

**CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**October 11, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Chairman James Graves called the Commission Meeting to order at 10:03 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 Heath Meherg. The invocation was given by Mac Buttram. Gordon Dunagan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 27, 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 September 27, 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**

**Commissioner Yarbrough** announced the Edgar Plunkett, a retired Cullman County employee, died this morning and express condolences to the family.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Authorize the execution of a contract with Eidson & Associates, Inc. as project manager for the courthouse remodel**

Chairman Graves stated before the April 27th tornado, a contract was in place with Eidson & Associates, Inc. for the exterior renovations; however they are going to oversee the roof replacement which will be done by Bonner Roofing. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to authorize the execution of a contract with Eidson & Associates, Inc. as project manager for the courthouse project. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Authorize the abatement of previous year taxes in litigation and insolvents**

Barry Willingham, Revenue Commissioner, stated this is done annually to abate taxes of personal property of businesses that have gone out of business. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to authorize the abatement of previous year taxes in litigation and insolvents. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Commissioner Hicks to appoint Stevie Mullins to the Agricultural Development Board for a six (6) year term replacing Gary Mitchell, term to expire 9-30-2016**

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**Resolution 2012-01 – Set speed limit on County Road 770 at 15 MPH**

Fred Penn, County Engineer, stated the road is a narrow, gravel road and recommended the posting of the speed limit. Commissioner Hicks made a motion the set the speed limit on County Road 770 at 15 MPH. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 2012-02 - Resolution in Regulating the Use of Roadways in Cullman County Relating To Timber Harvesting**

Chairman Graves stated some roadways within the County are being damaged by logging trucks. In an effort to maintain the roads without the ongoing expenditure of tax money, the Commission is passing the resolution which will enable the County Engineer to monitor where logging activities are occurring and requiring companies which damage county roads to repair them. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to approve the resolution concerning the use of County roadways relating to timber harvesting. Commissioner Hicks seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Consider an agreement with the City of Hanceville for the maintenance of the Mud Creek Water Shed**

Chairman Graves stated the County has done the maintenance of Mud Creek for a number of years. The new agreement turns the maintenance work over to the City of Hanceville with the County paying a portion of the cost. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to approve the agreement with the City of Hanceville for the maintenance of the Mud Creek Water Shed. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize the County Administrator to work with departments on the completion of the County Pay Plan**

Chairman Graves stated the pay plan is about finished, however Mr. Teichmiller needs to meet with all department heads before it is brought to the Commission. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to authorize the County Administrator to work with the department heads to complete the new County Pay Plan. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Ratify employment contract with Joyce Echols, CARTS Director**

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to ratify the employment contract with Joyce Echols, CARTS Director. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**Ratify the following personnel actions:**

Retired: James Holmes Animal Control  
Marguerite Davis Revenue Commission  
Resignation: Tina Holcombe CARTS  
Transfer: Kevin Lewis Detention Center to Patrol  
New Hire: Noble Shadowens Jail Deputy – Full time  
Melody Day Revenue Department – part time  
Promotion Chris Betts Patrol Deputy to Sergeant

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

The next NARCOG meeting will be October 26, 2011 at the Decatur office of NARCOG.

**NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING TUESDAY OCTOBER 25, 2011**

Chairman Graves announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, October 25, 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 10:17 a.m.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_

James D. Graves, Chairman  
Hicks,  
Associate Commissioner

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_

Darrell  
Stanley Yarbrough,  
Associate Commissioner

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_