney's contingencies are in place. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider request from the Kelley Community Center for \$500 for polling maintenance and operational support

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve \$500 for the Kelley Community Center for \$500 for polling maintenance and operational support. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Ratify the following personnel actions:

Sara Teichmiller	Economic Development
Elaine Raley	Sheriff's Department
Danny Nichols	Sanitation
Kevin Stapp	Sheriff's Department

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

ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Governor has approved the following additional days as "holidays" for November and December 2013; the day after Thanksgiving and the day before Christmas: November 28 & 29; December 24 & 25.

WORK SESSION

The Commission will hold a Work Session on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. in the commission conference room.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING NOVEMBER 26, 2013

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, December 10, 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 10:20 a.m.

/s/
Kenneth Walker,
Chairman

/s/
Darrell Hicks,
Associate Commissioner

/s/
Stanley Yarbrough,
Associate Commissioner