

**CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**April 25, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Chairman Walker called the Commission Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM**

The County Clerk called the roll; present were Chairman Kenneth Walker, Commissioner Kerry Watson, Commissioner Garry Marchman and County Administrator Gary Teichmiller. The invocation was given by Mitch Jones. Phyllis Little led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 11, 2017 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED**

Commissioner Watson made the motion to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2017 Commission Meeting; approve appropriations, expenditures, payroll, requisitions and all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Joyce Echols, CARTS Director, introduced Carol Heaton who spoke on the National Day of Prayer which will take place on May 4. The group is in the process of forming "Watchmen over Cullman" which will be a group of "prayer warriors" who will walk the streets of Cullman daily praying for our community, its leaders and citizens as well as our state and national leaders. She encouraged the public to become involved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Proclamation – Holly Pond Varsity Boys' Basketball Team**

The proclamation was read aloud which honored the Holly Pond Varsity Boys' Basketball Team for the appearance in the final four of the State 3A Championship game. The proclamation was presented to the coaches and team. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the proclamation for the Holly Pond Varsity Boys' Basketball Team. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Proclamation – Fairview Varsity Girls' Basketball Team**

The Fairview Varsity Girls' Basketball Team attend the meeting with their coach and assistant coach. The proclamation was read by the County Clerk and presented by the Commission. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the proclamation recognizing the Fairview Varsity Girls' Basketball Team. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Proclamation – Fairview Junior Varsity Girls' Basketball Team**

The proclamation was read by the County Clerk recognizing the Fairview Junior Varsity Girls' Basketball Team for their accomplishment of a first place win at the County Basketball Tournament. The proclamation was presented to the team and coaches. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the proclamation for the Fairview Junior Varsity Girls' Basketball Team. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Proclamation – Confederate Heritage and History Month**

A proclamation for Confederate Heritage and History Month was read aloud and presented to Kenneth Kilgo from the Sons of the Confederacy. Mr. Kilgo stated the organization's goal is to promote and educate the public on the history of the Confederacy. They have adopted as their charity Cullman Caring for Kids and have donated almost eight tons of food to the program. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the proclamation for April as Confederate Heritage and History Month. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider allowing County funds to be deposited in the CDARS Program as well as the SAFE Program**

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, explained the Certificate of Deposit Account Registry Service (CDARS), is a banking program that breaks up large deposits and places them across a network of banks around the United States. This allows depositors to deal with a single bank that participates in CDARS but avoid having funds above the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) deposit insurance limits in any one bank, insuring that all deposits are FDIC insured. This will enable to County to earn a higher interest rate than can be obtained through local banks. The County already requires deposits within the state to be deposited in banks in the State's SAFE Program. Commissioner Watson made a motion to allow County funds to be deposited into the CDARS Program. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider authorizing the Chairman to sign an Adopt-a-Mile Program application from Jacob Wright to adopt a section of County Road 538 and a section of County Road 535**

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Adopt-a-Mile Program application from Jacob Wright to adopt a three-mile section of County Road 538 and an additional three-miles of County Road 535. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider a request to hold a Rods for Runts fishing event on June 24, 2017 from 8:00-2:00 at Sportsman Lake Park**

Commissioner Marchman explained Samuel Tucker came to him about the possibility of Karma Coffee Shop sponsoring the Rods for Runts fishing event. The business will donate about 50 rods to be given to kids that come to the lake to fish. They would like to hold the event on June 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 – 2:00. He made a motion to approve the use of the park for the Rods for Runts fishing event. With a second by Commissioner Watson, the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Discussion Memorial Event at OHV Park on Friday night June 9<sup>th</sup> with free day June 10<sup>th</sup>**

Doug Davenport, Park Director, expressed condolences to the families of the individuals who were injured and killed in the accident that occurred at the OHV Park this past weekend. Park employees will hold a candlelight vigil on Friday, June 9 after the park closes for the public and employees. Since the park was closed for the remainder of the weekend following the accident, a makeup day will be held on June 10, with free admission to the park. He asked that everyone remember the families of the victims as well as the park employees who have been effected by the tragedy. Commissioner Marchman made a motion authorizing the memorial event and the makeup day at the Stony Lonesome OHV Park. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**WORK SESSION**

The Commission will hold a Work Session on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the commission conference room.

**NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MAY 23, 2017**

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the commission meeting room.

**ADJOURN THE MEETING**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Kenneth Walker,  
Chairman

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Kerry Watson,  
Associate Commissioner

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Garry Marchman,  
Associate Commissioner