

**CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
February 27, 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 and County Attorney Chad Floyd. The invocation was given by Chuck Chitwood. Jana Shelton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 13, 2018 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED

Commissioner Marchman made the motion to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2018 Commission Meeting; approve appropriations, expenditures, payroll, requisitions and all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Lang, County Engineer, reported a truck hit a bridge on County Road 821 this past weekend. It is going to be a total loss. They are to meet with the trucking company's insurance provider to determine the insurance settlement before plan to repair the bridge can begin.

Jerry Bartlett, Mayor of Good Hope, addressed the Commission concerning AGCOR Steel request for an Amendment 772 for the development of the business. He stated this is the first time the City of Cullman, City of Good Hope and the County Commission have worked together on a business development project like this. He appreciated the Commission and County Attorney Chad Floyd for the work that has been done to make this a possibility. He stated the Good Hope City Council passed the amendment last night and encouraged the Commission to pass their portion of the amendment. Without this cooperation, AGCOR had planned to move their operation to Gadsden.

OLD BUSINESS

Consider authorizing the renewal of the RAVE message call system with AT&T – Annual cost \$9,100 – Tabled 2-13-18

Phyllis Little, EMA Director, stated the County has subscribed to the RAVE service for two years. It has not been used as widely as hoped, but she would like to continue the service for one more year and try additional training and education to encourage participation. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the renewal of the RAVE message call system with AT&T at a cost of \$9,100. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider approval of an Amended Abatement for \$3,046,650 over ten years to Topre America

Stanley Kennedy from the City Economic Development Office explained over the ten year period there is a \$63.5 million capital investment, generating \$2.2 million in education and 44 employees creating a payroll of \$4.9 annually. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the amended abatement for \$3,046,650 over ten years to Topre America. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of an Abatement for American Classic, Inc. in the amount of \$1,891,300 for building and equipment

Stanley Kennedy, Cullman Economic Development Agency Project Manager, discussed the American Classic, Inc. abatement will generate \$64,000 in education tax over the ten years and will hire fifteen new employees with an annual payroll of \$500,000. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the abatement for American Classic, Inc. in the amount of \$1,891,300 for building and equipment. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize the Chairman to enter into an agreement with St. John & Associates to provide engineering services for the proposed bus wash project to be built for CARTS

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the county entering into an agreement with St. John & Associates to provide engineering services for the proposed bus wash project to be built at the CARTS facility. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize the Probate Judge to enter into a Preservation Services Agreement with Syscon, Inc., for the purpose of electronically preserving Deed Books in the Probate Office with an AMRV grant of \$10,000

Attorney Floyd explained the Probate Office will be able to electronically scan 50 of the older deed books, which are deteriorating, with a grant they have received from AMRV. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to authorize the Probate Judge to enter into a Preservation Services Agreement with Syscon, Inc. Commissioner Watson seconded and upon a unanimous voice vote the motion carried.

Set a Public Hearing on a request from Attorney Champ Crocker to close a portion of County Road 1614

Attorney Floyd stated the Commission has received a request from Attorney Champ Crocker to consider vacating a portion of County Road 1614. Mr. Floyd requested a public hearing date of April 24, 2018 to give time for public notification of the meeting and utility companies to be notified. Commissioner Watson made a motion to set the public hearing date of April 24th for consideration of vacating a portion of County Road 1614. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2018-15 - Request from AGCOR Steel for Business Development Agreement / Set Amendment 772 Hearing and approve signing of resolution

Attorney Floyd stated the Amendment 722 is the project referenced by Mayor Bartlett in Public Comments portion of the minutes. The Commission will need to have a public hearing on the matter and he requested a hearing date of March 13th be set. Commissioner Marchman made a motion for passage of the resolution to hold a public hearing for the AGCOR Amendment 772 on March 13th. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize revision to park rules and regulations at Stony Lonesome OHV Park

Doug Davenport, Park Director, stated in light of the fatal accident that occurred this past weekend, meetings with park personnel, the county attorney and the commissioner in this morning's work session, several changes will take place immediately when the park reopens on Thursday. No cooler will be allowed on the trails and visitors will be required to wear seatbelts and safety harnesses. Also the speed limit in the parking lot will be lowered from 10 MPH to 5 MPH.

Mr. Davenport expressed condolences to member of the Hannah Bates family who were in attendance at the meeting. She was the young woman who was killed in an accident at the OHV Park on Saturday. He stated, "Our employees see these patrons every week or a couple of times a month. They're like family to each other as well."

Authorize James Rollo, Sanitation Manager, to sign a cleaning contract with Cleaning & More for deep cleaning of the sanitation office

Mr. Rollo, Sanitation Director, was unable to attend the meeting and Chad Floyd, County Attorney, stated the contract calls for a one-time deep cleaning of the Sanitation Office at a cost of \$400 then weekly service for \$90. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the signing of a cleaning contract with Cleaning & More for service at the Sanitation Department. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of installation of 3.5 ton gas pack for the security area by Alabama Electrical Contractors – Cost \$7,500

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the purchase of the gas pack unit for the air conditioning for the security area from Alabama Electrical Contractors at a cost of \$7,500. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Walker to appoint Barry Slatton to the E-911 Board of Commissioners, to fill the unexpired term of Wells Turner, term expiring 9-1-19

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the appointment of Barry Slatton to the E-911 Board of Commissioners, to fill the unexpired term of Wells Turner, term expiring 9-1-2019. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider proposed plat for Pinnacle Landing Subdivision, Phase 2, located in District 1 off County Road 1285

John Lang, County Engineer, stated the preliminary plat meets county specifications and he recommended approval. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the proposed plat for Pinnacle Landing Subdivision, Phase 2, located in District 1 off County Road 1285. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider proposed plat for Timber Ridge Subdivision, located in District 2 off County Road 41

Mr. Lang stated the plat meets county standards and recommended approval. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the proposed plat for Timber Ridge Subdivision, located in District 2 off County Road 41. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider proposed plat for Arrowhead Lake Subdivision, located in District 2 on County Road 1274

Mr. Lang stated the plat is off an existing county road. The roads in the subdivision will be privately maintained by HOA fees. He recommended approval. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the proposed plat for Arrowhead Lake Subdivision, located in District 2 on County Road 1274. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider surplusing the following equipment from the Road Department to be sold on GovDeals:

2000 GMC Pickup	VIN# 1GTEC14V4YZ299895
1996 Chevy Blazer	VIN# 1GNLT13W4T2301367
1999 Ford F-150	VIN# 1FTRF17W9XNA54058
1995 Ford F-150	VIN# 1FTDF15YXSNA19880
1991 Ford L900 Low-boy truck	VIN# 1FTYY95W9MVA02089
1991 Fontaine Low-boy trailer	VIN# 13N841231N1553676

John Lang, County Engineer, stated the equipment is old, with maintenance issues and beyond repair. They want to surplus and try to sell in on GovDeals. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to surplus the listed equipment from the Road Department and list it for sale. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1232 – Extension – Fireworks 4th of July Smith Lake Park – Pyro Shows of Alabama

Doug Davenport, Park Director, stated Pyro Shows of Alabama has done the 4th of July show for the past two years and the County has been pleased. This will be the final extension and next year a new bid will be required. Commissioner Watson made a motion to extend the fireworks bid with Pyro Shows of Alabama for one (1) year. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bid No. 1278 – Resurfacing of County Roads with Bituminous Plant Mix

John Lang, County Engineer, stated three complete bids were received. Wiregrass Construction was the low bidder for placement of bituminous mix. Mr. Lang report this will be used for this year's public project, the resurfacing of Smith Lake Park Road. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to award the bid for placement of bituminous plant mix to Wiregrass Construction. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Walker expressed condolences to the family of Hannah Bates, the 21 year old who was killed this past weekend in a RZR (all-terrain vehicle) at the OHV Park. Her father, Lionel Bates, addressed the Commission stating "There are lots of safety issues down there. And alcohol is the worst of them. Alcohol apparently is approved there. The staff drinks with them. The man who ran off the cliff couldn't even stand up. Don't let it happen again to nobody else."

(The Commission is continuing to look at changes that may be made at the park pending the final investigation from the Sheriff's Office)

WORK SESSION

The Commission will hold a Work Session on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. in the commission conference room.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MARCH 13, 2018

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, March 13, 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 10:25 a.m.

/s/ _____
Kenneth Walker,
Chairman

/s/ _____
Kerry Watson,
Associate Commissioner

/s/ _____
Garry Marchman,
Associate Commissioner