

CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
January 9, 2018

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, County Administrator Gary Teichmiller and County Attorney Chad Floyd. The invocation was given by Chad Floyd. Chairman Walker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE December 28, 2017 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED

Commissioner Watson made the motion to approve the minutes from the December 28, 2017 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

There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS

Proclamation – Human Trafficking Awareness Month

The County Clerk read the proclamation aloud and it was presented to members of the Human Trafficking Task Force by the Commissioners. Judge Chaney thanked the Commission for their interest in the problem of human trafficking in Cullman County. Although the State received a “B” grade for their efforts, he feel Cullman County’s grade is an “A”. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the proclamation recognizing January as Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Cullman County. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider a request from Tom Fayette, on behalf of Evangelizers, Inc. to designate a cemetery at 1505 County Road 641, Hanceville, AL

Chad Floyd, County Attorney, stated the Commission received a request from Tom Fayette the later part of December requesting the establishment of a cemetery on County Road 641. The Health Department was done the sanitary study and approved a cemetery for the property. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the establishment of a cemetery at 1505 County Road 641 by Evangelizer, Inc. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider authorizing Joyce Echols to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on behalf of and between CARTS and the Community Action Partnership of North Alabama (CAPNA)

Attorney Floyd stated the Community Action Partnership of North Alabama (CAPNA) has proposed the development of apartment units, The Village at Bridge Creek, to provide housing for residents who are disabled. In order to obtain financing, they need to have a plan for support services in place for the residents. The MOU with CARTS would not expand any services that are not already being provided by CARTS and residents would pay the same fare as other patrons. Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorizing Joyce Echols, CARTS Director, to sign a MOU on behalf of and between CARTS and CAPNA. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider authorizing Phyllis Little, EMA Director, to sign grant from the Alabama Department of Public Health in the amount of \$24,000

Ms. Little, EMA Director, stated the grant provides \$18,000 for SMORT training and \$6,000 for equipment and maintenance. It is a 100% grant. Commissioner Marchman made a motion authorizing the signing of the grant from the Department of Public Health. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider renewal of inmate medical insurance with Optum Insurance through Southeastern Benefits – Annual premium \$73,513.44

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, stated this is the annual renewal of the inmate medical insurance which provides reimbursement for cost over \$10,000 per inmate claim. The cost per inmate is the same as last year but the overall cost has increased due to the increase in jail population. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the payment of \$73,513.44 to Southeastern Benefits for the inmate medical insurance premium. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of a Services Participation Agreement with Prime Health Services, Inc. for negotiation of inmate medical care cost

County Administrator Gary Teichmiller stated this is a new service that will work in conjunction with the inmate medical insurance. The company will negotiate the bill for inmate medical care. If the company can save money on the billing, they will retain 30% of the savings, otherwise there will be no charge. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the Services Participation Agreement with Prime Health Services, Inc. for negotiation of inmate medical care cost. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider proposed plat for Hidden Shores Subdivision, Phase 3, located in District 2 on County Road 2104

Keith Creel, Engineering Assistant, stated the plat is for six lots and qualifies as a minor subdivision. He recommended approval. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the proposed plat for Hidden Shores Subdivision, Phase 3, located in District 2 on County Road 2104. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider bond extension for Hidden Shores Subdivision, located in District 2 off County Road 71

Keith Creel, Engineering Assistant, reported the County currently has a surety bond for road construction in the Hidden Shores Subdivision. The bond matures 1-18-2018. Part of the work has been done and the builder is requesting a reduction in the amount of the bond. The County has been in contact with the bonding company and he recommended approval of an extension following an assessment of the roads and paperwork being received from the bond company. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to extend the bond contingent on receipt of all necessary documents following the inspection. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

WORK SESSION

The Commission will hold a Work Session on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. in the commission conference room.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING JANUARY 23, 2018

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, January 23, 2018 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 and the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

/s/
Kenneth Walker,
Chairman

/s/
Kerry Watson,
Associate Commissioner

/s/
Garry Marchman,
Associate Commissioner