

Cullman County Commission Minutes February 22, 2024

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME GUESTS

Chairman Clemons called the Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM

Tiffany Merriman, County Clerk, called roll; present were Chairman Clemons, Commissioner Kerry Watson, Commissioner Garry Marchman, Commissioner Kelly Duke, Commissioner Corey Freeman, Administrator John Bullard, County Attorney Emily Johnston, and County Engineer Philip Widner. Larry Duke gave the invocation. Henry Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 14, 2024 EMERGENCY MEETING, JANUARY 23, 2024 EMERGENCY MEETING, AND JANUARY 30, 2024 EMERGENCY MEETING, APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, PERSONNEL ACTIONS, PAYROLL, AND REQUISITIONS, AND APPROVE ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2024 emergency meeting, January 23, 2024 emergency meeting, and January 30, 2024 emergency meeting, appropriations, expenditures, personnel actions, payroll, and requisitions, and approve all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Duke seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/UPDATES

Chairman Clemons recognized Ms. Amber Thornton as Director of the Cullman County Library.

NEW BUSINESS

Proclamation: Declaring Local State of Emergency for a section of County Road 222

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve Proclamation: Declaring Local State of Emergency for a section of County Road 222. Commissioner Duke seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2024-11: Submit application to ADECA requesting \$300,000 in CDBG Urgent Need funds from Community Block Grant Program to replace the culvert on County Road 222

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-11: Submit application to ADECA requesting \$300,000 in CDBG Urgent Need funds from Community Block Grant Program to replace the culvert on County Road 222. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Resolution 2024-07: Change speed limit to 30 mph on County Road 538

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-07: Change speed limit to 30 mph on County Road 538. Commissioner Freeman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2024-08: Renaming of the Cullman County Sheriff's Office Training Center to James R. "Ricky" Blackwood Training Center

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-08: Renaming of the Cullman County Sheriff's Office Training Center to James R. "Ricky" Blackwood Training

Center. Commissioner Freeman seconded and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote. Chairman Clemons gave a standing ovation and thanked Captain Blackwood for his many years of service to the Sheriff's Office and his dedication to the citizens of Cullman County. Captain Blackwood stated it has been an honor. I appreciate it.

Resolution 2024-09: Cullman County Commission regarding Constitutional Amendment 1 in the 2024 Primary Election

County Administrator addressed the Commission and stated this amendment would take away the supermajority requirement to pass a budget isolation resolution on local laws and local Constitutional Amendments. When local laws come before the legislature typically they do not all show up to vote on those because they only have to do with local areas and they are not part of the state budget anyway so there is not really a reason to pass a budget isolation resolution for the state budget on something that affects Cullman County. This would also ratify all previous local laws and local constitutional amendments to make sure they, even if they did not meet the quorum requirements when they were passed that they would be covered.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-09: Cullman County Commission regarding Constitutional Amendment 1 in the 2024 Primary Election. Commissioner Freeman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Resolution 2024-10: Change speed limit to 50 mph on County Road 1545

County Engineer Philip Widner addressed the Commission and stated this is known as the Gold Ridge Road. The current speed limit is 45 mph and we want to raise the speed limit to 50 mph. We will also post warning signs along the areas where there are residential areas. There are some horizontal and vertical curves so we will post those curves with various warning placards from 35 mph to 40 mph. This will include the Gold Ridge Road all the way from Alabama Highway 69 to the Fairview/Eva Road.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-10: Change speed limit to 50 mph on County Road 1545. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider Chairman Clemons reappointment of John King to the Joppa Water Board for a 6-year term to expire 3/1/30

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Chairman Clemons reappointment of John King to the Joppa Water Board for a 6-year term to expire 3/1/30. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider appointment of Mayor Carla Hart to the NARCOG Board of Directors for the 2024 term

Commissioner Duke made a motion to appoint Mayor Carla Hart to the NARCOG Board of Directors for the 2024 term. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Amend the Commission Meeting Dates for 2024 to reflect the Organizational Meeting to be held Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Freeman approved the Commission Meeting Dates for 2024 to reflect the Organizational Meeting to be held Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Duke seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider moving December 10, 2024, Meeting to December 17, 2024

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve moving December 10, 2024, Meeting to December 17, 2024. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider quote from Commercial Energy Specialists, LLC for pool equipment and chemical controller for Smith Lake Park Pool in the amount of \$14,384.82

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the quote from Commercial Energy Specialists, LLC for pool equipment and chemical controller for Smith Lake Park Pool in the amount of \$14,384.82. Commissioner Freeman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider the purchase of a 2024 Ford F-150 SuperCrew 4X4 Pickup from Stivers on State Bid (contract # MA22000003128-15) in the amount of \$51,765 for the Road Department

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2024 Ford F-150 SuperCrew 4X4 Pickup from Stivers on State Bid (contract # MA22000003128-15) in the amount of \$51,765 for the Road Department. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the purchase of a 2023 Ford Explorer from Stivers on State Bid (Contract # 22000003128-3) in the amount of \$37,458 for the Sales Tax Office

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2023 Ford Explorer from Stivers on State Bid (Contract # 22000003128-3) in the amount of \$37,458 for the Sales Tax Office. Commissioner Duke seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider change order for the Pandemic Response Center resulting in a decrease in the amount of \$7,200

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve change order for the Pandemic Response Center resulting in a decrease in the amount of \$7,200. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider Option 1 renewal of Catastrophic Inmate Medical Insurance through Sirius America Insurance Company in the amount of \$ 83,423.76 and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Option 1 renewal of Catastrophic Inmate Medical Insurance through Sirius America Insurance Company in the amount of \$ 83,423.76 and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork. Commissioner Freeman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of Agreement with JMR+H Architectural and Project Management Services for Cullman County Agricultural Center and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve Agreement with JMR+H Architectural and Project Management Services for Cullman County Agricultural Center and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork. Commissioner Duke seconded, and the motion passed upon a

unanimous voice vote.

**Ratify time and materials agreement with Ambipar Response under Title 39 (e) 1
Emergency provision**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to Ratify time and materials agreement with Ambipar Response under Title 39 (e) 1 Emergency provision. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Ratify time and materials agreement with Servpro under Title 39 (e) 1 Emergency
provision**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to Ratify time and materials agreement with Servpro under Title 39 (e) 1 Emergency provision. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider the surplus of a 2001 Asphalt Zipper (Serial # 10122U021172) from the Road
Department to be auctioned on GovDeals**

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the surplus of a 2001 Asphalt Zipper (Serial # 10122U021172) from the Road Department to be auctioned on GovDeals. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Proposed plat for Bronco Subdivision Phase 2. A minor subdivision in commission district 1
containing 3 lots located 1.4 miles North of Hwy 278 on County Road 1718**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Proposed plat for Bronco Subdivision Phase 2. A minor subdivision in commission district 1 containing 3 lots located 1.4 miles North of Hwy 278 on County Road 1718. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Proposed resurvey of lot 1 of Serenity Pointe Subdivision. A major private subdivision
located in commission district 4 located 1.8 miles South of County Road 310 on County
Road 388**

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve Proposed resurvey of lot 1 of Serenity Pointe Subdivision. A major private subdivision located in commission district 4 located 1.8 miles South of County Road 310 on County Road 388. Commissioner Watson seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Proposed plat for Serenity Pointe Subdivision Phase 2. A major private subdivision in
commission district 4 containing 21 lots located 1.8 miles South of County Road 310 on
County Road 388**

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve Proposed plat for Serenity Pointe Subdivision Phase 2. A major private subdivision in commission district 4 containing 21 lots located 1.8 miles South of County Road 310 on County Road 388. Commissioner Duke seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

The next Commission Work Session will be Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room

Chairman Clemons announced the next Commission Work Session will be Tuesday, March 19, 2204, at 4:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room

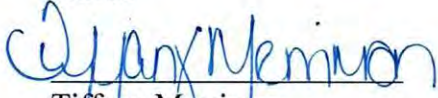
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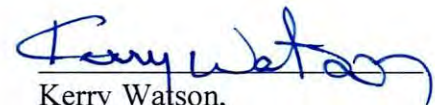
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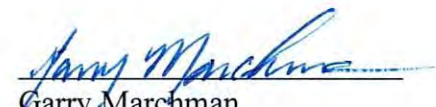
Commissioner Marchman made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Duke seconded. The Commission Meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

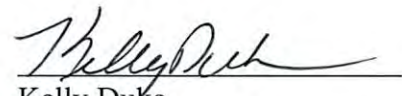
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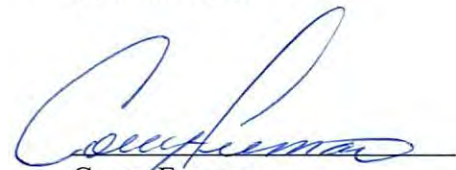

Tiffany Merriman,
County Clerk


Jeff Clemons,
Chairman


Kerry Watson,
Commissioner


Garry Marchman,
Commissioner


Kelly Duke,
Commissioner


Corey Freeman,
Commissioner