

**Commission Meeting Minutes
September 17, 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. Larry Duke gave the invocation. Facilities and Fleet Director Shane Bailey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 13, 2024, 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 the August 13, 2024, 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

Chairman Clemons announced there were no Public Comments/Updates.

NEW BUSINESS

Recognition: Cullman County 4-H Wildlife Team for winning the State Competition in the Wildlife Habitat Education Program

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve Recognition: Cullman County 4-H Wildlife Team for winning the State Competition in the Wildlife Habitat Education Program. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Recognition: Jana Shelton retiring after 22 years of service with the Revenue Department

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve Recognition: Jana Shelton retiring after 22 years of service with the Revenue Department. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Recognition: Tara Jennings retiring after 28 years of service with the Reappraisal Department

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Recognition: Tara Jennings retiring after 28 years of service with the Reappraisal Department. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Proclamation: Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve Proclamation: Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2024-40: CARTS Third Party Service Contract for FY 2025 and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-40: CARTS Third Party Service Contract for FY 2025 and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2024-41: The Cullman County Commission adopts the procedures for accepting Public Records Request to comply with the Alabama's Open Records Act, as amended by Ala. No. 2024-278

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-41: The Cullman County Commission adopts the procedures for accepting Public Records Request to comply with the Alabama's Open Records Act, as amended by Ala. No. 2024-278. Commissioner Duke seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2024-42: The Cullman County Commission designates the County Clerk to serve as the Public Officer of Cullman County to carry out the directives of the Open Records Act as amended by Act No. 2024-278

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-42: The Cullman County Commission designates the County Clerk to serve as the Public Officer of Cullman County to carry out the directives of the Open Records Act as amended by Act No. 2024-278. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2024-43: Change speed limit to 20 mph on County Road 668

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-43: Change speed limit to 20 mph on County Road 668. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2024-44: Authorize Cullman County Commission to submit a formal amendment request to the Alabama Department of Economic & Community Affairs amending the final project for the replacement of the culvert on County Road 222

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-44: Authorize Cullman County Commission to submit a formal amendment request to the Alabama Department of Economic & Community Affairs amending the final project for the replacement of the culvert on County Road 222. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2024-45: Authorize Cullman County Commission to apply for state and federal funds for airport improvement projects for the Cullman Regional Airport for FY 2025 and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-45: Authorize Cullman County Commission to apply for state and federal funds for airport improvement projects for the Cullman Regional Airport for FY 2025 and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2024-46: Authorize the Chairman to Ratify the execution of the application for Safe Streets for all (SS4A) planning funds to develop a strategic plan to address road safety on roadways located in Cullman County

Economic Development Director Matt Kinsland addressed the Commission and stated this is a planning grant for federal highways. The request is for \$300,000. It will have a \$60,000 match. This grant will identify safety issues around Cullman County on various roads and put a plan in place to address those safety issues. In addition, this grant will open more opportunities for bipartisan infrastructure funding through the federal government. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-46: Authorize the Chairman to Ratify the execution of the application for Safe Streets for all (SS4A) planning funds to develop a strategic plan to address road safety on roadways located in Cullman County. Commissioner Duke seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2024-47: Authorize Chairman to enter into a contract for all (SS4A) planning with CDG Engineering to provide all planning services and authorize the Chairman to sign all related paperwork

Economic Development Director Matt Kinsland stated this is in line with the previous item. This is the engineering services in the event this grant is funded. We solicited for qualifications. We have received a few emails from different engineering firms requesting more information, but we only received one that met the qualifications and that was CDG Engineering. After reviewing their qualifications, I recommend that we adopt their plan.

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-47: Authorize Chairman to enter into a contract for all (SS4A) planning with CDG Engineering to provide all planning services and authorize the Chairman to sign all related paperwork. Commissioner Duke seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize Chairman Clemons and Director Stephanie Lawson to sign agreement between CARTS and Cullman County Commission on Aging

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve to Authorize Chairman Clemons and Director Stephanie Lawson to sign agreement between CARTS and Cullman County Commission on Aging. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize IT Director Ken Walling to sign agreement with Vector for installation of a fire alarm system for the Courthouse in the amount not to exceed \$125,000

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Authorize Chairman to sign Alabama Department of Youth Services Long Term Detention Subsidy Contract for the period of October 1, 2024-September 30, 2025

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Authorize the annual payment to the ACCA Worker's Compensation Fund on October 1, 2024, for worker's comp insurance for 10/1/2024-10/1/2025 in the amount of \$440,281.69

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Authorize Chairman to sign Agreement between Cullman County Commission and the Alabama Department of Environmental Management for the collection, management, disposal, and/or offering for beneficial use of discarded tires and regulated solid waste funded by the Scrap Tire Fund

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Ratify purchase of a 12.5 kw generator for EMA from Kimbrough Automotive & RV Repair in the amount of \$12,500. Funds coming out of the AMAS Grant

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Ratify Work Order for brick cleaning from Matthew Cole with Lightnin & Sons Brick Cleaning for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$17,800

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Consider Approval of the FY 2025 Budget

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the FY 2025 Budget. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion the passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the renewal of employee/retiree health insurance enrollment agreements with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama. Cullman maintains a self-insured policy that is administered by Blue Cross. Renewal to be effective October 1, 2024. Plan changes to be effective January 1, 2025

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Consider adopting changes to the Cullman County Commission Employee Handbook to be effective October 1, 2024. These changes will be distributed to County employees via e-mail, posting on departmental bulletin boards and posting on the County Personnel Webpage

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Consider updated Juvenile Detention Agreement with Cullman County Partnership for Children in the amount of \$130,000 per year

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the updated Juvenile Detention Agreement with Cullman County Partnership for Children in the amount of \$130,000 per year. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on 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 9, 2024, from 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve authorization for Cullman Caring for Kids to use the Board of Education parking lot to host a car show on November 9, 2024, from 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the purchase of a heat pump split system from Plus One Heating and air for the Board of Education in the amount of \$11,300

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the purchase of a heat pump split system from Plus One Heating and air for the Board of Education in the amount of \$11,300. Commissioner Duke seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider Commission's nominee, Kenneth Cornelius, for appointment to the Cullman County Tourism Bureau to replace Brittney Herron

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve Commission's nominee, Kenneth Cornelius, for appointment to the Cullman County Tourism Bureau to replace Brittney Herron. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider Southern Health Partners Agreement for Fiscal year 2025 for Inmate Medical Care in the amount of \$800,486.64

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve Southern Health Partners Agreement for Fiscal year 2025 for Inmate Medical Care in the amount of \$800,486.64. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider authorizing of a Lease, Construction and Maintenance Agreement with the State of Alabama through the Department of Conservation & Natural Resources for the Smith Lake Park boat ramp and Lion's Park Boat Ramp

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve authorizing of a Lease, Construction and Maintenance Agreement with the State of Alabama through the Department of Conservation & Natural Resources for the Smith Lake Park boat ramp and Lion's Park Boat Ramp. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the surplus of the following items from Parks to be auctioned on Gov Deals or by any means necessary

- 2005 Monaco Coach travel trailer (Vin # 1KB1A1K295E152493)
- 1994 Humvee (Asset # W25KYQ20420010)
- 1998 Humvee (Asset # W34XC521300114)
- 1988 Humvee (Asset # W13N9220390018)
- 2000 GMC Silverado (Vin # 1GTEC14V3YZ300728)

Facilities & Equipment Director Shane Bailey addressed the Commission and stated with the selling of the military Humvees we are required to read a statement for public records. If the Humvee retains their military configuration, at the end of life, the Humvee can only be released to the public with a requirement for "Off Road Use Only". Otherwise, the Humvee must be mutilated or disassembled.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the surplus of the following items from Parks to be auctioned on Gov Deals or by any means necessary: 2005 Monaco Coach travel trailer (Vin # 1KB1A1K295E152493), 1994 Humvee (Asset # W25KYQ20420010), 1998 Humvee (Asset # W34XC521300114), 1988 Humvee (Asset # W13N9220390018), and 2000 GMC Silverado (Vin # 1GTEC14V3YZ300728). Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the surplus of a 2009 Chevrolet C1500 Silverado (Vin # 1GCEK14099Z153002) from the Garage to be auctioned on Gov Deals or by any means necessary

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the surplus of a 2009 Chevrolet C1500 Silverado (Vin # 1GCEK14099Z153002) from the Garage to be auctioned on Gov Deals or by any means necessary. Commissioner Freeman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider the surplus of the following items from the Sheriff's Office to be auctioned on Gov Deals or by any means necessary

- 2022 GMC Sierra 2500 HD (Vin # 1GT49NEY4NF317187)
- 2022 GMC Sierra 2500 HD (Vin # 1GT49NEY1NF317289)

Commissioner Duke made a motion to surplus of the following items from the Sheriff's Office to be auctioned on Gov Deals or by any means necessary: 2022 GMC Sierra 2500 HD (Vin # 1GT49NEY4NF317187), 2022 GMC Sierra 2500 HD (Vin # 1GT49NEY1NF317289). Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Extend Bid # 1446: Placement of Surface Treatments to Wiregrass Construction Company, Inc

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve Extend Bid # 1446: Placement of Surface Treatments to Wiregrass Construction Company, Inc. Commissioner Duke seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Extend Bid # 1447: Cold Laid Plant Mix to Wiregrass Construction Company, Inc

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve to Extend Bid # 1447: Cold Laid Plant Mix to Wiregrass Construction Company, Inc. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Extend Bid # 1448: Fog & Scrub Seal to Ergon, Inc

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve to Extend Bid # 1448: Fog & Scrub Seal to Ergon, Inc. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Proposed Bond Release for Stillhouse Point Subdivision. This bond was approved in October 2016. The subdivision is located in Commission District 4 on county road 2102 and county Road 2103 in the Cold Springs area. All construction has been completed and has passed final inspection. (These are not County maintained roads.)

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve Bond Release for Stillhouse Point Subdivision. This bond was approved in October 2016. The subdivision is located in Commission District 4 on county road 2102 and county Road 2103 in the Cold Springs area. All construction has been completed and has passed final inspection. (These are not County maintained roads.). Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider bond extension for Kingfisher Subdivision Phase 1C, located in Commission District 1 on the corner of Hwy 278 and County Road 1616

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve a bond extension for Kingfisher Subdivision Phase 1C, located in Commission District 1 on the corner of Hwy 278 and County Road 1616. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Proposed plat Resubdivide Willow Grove Subdivision. A major subdivision containing 3 Lots in Commission District 3. The subdivision is located on County Road 7201, a half mile south of Hwy 278 off County Road 728 in the Berlin community

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve plat Resubdivide Willow Grove Subdivision. A major subdivision containing 3 Lots in Commission District 3. The subdivision is located on County Road 7201, a half mile south of Hwy 278 off County Road 728 in the Berlin community. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Reject Bid # 1469: for one new or used Book Mobile current model transit cargo van

Commissioner Watson made a motion to Reject Bid # 1469: for one new or used Book Mobile current model transit cargo van. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

The next Commission Work Session will be Thursday, October 17, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room

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ADJOURN THE MEETING

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to Adjourn. Commissioner Duke seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

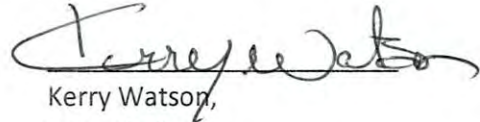
Attest:



Tiffany Mehinan,
County Clerk



Jeff Clemons,
Chairman



Kerry Watson,
Commissioner



Garry Marchman,
Commissioner



Kelly Duke,
Commissioner



Corey Freeman,
Commissioner