

**CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**July 19, 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 Attorney Emily Johnston, County Administrator John Bullard, and County Engineer Bryan Cheatwood. Joe McNulty gave the invocation. Corey Freeman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 23, 2022, MEETING, APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, PERSONNEL ACTIONS, PAYROLL, AND REQUISITIONS, AND APPROVE ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2022, meeting, appropriations, expenditures, personnel actions, payroll, and requisitions, and approve all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/UPDATES**

**The following people addressed their concerns about CARTS:**

Linda Theiss hostile work environment  
Wade Hancock workplace violence  
Andrea Lemley safety and conditions  
Russell Speegle unfair transportation practices  
Donna Cone workplace harassment  
Carolyn Shannon wrongful dismissal due to hostile working conditions  
Teresa Givens concerns  
Donna Marcella concerns

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Recognition: Breanna Arnold and Connor Clark named B.A.S.S. Nation High School Anglers of the Year**

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to Recognition: Breanna Arnold and Connor Clark named B.A.S.S. Nation High School Anglers of the Year. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.

**Recognition: Nona Moon for 31 years of Volunteering at Sportsman Lake Wildflower Garden**

Parks Director Doug Davenport stated we are sad to lose Mrs. Moon after 31 years. She deserves it. We have a sign that we are going to hang up.

Mrs. Moon stated I would like to thank this group of people; I couldn't have done it without them.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to Recognition: Nona Moon for 31 years of Volunteering at Sportsman Lake Wildflower Garden. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 2022-58: Authorize Cullman County to join the State of Alabama and other local governments as participants in current and future opioid settlements and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork**

County Attorney Emily Johnston addressed the Commission and stated Gaynor St. John represents the County and the City. She cannot be with us tonight; she has a different meeting she has to attend. This resolution is giving authorization for the Chairman to sign the settlement paperwork. They have made two other settlements with two other companies. I am sure there will be more to come. As of right now, Gaynor does not have the exact figures, but we need to get this paperwork in before August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-58: Authorize Cullman County to join the State of Alabama and other local governments as participants in current and future opioid settlements and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.



**Resolution 2022-59: Tax Abatement for Project Build in the amount of \$500,309**

Cullman Economic Development Agency Project Manager Stanley Kennedy addressed the Commission and stated this is a project we are competing for with two out-of-state sites. It will be just under \$10 million of capital investment, \$9.9 million roughly. The tax abatement would be a half million dollars over ten years. That same project is going to create \$340,000 for our schools in the same period and create 50 jobs with wages of \$20 an hour and higher.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-59: Tax Abatement for Project Build in the amount of \$500,309. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 2022-60: Request approval for the airport to apply for FAA grant funding to design and perform environmental investigation of airport property for development**

Airport Manager Ben Harrison stated the FAA has authorized the AIG portion of BIL, which is the bipartisan infrastructure law within the bipartisan infrastructure law that came out this year. There is what is called the AIG portion, which is the airport infrastructure grant. Our airport fell in the category of \$295,000 per year for that grant. Currently, this year that is a ninety to ten grant. The state was not prepared for that so the state will not participate this year, they are looking to participate next year. We anticipate the first portion we have identified 20 acres that we are trying to develop over a five-year period. So, we can get two ninety-five for five years. We anticipate this grant will be less than \$200,000 for design and environmental this year. That would be 10,000 for the City and 10,000 for the County. I am asking for the ability to fill out the application and let the FAA come back and see what all we are available with this grant. Next year and going forward this will be a building block for the rest of the four years remaining on the grant.

Commissioner Garry Marchman asked if this was just for the environmental study?

Ben Harrison replied this is the design and environmental. We will take the design and the environmental as far as we can until we exhaust the money, and then next year, we will build on that. It is a five-year process.

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-60: Request approval for airport to apply for FAA grant funding to design and perform environmental investigation of airport property for development. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 2022-61: Authorizing the operation of Medical Cannabis Dispensing Sites within unincorporated areas of the county and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve item F. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize Revenue Commissioner Barry Willingham to sign TransUnion Agreement for the Cullman County Revenue Office**

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to Authorize Revenue Commissioner Barry Willingham to sign TransUnion Agreement for the Cullman County Revenue Office. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize Chairman and Engineer to sign an Adopt-A-Mile application submitted by Zelda Phillips to adopt County Road 57**

County Engineer Bryan Cheatwood address the Commission and stated this is to authorize the posting of the signs for County Road 57 also going forward I would like to have this where we can just do a permit from the county road department office with the engineer approval because sometimes we get seven or eight of these at a time.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to Authorize Chairman and Engineer to sign an Adopt-A-Mile application submitted by Zelda Phillips to adopt County Road 57, with the amendment this will be approved by the Engineer moving forward. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.



**Consider extending the lease agreement for two months with Warrior Tractor for a 2019 John Deere 624XLT Wheel Loader for the Road Department until October 24, 2022, in the amount of \$2,569.55**

County Administrator John Bullard addressed the Commission and stated Shane Bailey has worked on this to get it in place. We are currently leasing this piece of equipment. We can buy it at a substantial discount, but we need to wait until the next budget. So, leasing and extending the lease for two additional months will bridge that gap so we can purchase this equipment.

Commissioner Marchman asked if that \$2,569.55 per month or is that the total for two?

County Administrator John Bullard replied that would be per month.

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to Consider extending the lease agreement for two months with Warrior Tractor for a 2019 John Deere 624XLT Wheel Loader for the Road Department until October 24, 2022, in the amount of \$2,569.55.

Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.

**Consider approval of the previous access plan for County Roads associated with the Rock the South Event pending agreement with the County to cover any potential damage to the roads and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to Consider approval of the previous access plan for County Roads associated with the Rock the South Event pending agreement with the County to cover any potential damage to the roads and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork.

Commissioner Marchman I am still unclear, so we are approving last year's access plan.

County Attorney Emily Johnston yes, sir.

Commissioner Marchman with the exception of the way we hold the bond?

County Attorney Emily Johnston yes, that is a good way to describe it.

Commissioner Marchman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider the surplus of two vehicles from the Sheriff's Office to be auctioned on GovDeals**

- **2018 GMC Sierra SLT 1500 Pickup (Vin # 3GTU2NEC5JG498270)**
- **2018 GMC Sierra Pickup (Vin# 3GTU2NEC1JG286594)**

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to Consider the surplus of two vehicles from the Sheriff's Office to be auctioned on GovDeals. 2018 GMC Sierra SLT 1500 Pickup (Vin # 3GTU2NEC5JG498270) and 2018 GMC Sierra Pickup (Vin# 3GTU2NEC1JG286594). Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon unanimous voice vote

**Consider the surplus of the below items from the OHV Park to be auctioned on GovDeals**

- **1987 AM General Hummer (Serial # 027690)**
- **1991 AM General Camouflage Hummer (Serial # 116760)**
- **1986 AM General Model # M1038 Camouflage Hummer (Serial # 006965)**
- **2013 Yamaha Raptor 4-Wheeler 2WD (Vin # JY4AH32Y8DC010635)**
- **2011 Yamaha Raptor 350 2WD (Vin # JY4AH32Y0BC009248)**
- **2011 Yamaha Raptor 350 2WD (Vin # JY4AH32Y2BC008263)**
- **2010 Yamaha Raptor 350 2WD (Vin # JY4AH32Y3AC008092)**
- **2012 Yamaha Raptor 350 2WD (Vin # JY4AH32Y2BC009249)**
- **2012 Yamaha Raptor 350 2WD (Vin # JY4AH32Y8DC010666)**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to Consider the surplus of the below items from the OHV Park to be auctioned on GovDeals. 1987 AM General Hummer (Serial # 027690), 1991 AM General Camouflage Hummer (Serial # 116760), 1986 AM General Model # M1038 Camouflage Hummer (Serial # 006965), 2013 Yamaha Raptor 4-Wheeler 2WD (Vin # JY4AH32Y8DC010635), 2011 Yamaha Raptor 350 2WD (Vin # JY4AH32Y0BC009248), 2011 Yamaha Raptor 350 2WD (Vin # JY4AH32Y2BC008263), 2010 Yamaha Raptor 350 2WD (Vin # JY4AH32Y3AC008092), 2012 Yamaha Raptor 350 2WD (Vin # JY4AH32Y2BC009249), and 2012 Yamaha Raptor 350 2WD (Vin # JY4AH32Y8DC010666). Commissioner Marchman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.



**Consider the surplus of a 2013 Polaris Ranger 4X4 (Vin # 4XAWH50A0A0DE222787) from Sportsman Lake Park to be auctioned on GovDeals**

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to Consider the surplus of a 2013 Polaris Ranger 4X4 (Vin # 4XAWH50A0A0DE222787) from Sportsman Lake Park to be auctioned on GovDeals. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.

**Consider the surplus of the below items from CARTS to be auctioned on GovDeals**

- **Lathe with bench (asset # 1352)**
- **Diagnostic Equipment (asset # 1466)**
- **Drum Lathe (asset # 1718)**
- **Solar 8140 A/C Service (asset # 1719)**
- **Tire Balancer ARRA (asset #2690)**
- **Tire Changer ARRA (asset #2691)**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to Consider the surplus of the below items from CARTS to be auctioned on GovDeals; Lathe with bench (asset # 1352), Diagnostic Equipment (asset # 1466), Drum Lathe (asset # 1718), Solar 8140 A/C Service (asset # 1719), Tire Balancer ARRA (asset #2690), and Tire Changer ARRA (asset #2691). Commissioner Marchman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider the purchase of a 2022 Ford Explorer from Stivers Ford for the Safety Department on State Contract T191 in the amount of \$30,366 and authorize Chairman to sign**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to consider the purchase of a 2022 Ford Explorer from Stivers Ford for the Safety Department on State Contract T191 in the amount of \$30,366 and authorize Chairman to sign. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.

**Consider the purchase of a 2020 Peterbilt 367 from Ingram Equipment Company on Sourcewell Contract for the Sanitation Department in the amount of \$178,700 and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork**

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to consider the purchase of a 2020 Peterbilt 367 from Ingram Equipment Company on Sourcewell Contract for the Sanitation Department in the amount of \$178,700 and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork. Commissioner Watson seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider the purchase of seven 30-yard containers on Sourcewell Contract for the Sanitation Department in the amount of \$46,403 and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork**

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to Consider the purchase of seven 30-yard containers on Sourcewell Contract for the Sanitation Department in the amount of \$46,403 and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.

**Consider the purchase of eight 40-yard containers on Sourcewell Contract for the Sanitation Department in the amount of \$60,080 and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to Consider the purchase of eight 40-yard containers on Sourcewell Contract for the Sanitation Department in the amount of \$60,080 and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider the purchase of a 2015 Xpeditor front end loader engine from Nextran Truck Center for the Sanitation Department in the amount of \$18,999.23 and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork**

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to Consider the purchase of a 2015 Xpeditor front end loader engine from Nextran Truck Center for the Sanitation Department in the amount of \$18,999.23 and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.



**Approve repair work at Animal Shelter to be completed by Craft and Associates in the amount of \$13,969 to be reimbursed by the City of Cullman from insurance proceeds**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to Approve repair work at Animal Shelter to be completed by Craft and Associates in the amount of \$13,969 to be reimbursed by the City of Cullman from insurance proceeds. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Correction to Item L from June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, Meeting to read approval for grant in the amount of \$25,000 with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency for the 22 FIL Grant instead of Alabama Department of Public Health**

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to Correction to Item L from June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, Meeting to read approval for grant in the amount of \$25,000 with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency for the 22 FIL Grant instead of Alabama Department of Public Health. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.

**Proposed plat Pan Creek Estates. A minor subdivision containing 14 Lots located off County Road 1725**

County Engineer Bryan Cheatwood addressed the Commission and stated per review by our staff this plat does meet the current subdivision regulations. I do recommend approval of this plat.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the Proposed plat Pan Creek Estates. A minor subdivision containing 14 Lots located off County Road 1725. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Bid #1400 for Jail Supplies-Reject all bids**

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to Bid #1400 for Jail Supplies-Reject all bids. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.

**Award Bid #1401 for Metal Pipe to Twin Oaks Environmental, ADCO Pipe & Supply, LLC, and Fallin Farms DBA Harvey Culvert (purchase will be based on vicinity and availability of materials)**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to Award Bid #1401 for Metal Pipe to Twin Oaks Environmental, ADCO Pipe & Supply, LLC, and Fallin Farms DBA Harvey Culvert (purchase will be based on vicinity and availability of materials). Commissioner Marchman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Award Bid #1402 for Aggregate to Wiregrass Construction Company, Inc, Vulcan Materials Company, Whitaker Contracting, and C.A. Langford Company, Inc. (purchase will be based on vicinity and availability of materials)**

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to Award Bid #1402 for Aggregate to Wiregrass Construction Company, Inc, Vulcan Materials Company, Whitaker Contracting, and C.A. Langford Company, Inc. (purchase will be based on vicinity and availability of materials). Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.

**Award Bid #1403 for Modular Steel Bridge for OHV to Banner Industrial Construction, Inc**

Economic Development Director Bradley Williams addressed the Commission and stated this was a bid that we did for the RTP Grant. Banner met all the requirements.

Commissioner Marchman asked if they had a price just on the bridge?

County Engineer Bryan Cheatwood yes, they had prices on 2 bridges, 14 foot wide and 24 foot wide. I don't remember the exact numbers. There were also some options to set the bridges, these will come in modules. We are using most of our crew to build the superstructure or the metal part, and they settle in very quickly.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to Award Bid #1403 for Modular Steel Bridge for OHV to Banner Industrial Construction, Inc. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Award Bid #1404 for Gas & Diesel to B&B Petroleum Products, LLC**

County Administrator John Bullard stated this bid was for the mixed ethanol, 85/15 fuel instead of 100% gas. We felt like we could save some money. They are telling us that rack price on 100% gas is about 30 cents higher than the rack price on the blend. The bid on this was 25 cents above rack, so we are paying five cents above rack on 100% we should be on average about 10 cent saving per gallon on that price on average.

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to Award Bid #1404 for Gas & Diesel to B&B Petroleum Products, LLC. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.

**Bid #1357 Ratify Extension for lawn care and maintenance to Pro Lawn**

County Administrator John Bullard addressed the Commission and stated with fuel and labor prices being high, they agreed to extend this one year and we will see what the fuel prices are and possibly rebid next year. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Bid #1357 Ratify Extension for lawn care and maintenance to Pro Lawn. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**WORK SESSION**

Chairman Clemons announced the next Commission Work Session will be Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room

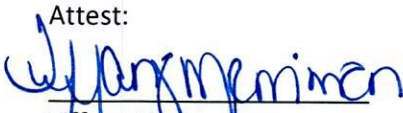
**NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2022, AT 6:00 p.m. IN THE COMMISSION MEETING ROOM**

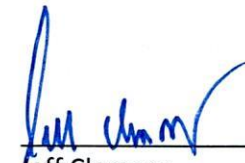
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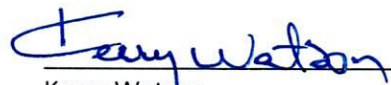
**ADJOURN THE MEETING**

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to Adjourn. Commissioner Watson seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Attest:

  
Tiffany Metriman,  
County Clerk

  
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Jeff Clemons,  
Chairman

  
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Kerry Watson,  
Associate Commissioner

  
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Garry Marchman,  
Associate Commissioner