

**Commission Meeting Minutes  
July 16, 2024**

**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 roll; present were Chairman Clemons, Commissioner Watson, Commissioner Marchman, Commissioner Duke, Commissioner Freeman, County Administrator John Bullard, County Attorney Emily Johnston, County Attorney Brad Wilson, and County Engineer Philip Widner. Sam Hollis gave the invocation. County Administrator John Bullard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 18, 2024, 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 18, 2024, meeting, appropriations, expenditures, personnel actions, payroll, and requisitions, and approve all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Public Comments/Updates**

- Thank Park Staff for all their hard work with Bassmaster Elite and 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution 2024-30: Change speed limit to 30 mph on County Road 1583**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-30: Change speed limit to 30 mph on County Road 1583. Commissioner Duke seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 2024-31: Change speed limit to 35 mph on County Road 1621**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-31: Change speed limit to 35 mph on County Road 1621. Commissioner Duke seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Public Hearing-CARTS Operations for FY 2025**

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to open Public Hearing-CARTS Operations for FY 2025. Commissioner Watson seconded.

County Administrator John Bullard, we will open the public hearing for CARTS for administrative operations and capital funding assistance through Section 53-11 of the Federal Transit Laws. This grant that we are applying for will provide financial assistance for public transportation services for the citizens of Cullman County. I want to open the floor now for any questions that may be about this grant or the application that we are submitting.

If there are no questions that is all I have. Would you like to close the public hearing?

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to close Public Hearing-CARTS Operations for FY 2025. Commissioner Duke seconded.

**Resolution 2024-32: Authorize local matching funds for CARTS FY 2025 and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork**

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-32: Authorize local matching funds for CARTS FY 2025 and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 2024-33: Authorize the filing of 5311 grant application and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork**

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-33: Authorize the filing of 5311 grant application and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 2024-34: Authorize County Commission to submit grant application for a Recreational Trails Program grant program for cabins, storage facility, and equipment at Stony Lonesome OHV Park in the amount of \$1,000,000 and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork**

Economic Development Project Coordinator Tiffany Oldacre addressed the Commission and stated this grant is with ADECA. We can get up to \$1,000,000 for off-road motorized parks and that is how we can apply for that amount.

Commissioner Watson, is there a match?

Economic Development Project Coordinator Tiffany Oldacre, yes, it is 80/20, so the County would match the 20 percent.

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-34: Authorize County Commission to submit grant application for a Recreational Trails Program grant program for cabins, storage facility, and equipment at Stony Lonesome OHV Park in the amount of \$1,000,000 and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize Chairman to sign FY 2024 Cullman County Rebuild Alabama Contractor Report**

County Engineer Philip Widner stated this is the report we have to submit in July on an annual basis. This report outlines whether we use contractors or county forces to pave Rebuild Alabama Roads. The roads in FY 2024 are County Road 793, County Road 1224, County Road 1670, and County Road 1763. All these roads are currently under construction right now and we anticipate all of them to be done in a couple of months.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve to Authorize Chairman to sign FY 2024 Cullman County Rebuild Alabama Contractor Report. Commissioner Duke seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize EMA Director to submit Warehouse surplus property application to FEMA and State EMA to be placed into Cullman County Commission/Cullman County EMA name and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork**

County Administrator John Bullard stated this is the warehouse that holds S-More and all the equipment. They will be transferring this to the county for county use. It will have to be used for EMA but we will have control of the building.

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve to Authorize EMA Director to submit Warehouse surplus property application to FEMA and State EMA to be placed into Cullman County Commission/Cullman County EMA name and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork. Commissioner Duke seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider repair of Trane HVAC unit at the Cullman County Detention Center in the amount of \$13,480**

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve the repair of Trane HVAC unit at the Cullman County Detention Center in the amount of \$13,480. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider approval of three-year subscription with ESRI for the Revenue Mapping Software-cost \$58,500 a year to be paid from the Reappraisal budget**

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve a three-year subscription with ESRI for the Revenue Mapping Software-cost \$58,500 a year to be paid from the Reappraisal budget. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider the purchase of two (2) 2024 Ford F-150 Super Crew 4x4 off State Bid (Contract # MA22000000128-15) in the amount of \$44,009 each**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the purchase of two (2) 2024 Ford F-150 Super Crew 4x4 off State Bid (Contract # MA22000000128-15) in the amount of \$44,009 each. Commissioner Duke seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider the surplus of a 2019 Jeep Compass (Vin # 3C4NJDAB4KT749934) from Revenue to be auctioned on Gov Deals or by any means necessary**

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve the surplus of a 2019 Jeep Compass (Vin # 3C4NJDAB4KT749934) from Revenue to be auctioned on Gov Deals or by any means necessary. Commissioner Freeman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Proposed preliminary plat North Vinemont Subdivision. A minor subdivision containing 9 Lots in Commission District 1. Subdivision is located on County Road 1371, one mile north of Vinemont airport**

County Engineer Philip Widner addressed the Commission and stated that this is in Commissioner Watson's district but it is a minor subdivision.

Citizen stated that she lives on County Rd 1367, and she has 2 concerns about this subdivision. Number 1- I am concerned about the dirt road that is on 1367, the road is not wide enough to go down with the bus. Number 2- the water situation.

Chairman Clemons suggested since we did not receive a public request to speak at the meeting for the citizen to get with County Engineer Philip Widner after the meeting with any concerns.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve preliminary plat North Vinemont Subdivision. A minor subdivision containing 9 Lots in Commission District 1. Subdivision is located on County Road 1371, one mile north of Vinemont airport. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Proposed preliminary plat Indian Springs Subdivision. A minor subdivision containing 5 Lots in Commission District 1. The subdivision is located on County Road 1367, 1 mile north of Vinemont airport**

County Engineer Philip Widner stated this is a minor subdivision. This subdivision and the other one join but have separate owners.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve preliminary plat Indian Springs Subdivision. A minor subdivision containing 5 Lots in Commission District 1. The subdivision is located on County Road 1367, 1 mile north of Vinemont airport. Commissioner Duke seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Extend Bid # 1404: for gasoline and diesel to B&B Petroleum Products, LLC**

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve to Extend Bid # 1404: for gasoline and diesel to B&B Petroleum Products, LLC. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Award Bid # 1466: for lawn care and maintenance at various locations to Pro Lawn**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve to Award Bid # 1466: for lawn care and maintenance at various locations to Pro Lawn. Commissioner Duke seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Award Bid # 1467: for aggregate to Wiregrass Construction Company, Inc., Vulcan Materials Company, and C.A. Langford Company, Inc. based on vicinity and availability**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve to Award Bid # 1467: for aggregate to Wiregrass Construction Company, Inc., Vulcan Materials Company, and C.A. Langford Company, Inc. based on vicinity and availability. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**WORK SESSION WILL BE TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSION MEETING ROOM**

Chairman Clemons announced the next work session will be Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room.

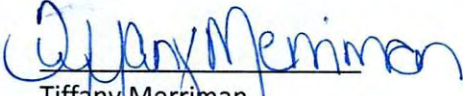
**THE NEXT COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSION MEETING ROOM**

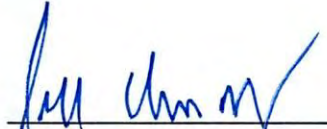
Chairman Clemons announced that the next Commission Meeting will be Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room.

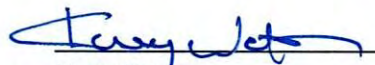
**ADJOURN THE MEETING**


Commissioner Watson made a motion to Adjourn. Commissioner Freeman seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Attest:

  
Tiffany Merriman,  
County Clerk

  
Jeff Clemons,  
Chairman

  
Kerry Watson,  
Commissioner

  
Garry Marchman,  
Commissioner

  
Kelly Duke,  
Commissioner

  
Corey Freeman,  
Commissioner