

CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
August 14, 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 J.L. Parker. Ben Harrison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JULY 24, 2018 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED

Commissioner Marchman made the motion to approve the minutes from the July 24, 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

Brenda Carter, a member of the Hanceville Civitans, requested consideration for a sponsorship for the Mud Creed Arts and Crafts Festival. All money raised goes to the Hanceville School System arts program.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2018-29 – Guidelines for Employee Reimbursement of Travel

Chad Floyd, County Attorney, stated the guidelines spell out what has been the unwritten policy of the County, addressing hotels and mileage reimbursement. The per diem policy established several years ago is unchanged. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the resolution for Guidelines for Employee Reimbursement of Travel. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2018-30 – Method for Collecting Delinquent Property Taxes in Cullman County

Barry Willingham, Revenue Commissioner, explained the current process for sale of property with delinquent taxes is done in an auction where purchasers bid on the property they wish to purchase. If the property is redeemed by the original owner, the purchaser is paid 12% interest on the money with the repayment of the investment. The new system, which is used in a number of states, requires the purchaser to bid on the interest rate they are willing to accept. The bidder with the lowest interest rate is allowed to purchase the property for the amount of the delinquent taxes. Mr. Willingham stated he realized this will not be as acceptable to the purchasers since they will earn a lower interest, but it will save the original property owner money. Under the current system, some property owners have paid several thousand dollars in interest to redeem the property. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the resolution changing the method for the collection of delinquent property taxes in Cullman County. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize the signing of the Administration Agreement with Blue Cross for FY-2019

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, explained the agreement is the annual renewal for Blue Cross to administer the county's health care payments at a flat rate. Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize the signing of the Administration Agreement with Blue Cross for FY-2019. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval to Health Care Stop Loss for FY-2019 with HCC – Renewal premium \$380,713

County Administrator Gary Teichmiller explained since the County is self-insured, the reinsurance is necessary to protect the County from catastrophic losses. If an individual has claims in excess of \$100,000 for the year, the insurance will reimburse the County. The premium is up about \$60,000 due the county's claims history this past year. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the renewal of the stop loss insurance with HCC for FY-2019. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of payment to Election Systems & Software for renewal of license fee and maintenance agreement for AutoMARK voting equipment – Cost \$11,368

Benson Clark from the Probate Office explained annual cost is \$11,368 for the maintenance of the AutoMARK voting machines. This cost was passed from the State to the County two year ago. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the payment to ES&S for the maintenance. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of purchase of computer equipment from White River for the Reappraisal Department – Total \$10,216.85

Revenue Commissioner Barry Willingham reported the laptop computers in the Reappraisal Department are eight years old and need to be replaced. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the purchase of the computer equipment from White River at a cost of \$10,216.85. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider appropriation for \$1,000 for the Farm Y'all Festival

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve an appropriation of \$1,000 for the Farm Y'all Festival Committee. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider approval of surplus of 1998 Dodge Ram 2500, VIN# 3B4KF26ZWM269902, from the Road Department to be donated to the Airport

John Lang, County Engineer, stated the vehicle has a number of problems and the Garage estimates the value might be \$350. The Airport will be able to use it as an off-road vehicle for routine maintenance. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the surplus of the 1998 Dodge Ram 2500, VIN# 3B4KF26ZWM269902, from the Road Department to be donated to the Airport. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the purchase of a CAT PM310 Milling Machine for \$388,784 from the NJPA bid list

John Lang, County Engineer stated the milling machine is a piece of smaller equipment (40") which will allow the department to do a much better job with road resurfacing and patching. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the purchase of the milling machine off the NJPA bid list at a cost of \$388,784. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion was approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider awarding bid for Water Meter Replacement – Baird Contracting Company – Bid \$655,587

Randall Waldrep, Water Department Manager, stated the water meters being replaced are fifteen-year-old refurbished meters. They are failing and as many as fifty a month are having to be replaced. The department is also losing revenue because the meters are not accurate. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to award the bid to Baird Contracting Company for the meter replacement at a cost of \$655,587. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

WORK SESSION

The Commission will hold a Work Session on Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. in the commission conference room.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING AUGUST 28, 2018

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, August 28, 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 10:14 a.m.

/s/ _____
Kenneth Walker,
Chairman

/s/ _____
Kerry Watson,
Associate Commissioner

/s/ _____
Garry Marchman,
Associate Commissioner