

## **CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION AGENDA**

**June 23, 2022**

### **CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME GUESTS**

Chairman Clemons called the Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

### **CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM**

Tiffany Merriman, County Clerk, called the roll; present were Chairman Jeff Clemons, Commissioner Kerry Watson, Commissioner Garry Marchman, County Administrator John Bullard, County Attorney, Emily Johnston, and County Engineer Bryan Cheatwood. Sam Hollis gave the invocation. Cullman County Coroner Jeremy Kilpatrick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 17, 2022, MEETING AND MAY 26, 2022, SPECIAL CALLED MEETING, APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, PERSONNEL ACTIONS, PAYROLL, AND REQUISITIONS, AND APPROVE ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED**

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the minutes of May 17, 2022, Meeting, and May 26, 2022, Special Called Meeting, appropriations, expenditures, personnel actions, payroll, and requisitions, and approve all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS/UPDATES**

Judy Snead with Snead's Farmhouse shared some issues she is having with the rehabilitation of ducks from Sportsman Lake. She is offering her time and services for the Sportsman Lake injured ducks. She wants to start a fundraiser to help raise \$4,000; she has already raised \$1,300. She would like to set up a booth at Sportsman Lake to raise funds and advertise on social media through the Sportsman Lake Facebook page. She said she could set up an account in Sportsman Lake's name, or she could use her farm, which is a non-profit 501C3. I think our partnership would be beneficial. Let me help with the injured ducks at Sportsman Lake.

Sharon Ferguson, I just want to show my appreciation to the Commission and everyone here. We appreciate the thoughts and plans to work together to help with the transportation problem in Cullman County.

Chairman Clemons, recognized two of our new commissioners, Corey Freeman, will be working/serving in District 4, and Kelly Duke will be serving in District 3. They take office on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for coming.

Chairman Clemons, had one more public update. Our July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration will be on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. The celebration will start at 9:00 p.m. I want to thank the Commission for allowing this event to be free to everyone across Cullman County in honor of celebrating the 50th anniversary of the park being open. Please come out and help us celebrate if you do not have any plans.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Recognition: Phillip Batemon is retiring after 18 years of service with the Road Department**

Chairman Clemons recognized Phillip Batemon for 18 years of service with the Road Department. Commissioner Watson made a motion to Recognition: Phillip Batemon retiring after 18 years of service with the Road Department. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 2022-51: Authorize the Chairman to accept the offer of financial assistance in the amount of \$365,142.12 through the Recreational Trails Program project 21-RT-55-01 for bridge replacement and trail rehabilitation at Stony Lonesome OHV Park and authorize the Chairman to start the bidding process**

Economic Development Director Bradley Williams addressed the Commission. He stated this is the RTP Grant we got at Stony Lonesome OHV Park. This is just to authorize us to start the bidding process on those two bridges. One of the bridges has already been destroyed.

County Engineer Bryan Cheatwood stated the most significant thing is the delivery of the bridge structures, especially with all the delays with the supply chain. If we get out ahead, then we can be ready to construct in the fall after paving season.

Commissioner Watson asked if these were going to be prefabricated?

County Engineer Bryan Cheatwood stated Yes, sir, they will be built-in modules, and all we have to do is pour the footings and walls and then set them on top.

Chairman Clemons asked if this was a full grant?

Economic Development Director Bradley Williams stated yes, we had to separate both of them. This is the one for bridge replacement and trail rehabilitation.

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-51: Authorize the Chairman to accept the offer of financial assistance in the amount of \$365,142.12 through the Recreational Trails Program project 21-RT-55-01 for bridge replacement and trail rehabilitation at Stony Lonesome OHV Park and authorize the Chairman to start the bidding process. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 2022-52: Award bid to Ameriseal of Ohio, Inc. for Taxiway Pavement Maintenance at the Cullman Regional Airport in the amount of \$142,504.50**

County Administrator John Bullard addressed the Commission and stated this is a bid that Goodwyn Mills Cawood led; they have reviewed the bids, and the low bidder was Ameriseal. They are recommending the City and County both approve due to joint ownership. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-52: Award bid to Ameriseal of Ohio, Inc. for Taxiway Pavement Maintenance at the Cullman Regional Airport in the amount of \$142,504.50. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 2022-53: Library Personnel inclusion in County Payroll System**

County Administrator John Bullard, several years ago, the County tried to separate from different boards. That move was made to not bring on any more library personnel. The way the library board was set up under the state law, we cannot create a separate entity, so the library personnel cannot participate in RSA. This resolution would bring the existing library staff that is not currently under our personnel system and allow them to participate in RSA. We already budget about \$330,000. They have to pay for separate services outside to do payroll, employment tax, etc., so there will be savings from not having to do that. We will no longer have to send them the funds; we will keep them in-house. There should be a reasonable offset for those services. The excess cost will be retirement and when we bring them onto the insurance.

Commissioner Watson asked if we were sure there were only two employees?

County Administrator John Bullard, yes, several are part-time, but they fall below 19 hours.

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-53: Library Personnel inclusion in County Payroll System. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

### **Public Hearing-CARTS Operations for FY 2023**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Carts Director Joyce Echols, we are doing our annual application for Administration, Operations, and Capital through section 5311 for Federal assistance through the FTA for FY 2023. This will be the first year we will not have CARES ACT money to figure in our budget, which hurts. We knew it would go away. Pre-COVID, we were providing 80,000 trips a year, right now we are providing 30,000 trips a year and growing every day as we add stuff back. Hopefully, we will get back to 80,000 and keep going up. I would like to open the floor for discussions and/or questions from Commission and the public. If there are no questions, thank you.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

### **Resolution 2022-54: Authorize Local Matching Funds for CARTS FY 2023 and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork**

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-54: Authorize Local Matching Funds for CARTS FY 2023 and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

### **Resolution 2022-55: Authorize the filing of 5311 grant application for CARTS and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-55: Authorize the filing of 5311 grant application for CARTS and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

### **Resolution 2022-56: Change speed limit to 15 mph on County Road 713**

Commissioner Watson and Commissioner Marchman asked if this was a dirt road?

County Engineer Bryan Cheatwood, yes, it is. It is also a very short dead-end road that is narrow.

Commissioner Watson asked if a school bus or anything goes down this road?

County Engineer Bryan Cheatwood stated that he is unaware of any buses but maybe garbage trucks.

Commissioner Watson added that state law is if school buses are out, then you have to drive 5 mph slower than the speed limit.

County Engineer Bryan Cheatwood stated it is very short and can't get up to speed in the distance.

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-56: Change speed limit to 15 mph on County Road 713. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

### **Resolution 2022-57: Post "No thru Trucks" on County Road 623**

County Engineer Bryan Cheatwood we recently resurfaced this roadway and as you know County Roads 715 and 702 are on the County Transportation plan to approve those roads. There is significant construction and new subdivision development in that area. To prevent that traffic from using this road as the cut-through, it is not a significant improvement for them to use this route but to decrease damage or early deterioration to this roadway. I would recommend approval of this resolution to limit it to passenger and local deliveries.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-57: Post "No thru Trucks" on County Road 623. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

### **Authorize Chairman Clemons to sign the Alabama Department of Youth Services Agency Grant Agreement for FY 2022-2023 in the amount of \$153,888 as the fiscal agent for Lauderdale County**

Kay Bell with Juvenile Probation addressed the Commission and stated I appreciate your support. We have already received four grants and we are the fiscal agent for Lauderdale, Cullman, Blount, and Jackson counties. They are just changing a provider on this and everything else will remain the same.

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to Authorize Chairman Clemons to sign the Alabama Department of Youth Services Agency Grant Agreement for FY 2022-2023 in the amount of \$153,888 as the fiscal agent for Lauderdale County. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize EMA Director Tim Sartin to apply for grant in the amount of \$25,000 with the Alabama Department of Public Health to purchase supplies/or equipment for the State Mortuary Operations Response Team and sign all related paperwork**

County Administrator John Bullard addressed the Commission on behalf of EMA Director Tim Sartin, this is the State Mortuary Response Team Grant. We are a central hub for this in North Alabama; this is something we have done every year. Commissioner Watson made a motion to Authorize EMA Director Tim Sartin to apply for grant in the amount of \$25,000 with the Alabama Department of Public Health to purchase supplies/or equipment for the State Mortuary Operations Response Team and sign all related paperwork. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize the purchase of a Blue Remote Operated Vehicle (ROV) through CCCDC grant in the amount of \$11,146 and authorize the coroner to sign all related paperwork**

Coroner Jeremy Kilpatrick stated this is a Blue Robotics BlueRov2 with a heavy configuration. It is a battery-operated ROV. It is rated for 100 meters depth (330'), 150 meters of tether (492'), 360-degree scanning sonar, and a single-function gripper arm. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to Authorize the purchase of a Blue Remote Operated Vehicle (ROV) through CCCDC grant in the amount of \$11,146 and authorize the coroner to sign all related paperwork. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider approval of advertising space on Smith Lake Park signs and authorize Chairman to sign all related documents**

County Attorney Emily Johnston addressed the Commission. This is an opportunity for anyone who wants to advertise on our Smith Lake Park signs. It is a general contract to sign if anyone is interested, they can enter into it for a fee. Commissioner Watson made a motion to Consider approval of advertising space on Smith Lake Park signs and authorize Chairman to sign all related documents. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider appointing Kerry Watson to the ACCA Legislative Committee**

County Administrator John Bullard stated this is the annual legislative committee appointment. Commissioner Watson volunteered to do this. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to Consider appointing Kerry Watson to the ACCA Legislative Committee. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider approval of the Samba Safety contract to provide CDL training to Cullman County Employees and authorize Chairman Clemons to sign all related documents**

County Attorney Emily Johnston addressed the Commission, and Jon Brunner from the Road Department set this up. It is going to be online, and it will allow more employees to have their CDL licenses.

County Engineer Bryan Cheatwood, this is going to be required.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to Consider approval of the Samba Safety contract to provide CDL training to Cullman County Employees and authorize Chairman Clemons to sign all related documents. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider the purchase of a 2023 Freightliner M2-106 grapple truck for the Road Department in the amount of \$231,367.41 and authorize the Chairman to sign all related paperwork**

Facilities and Equipment Manager Shane Bailey addressed the Commission and stated this is something we have been working on for a few months. We finally got one that would fit our budget and fit our needs for our new roadside crew for the removal of trees. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to consider the purchase of a 2023 Freightliner M2-106 grapple truck for the Road Department in the amount of \$231,367.41 and authorize the Chairman to sign all related paperwork. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider authorization for Cullman Caring for Kids to use the Board of Education parking lot to host a Car Show on November 12, 2022, from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to Consider authorization for Cullman Caring for Kids to use the Board of Education parking lot to host a Car Show on November 12, 2022, from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Ratify payment of landfill charges from the May 2022 Clean-Up program-\$22,075.43**

County Administrator John Bullard stated this is related to the free day at the dump. It was approved in the past and the payment to the landfill for those is over \$10,000 so we needed to get it approved. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to Ratify payment of landfill charges from the May 2022 Clean-Up program-\$22,075.43. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Ratify signature on agreement to sell previously approved 2019 CAT PM310 Milling Machine for the Water Department**

County Administrator John Bullard addressed the Commission and stated the Commission already approved selling and surplus this. Shane was able to sell, and we received more than we actually guaranteed. I don't remember the exact amount.

Facilities and Equipment Manager Shane Bailey stated \$230,000.

County Administrator John Bullard, we need the approval to sign the agreement.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to Ratify signature on agreement to sell previously approved 2019 CAT PM310 Milling Machine for the Water Department. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Ratify insolvents, errors, and taxes in litigation for 2021 and uncollected insolvents and taxes in litigation for previous years for the Cullman County Revenue Office and authorize Chairman to sign**

County Administrator John Bullard stated this is an annual event where there are insolvents and errors, things that people may not obtain on their property taxes, and small amounts. There is a report to file, and it just has to be approved every year. Commission Marchman made a motion to Ratify insolvents, errors, and taxes in litigation for 2021 and uncollected insolvents and taxes in litigation for previous years for the Cullman County Revenue Office and authorize Chairman to sign. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Bid #1395: Award bid option # 2 to Willoughby Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc. to complete Re-Roofing Project for 402 Arnold St Property in the amount of \$131,400**

Facilities and Equipment Manager Shane Bailey stated this is also known as the Board of Education building. We received six bids, and Willoughby won. This will be a new PVS roof. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Bid #1395: Award bid option # 2 to Willoughby Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc. to complete Re-Roofing Project for 402 Arnold St Property in the amount of \$131,400. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Bid #1397: Award bid to Mitch Smith Chevrolet for a 2020 full-size SUV for Probate in the amount of \$37,900**  
County Administrator John Bullard addressed the Commission and stated this is being 100% paid from the Probate Judges discretionary fund, no general fund money. It had to be bid, and this is just to award the bid. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve Bid #1397: Award bid to Mitch Smith Chevrolet for a 2020 full-size SUV for Probate in the amount of \$37,900. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Bid # 1398: Award Bid to CTS Software for Dispatch Software and first-year annual maintenance and support for Carts in the amount of \$56,555**

CARTS Director Joyce Echols stated this software would be great. It will enable us to run more smoothly and efficiently, and also, we will be able to keep up with everyone better. It will help us in a lot of different ways.

Commissioner Marchman asked if this was an annual contract for maintenance or if it's just a purchase.

CARTS Director Joyce Echols stated we can cut this at any time.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Bid # 1398: Award Bid to CTS Software for Dispatch Software and first-year annual maintenance and support for Carts in the amount of \$56,555. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Bid #1399: Award bid to Terry Sligh Chevrolet for one or more 4X4 crew Cab truck(s) for the Water Department in the amount of \$56,568.50**

Facilities and Equipment Manager Shane Bailey addressed the Commission and stated this says one or more. They only have one available at this time, but they have the possibility of getting two more, so this will give us the opportunity to purchase them instead of having to wait.

Commissioner Marchman asked if these were half-ton trucks?

Facilities and Equipment Manager Shane Bailey said that these are 450s.

County Administrator John Bullard stated also that these are trucks that we already approved to buy from one of the co-ops, but we couldn't get them. We will cancel the other order if we can get these.

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve Bid #1399: Award bid to Terry Sligh Chevrolet for one or more 4X4 crew Cab truck(s) for the Water Department in the amount of \$56,568.50. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**WORK SESSION**

Chairman Clemons announced the next Commission Work Session will be Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room

**NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING IS TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2022**

Chairman Clemons announced the next Commission Meeting will be Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room

**ADJOURN THE MEETING**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to Adjourn. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Attest:



Tiffany Merriman,  
County Clerk



Jeff Clemons,  
Chairman



Kerry Watson,  
Associate Commissioner



Garry Marchman,  
Associate Commissioner