

CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
June 9, 2015

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Walker called the Commission Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM

The County Clerk called the roll; present were Chairman Kenneth Walker, Commissioner Kerry Watson, Commissioner Garry Marchman and County Attorney Heath Meherg. The invocation was given by Barry Willingham. Matt Kinsland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MAY 26, 2015 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED.

Commissioner Watson made the motion to approve the minutes from the May 26, 2015 Commission Meeting; approve appropriations, expenditures, payroll, requisitions and all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cherrie Haney announced the City/County Blood Drive will be June 12th. The County collection sites will be at the courthouse and Wal-Mart. The City's sites will be the Festhalle and the north shopping center.

NEW BUSINESS

Public hearing for the County Road 775 CDBG application

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to open the public hearing. Commissioner Watson seconded. Matt Kinsland from the Economic Development Office stated the CDBG application is for ADECA/HUD funding for Community Enhancement. The total cost of the project is \$333,748 with the County's match being \$247,860 plus some in-kind work by the county. There will be a public hearing at the Walter Community Center tonight. The survey has been completed and the road meets the low to moderate income qualification. There were no further public comments. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to close the public hearing and Commissioner Watson seconded. The hearing was closed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2015-34 - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for resurfacing of County Road 775

Matt Kinsland stated the resolution is authorizing submission of the CDBG application and the Chairman to sign the documentation. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the resolution for the CDBG application for resurfacing of County Road 775. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

CARTS Public Hearing

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to open the public hearing. Commissioner Watson seconded. Joyce Echols, CARTS Director, stated a public hearing is required annually prior to the submission requesting federal funding for the next fiscal year. There were no questions or comments. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Watson seconded and the hearing was closed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2015-35 – Authorize Local Matching Funds for CARTS for FY-2016

Ms. Echols, CARTS Director, explained for the past five years CARTS has had a level budget; however this year federal funding is being cut. Budgeting for 2016 has lowered expenditures by \$19,000. This is not enough to cover the shortfall. Previously annual county funding for CARTS has been \$463,243. For 2016 funding will need to be increased to \$501,225 or an increase of \$3,082 monthly. ADECA will also be increasing funding by this amount to cover the loss of federal funds. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing local matching funds for CARTS for FY-2016. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2015-36 – Authorize submission of application for CARTS administration, operation, capital federal funding for FY-2016 with ALDOT

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the submission of the application to ALDOT for CARTS administration, operations and capital federal funding for FY-2016. Commissioner Watson seconded and upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Approve the Insolvents, Errors and Taxes in Litigation for 2014

Revenue Commissioner Barry Willingham stated the Commission is required to approve the insolvents, errors and taxes in litigation prior to submission to the State Comptroller. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the insolvents, errors and taxes in litigation for 2014. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Ratify the signing of the SEC Post-Issuance Compliance Services Pricing Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents for the bond issuance of the 2015 Water Revenue Warrants

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, stated our bond attorney has recommended DAC Bond. They will check for all compliance issues related to current or future SEC rules related to the issuance of bonds for the County. Authorization is also requested for the Chairman to sign all documents related to the refinancing of the 2005 and 2007 Water Warrants. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to ratify the signing of the SEC Post-Issuance Compliance Services Pricing Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents for the bond issuance of the 2015 Water Revenue Warrants. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on unanimous voice vote.

Consider the approval of payment for the ATRIP matching funds for Resurfacing County Road 940, ACNU61274-ATRP(012), in the amount of \$283,278

John Lang, County Engineer, stated there is a 20% match for the ATRIP project for resurfacing County Road 940 in the amount of \$283,278. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the payment. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Commissioner Marchman to appoint Dennis Richards to the Health Care Authority Board replacing Alan Wood for a six (6) year term expiring 6-30-2021

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to appoint Dennis Richards to the Health Care Authority Board replacing Alan Wood for a six (6) year term expiring 6-30-2021. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider authorizing the City of Cullman to enter County Road 1651 for the construction of cul-de-sacs

Heath Meherg, County Attorney, explained the County vacated a portion of County Road 1651 which will be under water with the construction of the Duck River Reservoir. The City of Cullman wants to construct some cul-de-sacs in the area of the reservoir and needs access. The construction will meet county specifications. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the City's request for access to County Road 1651 for the construction. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider authorizing Tim McKoy to obtain an appraisal for property donated to the Animal Shelter

Mr. Meherg explained several months ago land and a mobile home in Stepville were left to the Animal Shelter in an individual's will. Before anything can be done with the property, fair market value needs to be determined. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to authorize Tim McKoy, Director of Animal Control, to obtain an appraisal of the property. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2015-33 – Cullman County South Foot Bridge Multi-Purpose Trail Project, 14-RT-54-07

Cherrie Haney, Director of Economic Development, stated the Recreational Trails Program project is for a foot bridge on the walking trail at the Duck River Reservoir and will be totally funded by the City of Cullman Utility Board. The County is acting as the sponsoring agent. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize change order for the new AT&T phone system installation

Joey Martin, IT Director, stated some equipment in the original quote is not necessary and there is some additional equipment that needs to be added. The result is a decrease in price of approximately \$7,000. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the change order for the new phone system installation with AT&T. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider a request from the Cold Springs Community Center for \$500 for polling maintenance and operational support

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the request from the Cold Springs Community Center for \$500 for polling maintenance and operational support. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider distribution of the Revised Cullman County Personnel Handbook to elected officials for input and suggestions prior to posting

Heath Meherg, County Attorney, stated revisions have been made to the County's Personnel Handbook to better serve employees. The new handbook will be posted for ten (10) days before it is adopted in a commission meeting; however we want to give the other elected officials an opportunity to review the handbook and make input before it is posted for consideration. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the distribution of the revised handbook to the elected officials. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Ratify the purchase of fog seal material from Ergon Emulsions – Cost \$14,800

John Lang, County Engineer, explained the fog seal material is a sealant that seals the small cracks in asphalt roads, putting down a black surface that looks good and will hopefully extend the life of the road by four years. The road can be reopened 30-45 minutes after application and it will look like a newly paved road. The first road to be done will be the Gold Ridge Road. The County is purchasing the material at a demonstration price of \$1.40/gallon. Commissioner Watson made a motion to ratify the purchase of the fog seal material from Ergon Emulsions at a cost of \$14,800. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Ratify the purchase of one (1) D7F Cat Dozer from ADECA – Cost \$9,000

Mr. Lang stated this new dozer will pay for itself this year in cost savings of time and material. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to ratify the purchase of one (1) D7F Cat Dozer from ADECA at a cost \$9,000. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

WORK SESSION

The Commission will hold a Work Session on Tuesday, June 23, 2015, at 8:30 a.m. in the commission conference room.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING JUNE 23, 2015

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the commission meeting room.

ADJOURN THE MEETING

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

/s/ _____
Kenneth Walker,
Chairman

/s/ _____
Kerry Watson,
Associate Commissioner

/s/ _____
Garry Marchman,
Associate Commissioner