

CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
July 26, 2011

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman James Graves called the Commission Meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and welcomed the visitors.

CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Charlotte Slatton, County Clerk, called the roll; present were Chairman James Graves, Commissioner Darrell Hicks, Commissioner Stanley Yarbrough and County Attorney Tim Culpepper. The invocation was given by Randall Waldrep. Phyllis Little led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JULY 12, 2011 MEETING, APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS, TRAVEL EXPENSES; AND APPROVE ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED.

Commissioner Yarbrough made the motion to approve the minutes from July 12, 2011 Commission Meeting, approve appropriations, expenditures, requisitions, travel expenses and approve all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Edna Leeth addressed the Commission concerning a lack of public housing in the rural areas of Cullman County.

Melvin Schaffer, a resident of County Road 715, stated when road work was done along County Road 715 survey markers were moved. There is currently confusion about property lines. He requested the markers be replaced.

Jim Clements requested the Commission do something to improve the surface of County Road 109. Commissioner Yarbrough stated the Commission is aware of the concerns of County Road 109. \$1.2 million was spent by the previous administration on the road. With the current financial status of the County, it is unsure if any work can be done on the road.

Discussion of debris removal and Clean Sweep private property debris removal

Chairman Graves stated the vast majority of Right of Entries (ROE) which were sent to FEMA were denied. Some private property has been cleared; however it is doubtful all eligible properties will be cleared before the July 29th deadline. For the most part, public right of ways have been cleared. It will be determined later as to what the County will do to clean up the remaining debris. This will depend on the total cost that has already been incurred. This cost will not be known for some time.

State EMA Office to inform the Commission on Long Term Recovery

Billy Harris from FEMA Long Term Recovery and Bob Haywood, Branch Chief Long-term Community Recovery Joint Field Office in Birmingham, addressed the Commission about the opportunities offered the County with the Long Term Recovery. The program does not provide funding, but helps to coordinate programs from a variety of governmental agencies while assisting the County with a long range plan for recovery after the storm.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider amended tax abatement for Topre America Corporation

Kevin Jackson from the City of Cullman Economic Development Office stated Topre America Corp. has previously been approved for a tax abatement for equipment. They are now requesting an abatement of \$3.3 million to build a storage facility. The total of all abatements will be \$34 million. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the abatement. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider request for \$1,500.00 from Baldwin Community Center

Chairman Grave stated the request from the Baldwin Community Center is for \$1,500.00. However, the Commission is approving a \$1,000.00 donation. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to donate \$1,000.00 to the Baldwin Community Center. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider release of surety held by Cullman County Commission for Rocky Springs Subdivision, Phase II, located in District 2 on County Road 67.

Keith Creel, Assistant Engineer, stated there is a \$75,000 surety from Peoples' Bank on roads in Phase II of the Rocky Springs Subdivision. The road project is complete and requested the surety be released. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to release the surety for Rocky Springs Subdivision, Phase II, located in District 2 on County Road 67. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2011-50 – Set speed limit on County Road 252 at 15 MPH

Fred Penn, County Engineer, stated County Road 252 is a narrow gravel road which dead ends. He recommended a 15 MPH speed limit. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to set the speed limit on County Road 252 at 15 MPH. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider extending the following bids:

Bid No. 1013 – Ergon - Emulsified asphalt

John Easterwood, Road Department Administrative Coordinator, stated Ergon has agreed to hold the same pricing as last year's bid. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to extend the bid for emulsified asphalt for one year with Ergon. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1014 – Wiregrass Construction Co. – Cold laid plant mix

Mr. Easterwood stated the extension is for one year at the current price. Commissioner

Yarbrough made a motion to extend the bid with Wiregrass Construction Co. for cold laid plant mix for one year. Commission Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider awarding the following bids:

Bid No. 1081 – Integrated Public Safety Software Upgrade

Chief Deputy Max Bartlett addressed the Commission explaining the factors involved in awarding the bid to Spillman Technologies. (See copy of his presentation attached to the minutes of this meeting) They are not the low bidder; however they are the low bidder who met the specifications. Attorney Culpepper stated he has reviewed the bids and agreed with the bid being awarded to Spillman Technologies. The total cost of the bid is covered by a grant from the Department of Justice. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to award the bid for the integrated public safety software upgrade to Spillman Technologies. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1084 – Corrugated Plastic Pipe

Mr. Easterwood stated the awarding of the bid for corrugated plastic pipe was to be split. Harvey Culvert Company, Inc. was the low bidder for pipe delivered and Bear Concrete Products, Inc. was the low bidder for pipe picked up at the yard. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to award the bid to the respective low bidders. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider awarding bid for the Water Accountability Improvements

Chris Cousins with Municipal Consultants, Inc. stated this is the first contract to be awarded against the principal forgiveness loan (grant) from ADEM in the amount of \$3.2 million. The low bidder was HD Supply Waterworks. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to award the bid for the water accountability improvements to HD Supply Waterworks. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Ratify the following personnel actions:

Resignations:	Terry D. Cupp	Sanitation
	Jannie Ratliff	Sales Tax Auditor
	Franklin Taylor	Sanitation
	Ermily Nocholas	Juvenile Detention Officer
Dismissed:	Charles Hyde	CARTS
New Hires:	Joseph Elberry	CARTS – part time
	Charles Sasnette	CARTS – temporary
	Zachery Baswell	Sanitation – temporary
	Joshua McNatt	Sheriff Department
	Alicia Ford	Juvenile Detention – part time
	Derek Frasier	Animal Control – temporary
Pay Raise:	Pamela Miller	Sheriff Department
	Michelle Barnett	Sheriff Department

Promotion: Kelsey Dunagan CARTS – CSR to Bookkeeper
 Andrea McClendon CARTS – dispatcher to dispatcher manager
 Rodney Hood CARTS – mechanic to maintenance

manager

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

OLD BUSINESS

Ratify and confirm the termination of FEMA and the Army Corps of Engineers clean-up contract effective July 29, 2011

Chairman Graves stated the contract with FEMA and the Army Corps of Engineers was extended until July 29, 2011 in an effort to have all approved private property cleared. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to ratify and confirm the termination of the clean up agreement on July 29, 2011. Commissioner Hicks seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

The next NARCOG meeting will be August 24, 2011 at the Decatur office of NARCOG.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING TUESDAY AUGUST 9, 2011

Chairman Graves announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, August 9, 2011 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 Graves adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

/s/ _____

James D. Graves, Chairman
Hicks,
Associate Commissioner

/s/ _____

Darrell
Stanley Yarbrough,
Associate Commissioner

/s/ _____