

**CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
December 23, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Kenneth Walker called the Commission Meeting to order at 10:02 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 Hick, Commissioner Stanley Yarbrough and County Attorney Heath Meherg. The invocation was given by Representative Randall Shedd. Chairman Walker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 10, 2013 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED.

Commissioner Yarbrough made the motion to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2013 Commission Meeting; approve appropriations, expenditures, requisitions and all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2014-08 – Acceptance of the ADECA grant in the amount of \$1,294,892 for road repairs

Cherrie Haney, Interim Director of Economic Development, stated the money is for the repair of roads damaged in the 2011 tornadoes. This is 100% money with no match. County Road 1518 and County Road 38 will be repaired. The Commission commended Ms. Haney and the staff for their work on obtaining the grant. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign to acceptance of the ADECA grant in the amount of \$1,294,892. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2014-09 – Contract with Community Consultants, Inc. to perform CDBG administrative services for ADECA grant

Chairman Walker stated the CDBG grant requires oversight of administrative services. Commissioner Yarbrough made motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement with Community Consultants, Inc. to perform administrative services for the grant. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2014-10 – Contract with CDG Engineers for all construction engineering and inspection services for CDBG project

It was stated the grant requires an engineering firm to inspect work done on a CDBG project; the County Engineering Department is unable to perform the inspections. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign a contract with CDG Engineers for the inspection services of the grant. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Consider approval of abatement for Jimmy Sanders, Inc. for purchase of facility and upgrades in the amount of \$2,000,000

Kevin Jackson from the City of Cullman Economic Development Office explained Federer's Fertilizer, Inc. is being purchased by Jimmy Sanders, Inc. They will be keeping the existing staff and will be adding an additional five employees and spending an additional \$550,000 to \$600,000 for expansion of the business. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to approve the abatement for Jimmy Sanders, Inc. for the purchase of the Federer's facility and upgrades. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the continuation of the case concerning the Cullman County Animal Shelter

Heath Meherg, County Attorney, explained the case has been ongoing for about two years. A company put a sealer on the floor of the animal shelter and it has peeled. The company, from the Florence area, is now out of business. The County has hired a private investigator to locate the owner, but the effort has been unsuccessful. The judge has now placed the case on the administrative docket and it will eventually be dismissed without further action. The original cost of the repairs was approximately \$15,000 and estimates to repair and seal the floor properly are about \$30,000. The Commission needs to make a decision whether to pursue the case. Commissioner Hicks made a motion that since the case has been going on for some time and the County has been unable to locate Mr. Austin, the owner, "instead of continuing to spend more money on it, let's just drop it". Commissioner Yarbrough seconded the motion not to pursue the case. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried. Mr. Meherg stated the case could be pursued at a later date if the Commission decided to do so.

Consider request from the Brushy Pond Community Center for \$500 for polling maintenance and operational support

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to approve for \$500 for polling maintenance and operational support for the Brushy Pond Community Center. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Extend Bid No. 1120 – Herbicide – Helena Chemical

John Lang, Assistant Engineer, stated Helena Chemical has given good service and the County has had a good relationship with them. They have agreed to extend the bid for one (1) year at the current price. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to extend the herbicide bid with Helena Chemical. Commissioner Yarbrough seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Ratify the following personnel actions:

Rodney Hood	Promotion	Sanitation
Jeramiah Howe	Promotion	Sanitation
Douglas M. Key	New Hire	Sheriff's Dept-Jail
Sanitation Dept – All other employees**		

**To correct pay and job classification and pay of Sanitation Employees to better coincide with other operating departments, the job classification of Collector Grade 2 will move to Grade 3 and Residential CDL Driver will move from Grade 4 to Grade 5.

Chairman Walker stated James Rollo, Director of Sanitation, recommended the re-evaluation of the job classification. Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to approve all personnel actions and the adjustments to the Sanitation Department pay and job classifications. Commissioner Hicks seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENT

County facilities will be closed December 24th and 25th for the Christmas holiday and New Years Day, January 1st.

WORK SESSION

The Commission will hold a Work Session on Tuesday, January 14, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in the commission conference room.

NEXT REGUALR COMMISION MEETING JANUARY 14, 2014

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, January 14, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. in the commission meeting room.

ADJOURN THE MEETING

Commissioner Yarbrough made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. Chairman Walker adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

/s/ _____
Kenneth Walker,
Chairman

/s/ _____
Darrell Hicks,
Associate Commissioner

/s/ _____
Stanley Yarbrough,
Associate Commissioner