

**CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
February 14, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Kenneth Walker called the Commission Meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. and welcomed the visitors.

CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM

The County Clerk called the roll; present were Chairman Kenneth Walker, Commissioner Darrell Hicks, Commissioner Stanley Yarbrough and County Attorney Heath Meherg. The invocation was given by George Benefield. Phyllis Little led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 22, 2013, MEETING, APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND APPROVE ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED.

Commissioner Yarbrough made the motion to approve the minutes from the January 22, 2013 Commission Meeting, approve appropriations, expenditures, requisitions and approve all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bill McCarthy addressed the Commission about the Chili Fest which will be April 6th. It is being sponsored by The Red Door Café & Thrift as a fund raiser for the non-profit. He encouraged everyone to attend and for the commissioners to have a chili cook-off team.

Sheriff Mike Rainey spoke concerning safety in the county school systems. He wanted to assure everyone, in light of recent school events around the state, that his office is working with the school system to enhance safety. They met on February 1st with the school officials and the county commissioners and additional measures are being developed.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratify the Chairman signing the Event Hosting Agreement with Quantum Racing, Inc. for Utility Task Vehicle (UTV) racing events at Stony Lonesome OHV Park

Mary Paden, OHV Park manger, stated the agreement is for ten (10) races this year. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to ratify the Chairman signing the agreement with Quantum Racing, Inc. for the UTV races at the park. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize the Chairman to sign a proposal with Leonard Design for architectural services for renovations on the Economic Development Office

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the proposal for architectural services with Leonard Design for renovations at the Economic Development Office. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize the Chairman to negotiate and sign leases on open spaces throughout the county on any county building

Attorney Meherg explained the County has some properties that are being considered for lease and this will allow the leases to be signed in a timely manner. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to authorize the Chairman to negotiate and sign leases for any county building. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider approval of modifications to the maintenance contract with Otis Elevator Company to include the elevator at the Economic Development Building extending the contract until 11-30-2015

The modification to the elevator contract will include the elevator at the Economic Development Building at a cost of \$200 per month and extended the contract until 11-30-2015. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to approve the modification of the maintenance contract with Otis Elevator Company. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval granting permission for the Tea Party to meet on the front steps of the courthouse on February 23, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. for the National Day of Resistance Rally

Tina Murphree, with the Tea Party, stated the rally is for the National Day of Resistance which is a support rally for 2nd Amendments Rights. Michael Hart, a conservative radio talk-show person, will be the featured rally speaker.

Attorney Meherg stated the City of Cullman has issued a permit for use of the City's sidewalk on the west side of the courthouse. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to give permission to the Tea Party to hold a rally for the National Day of Resistance on February 23, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of an 84 month Extended Warranty Contract with Warrior Tractor & Equipment for the following equipment:

Motor Grader 672D-616963 \$2,298.00
Motor Grader 672D-617490 \$2,298.00

Chairman Walker explained the extension will take the equipment to 84 months or 6,000 hours. It is felt the cost of the warranty will be less than the possible repairs to the equipment. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the extended warranty with Warrior Tractor & Equipment for the motor graders. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2013-16 – Extension of ALDOT Agreement of Transportation Enhancement Project for Clarkson Covered Bridge Restoration

Jon Brunner, County Engineer, stated the extension is for the Clarkson Bridge restoration project which goes back to 2001. Currently the plans are being held up at ALDOT in the Bridge Bureau with engineering plans and development. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to authorize the signing of an extension with ALDOT for the Transportation Enhancement project. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Commissioner Yarbrough to re-appoint Grant Crider to the Industrial Development Authority for a six (6) year term to expire 1-19-2019

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to re-appoint Grant Crider to the Industrial Development Authority for a six (6) year term to expire 1-19-2019. Commissioner Hick seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Consider an appropriation of \$3,000 to the Festhalle Market Committee for support of the 2013 Farmers Market Season

Commissioner Hicks stated he would abstain from any action on this item since he serves on the Festhalle Market Board. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to approve a \$3,000 appropriation to the Festhalle Market Committee for support of the 2013 Farmers Market Season. Chairman Walker seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider a request of \$200 from Beat 36 for polling maintenance and operational support

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the request of \$200 from Beat 36 to assist with paying the utility bills during the 2012 election cycle. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider surplus of Gold’s Gym Crosswalk 570 Treadmill from Commission on Aging to be taken to scrap yard

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to surplus the Gold’s Gym Crosswalk 570 Treadmill from Commission on Aging to be taken to scrap yard. Commissioner Hicks seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Ratify the following personnel actions:

Parish Fitts	Commission on Aging
Brenda Foxx	Commission on Aging
W. Zachary Johnson	County Garage
Joan Weaver	Probate
Thomas Rutherford	Jail
Wesley Self	Road
Cheri Gibbs	Sheriff’s Department
Josh Wallace	Sheriff’s Department
Katrina Swann	Probate
Wendell Tyler McCormick	Water
Doug Davenport	Water to Parks
Randy Phillips	Water
Kevin Tillman	Water
Alecia Young	Water
Ross Henderson	Water
Mark Logan	Water
Gary Campbell	CARTS

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

NEXT REGUALR COMMISION MEETING FEBRUARY 26, 2013

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, February 26, 2013, 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 Walker adjourned the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

/s/
Kenneth Walker,
Chairman

/s/
Darrell Hicks,
Associate Commissioner

/s/
Stanley Yarbrough,
Associate Commissioner