

**CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION
EMERGENCY CALLED MEETING
February 25, 2015**

Chairman Walker called the Emergency Meeting to order at 10:00 for the purpose of declaring a Local State of Emergency due to the pending winter storm (*Cullman is forecast for up to 8" of snow*) and the possibility of closure of county operations.

Present were Chairman Kenneth Walker, Commissioner Garry Marchman, County Attorney Heath Meherg and County Administrator Gary Teichmiller. Commissioner Kerry Watson was absent. (*He was notified by phone that an Emergency Meeting had been called*) Tiffany Owens from *The Cullman Times* was notified of the meeting, but was not in attendance.

Mr. Meherg explained declaring a Local State of Emergency will give departments some leeway in performing services during the storm. After some discussion Commissioner Marchman made a motion to declare a Local State of Emergency. Chairman Walker seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

There was discussion of whether employees will be paid if it becomes necessary to close. Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, stated the commission does have the option to pay or not to pay. Commissioner Marchman questioned if there is the possibility of employees "making up time" if there is a closing. It was decided this was not an option. No final determination was made on whether employees would be paid, but an employee has the option to leave work if they feel for their personnel safety it is best for them to go home early.

Mr. Meherg stated he has checked with our insurance company and our liability is still covered whether we close or not.

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to adjourn. Chairman Walker seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ _____
Kenneth Walker,
Chairman

(ABSENT) _____
Kerry Watson,
Associate Commissioner

/s/ _____
Garry Marchman,
Associate Commissioner