

**CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING  
December 8, 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 and County Attorney Chad Floyd. Commissioner Garry Marchman was absent. The invocation was given by J.L. Parker. Chairman Walker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 24, 2015 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED.**

Commissioner Watson made the motion to approve the minutes from the November 24, 2015 Commission Meeting; approve appropriations, expenditures, payroll, requisitions and all journal entries to be posted. Chairman Walker seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Consider a Tax Abatement for the Robson Company, Inc. in the amount of \$250,000 for equipment and machinery**

Kevin Jackson from the City of Cullman Economic Development Office reminded the Commission the Robson Company received a \$150,000 tax abatement earlier this year for new equipment and machinery. They are now asking for an additional abatement of \$250,000 in anticipation of the signing of a new contract the first of the year which will require the purchase of additional equipment. The new contract will create two to three new jobs. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the tax abatement for the Robson Company, Inc. in the amount of \$250,000 for equipment and machinery. Chairman Walker seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider authorizing the Revenue Commissioner to sign an Agreement with the Cullman Electric Cooperative for data sharing of mapping and GIS coordinates**

Chad Floyd, County Attorney, stated the agreement between the Revenue Office and the Electric Cooperative provides an arrangement for the Revenue Office to supply the Coop with digital mapping, which is already in the public domain, and the Coop will provide addresses of all meters in their system. This will allow the Revenue Office to cross-check property records to assure all properties receiving power have been assessed as a property with improvements. Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize the Revenue Commissioner to sign an agreement with the Cullman Electric Cooperative for data sharing of mapping and GIS coordinates. Chairman Walker seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider termination of property agreement with the Sheriff's Department**

Sheriff Matt Gentry stated the termination of the property agreement is in connection with the building of a new training facility for the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Watson made a motion for the notification of termination for the property agreement with the Sheriff's Department for the property known as the "Bates' Property". Chairman Walker seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

**Authorize the Chairman to sign Highway Safety Office Grant for the Sheriff's Office for FY 2015-2016**

Sheriff Gentry explained the Highway Safety Grant is an annual grant to help pay deputy salaries and overtime for the patrol of high fatality areas in the county. The maximum reimbursable amount is \$16,000. Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Highway Safety Office Grant for the Sheriff's Office for FY 2015-2016. Chairman Walker seconded and the motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 2016-07 – Employee Cafeteria Plan**

Judy Bradford, Human Resource Specialist, stated Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code requires the County to formally adopt the "Employee Cafeteria Plan". Under the Cafeteria Plan, county employees' benefits are pre-taxed meaning they do not pay federal, state or social security tax on deductions in the Cafeteria Plan, such as health insurance and retirement deductions. This also saves the County money in matching funds. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the adoption of the resolution for the Employee Cafeteria Plan. Chairman Walker seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 2016-08 – Award Bid for Brushy Pond Senior Center Warning Siren**

Matt Kinsland from the Economic Development Office stated the installation of the warning siren is in connection with the building of the new storm shelter at Brushy Pond. The low bidder was Precision Communication, Inc. with a bid of \$25,735. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the resolution for the awarding of the bid for the warning siren at the Brushy Pond Senior Center. Chairman Walker seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider approval of ALDOT Title VI Non-Discrimination Policy for Commission on Aging in regard to bus operations**

Dusty Baker, Director Commission on Aging, stated the Title VI Non-Discrimination Policy is required by ALDOT for the operation of the buses at the Commission on Aging. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the policy for the Commission of Aging bus operation. Chairman Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

**Consider authorizing payment to the ACCA Liability Self-Insurance Fund for renewal of liability insurance for a period of January 1, 2016 to January 1, 2017 – premium \$427,848**

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, stated the premium for the liability insurance has increased about \$1,000 over last year. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the payment of \$427,848 to the ACCA Liability Self-Insurance Fund for renewal of liability insurance for a period of January 1, 2016 to January 1, 2017. Chairman Walker seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider the appointment of Samuel Tucker as Deputy Coroner**

Coroner Jeremy Kilpatrick requested the Commission appoint Samuel Tucker as Deputy Coroner to assist him. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the appointment of Samuel Tucker as Deputy Coroner. Chairman Walker seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Commissioner Watson to appoint Phillip Garrison to the Solid Waste Authority Board, replacing Mike Donaldson, for a four (4) year term expiring 11-20-2019**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to appoint Phillip Garrison to the Solid Waste Authority Board, replacing Mike Donaldson, for a four (4) year term expiring 11-20-2019. Chairman Walker seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider authorizing the signing of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Blount County for bridge replacement on Wallace Road over Warrior Creek**

John Lang, County Engineer, stated the bridge on Wallace Road is at the Cullman/Blount county line and has been closed due to the unsafe condition. The agreement states Blount County will pay for all materials and Cullman County will do the labor. Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement with Blount County for bridge replacement on Wallace Road over Warrior Creek. Chairman Walker seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Consider approval of preliminary plat for Hidden Shores Subdivision, located in District 2 on County Road 71**

Keith Creel, Engineering Assistant, the subdivision is located on an extension of County Road 71 with two cul-de-sacs and nine lots. He recommended approval of the preliminary plat. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the preliminary plat for Hidden Shores Subdivision, located in District 2 on County Road 71. Chairman Walker seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Bid No. 1178 - Herbicide Extension – Helena Chemical Co.**

John Lang, County Engineer, stated Helena Chemical Co. currently has the bid for herbicide and they have given good service. He would recommend extending the bid for one (1) year. Commissioner Watson made a motion to extend the bid with Helena Chemical Co. for herbicide for one (1) year. Chairman Walker seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**WORK SESSION**

The Commission will hold a Work Session on Tuesday, December 22, 2015, at 8:30 a.m. in the commission conference room.

**NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING DECEMBER 22, 2015**

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, December 22, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the commission meeting room.

**ADJOURN THE MEETING**

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

/s/  
Kenneth Walker,  
Chairman

/s/  
Kerry Watson,  
Associate Commissioner

(ABSENT)  
Garry Marchman,  
Associate Commissioner