

**Commission Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME GUESTS

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

CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM

Miranda Hood, Receptionist, 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. Clarence Benefield gave the invocation. Facilities and Equipment Director Shane Bailey let the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 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 November 19, 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

County Attorney Emily Johnston addressed the Commission announcing that this was her last Commission Meeting as the County Attorney. She will be in the Commission Office until January 17, 2025, but I want to give my sincere gratitude and thankfulness to the Commission for the last five years.

NEW BUSINESS

Recognition: Tim Hartwig retiring after 21 years of service with the Water Department

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Recognition: Tim Hartwig retiring after 21 years of service with the Water Department. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2025-09: Supplemental Resolution for expenditure of American Rescue Plan Act funds for Courthouse Ventilation Project

County Administrator John Bullard addressed the Commission and stated this resolution will be for all the change orders for the heating and cooling project here for the ARPA funds. The next two are for the water projects that have been approved. These are resolutions to state the purpose of the expenditure and the amounts, and this will finish out the ARPA funds that have to be committed by the end of this calendar year. This will have all funds committed and be a little over which is our goal. We will be about \$30,000 over with these projects.

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-09: Supplemental Resolution for expenditure of American Rescue Plan Act funds for Courthouse Ventilation Project. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2025-10: Supplemental Resolution for expenditure of American Rescue Plan Act Funds for eligible Water Project

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-10: Supplemental Resolution for expenditure of American Rescue Plan Act Funds for eligible Water Project. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2025-11: Resolution for expenditure of American Plan Act funds for Water Department

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-11: Resolution for expenditure of American Plan Act funds for Water Department. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Ratify the City of Cullman Tax Abatement for Schulte Building Systems/Inland Southern in the amount of \$264,221

Cullman Economic Development Agency Project Manager Stanley Kennedy addressed the Commission and stated that this is an amendment to an abatement that was approved in 2021 due to contractor and supplier delays. The abatement was going to expire this year, and they are asking for an extension and to increase it by half a million dollars, which is the inflation amount of the original abatement.

Commissioner Freeman, so they are asking for another \$500,000 on top of the \$264?

Cullman Economic Development Agency Project Manager Stanley Kennedy, No, the 264 is how much the abatement saves the company. It actually goes from 3.5 million to 4 million. Since it is in the City, you would still net about one and a third tax revenues off the project.

Commissioner Duke, how long is the extension?

Cullman Economic Development Agency Project Manager Stanley Kennedy stated one year.

Commissioner Duke made a motion to ratify the City of Cullman Tax Abatement for Schulte Building Systems/Inland Southern in the amount of \$264,221. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Ratify purchase order from Hardtime Products for the Cullman County Jail in the amount of \$10,181.84

Commissioner Watson made a motion to ratify purchase order from Hardtime Products for the Cullman County Jail in the amount of \$10,181.84. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Amend the Alabama of Youth Services Agency Grant Agreement for FY2023-2024 as fiscal agent for Blount County in the amount of \$138,619 and FY 2024-2025 in the amount of \$79,680

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Amend the surplus of the following vehicles from the Sheriff's Office to retain in the Sheriff's Office inventory

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

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Authorize Chairman to sign change order for County Road 222 Urgent Need Culvert Replacement Project in the amount of \$762,132.23

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to authorize Chairman to sign change order for County Road 222 Urgent Need Culvert Replacement Project in the amount of \$762,132.23. Commissioner Duke seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider Chairman Clemon's reappointment, Raymond Williams, to the Industrial Development Authority Board for a six (6) year term to expire 1/19/2031

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Consider Commissioner Marchman's reappointment, Wendy Crider, to the Industrial Development Authority Board for a six (6) year term to expire 1/19/2031

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Consider Commissioner Duke's reappointment, Brannon Ray, to the Industrial Development Authority Board for a six (6) year term to expire 1/19/2031

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Consider Chairman Clemons nominee, Seth Hooper, to replace Layne Lowery on the Airport Board for a four (4) year term to expire 1/2029

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Consider payment of annual CRS liability insurance premium in the amount of \$630,377.05 and \$25,000 deductible and authorize Chairman to sign

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Consider authorizing the Alabama Secretary of State's Office to act on behalf of the County Commission to send out voter notifications

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Consider the surplus of a 2014 Ford F-150 Pick-up (Vin # 1FTFW1EF6EFB32907) from the Road Department to be auctioned on GovDeals or by any means necessary

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Consider agreement with Cullman County Public Library to increase two employees to 29 hours per week to better serve the needs of the public. This additional cost will be reimbursed by the Library Board

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Proposed plat Amanda Land Subdivision. A minor subdivision containing 6 Lots in Commission District 1. The subdivision is located on County Road 1525, beginning at the intersection of County Road 1492

Citizen, do you know any details about this?

County Engineer Philip Widner, it is a minor subdivision, no new roads constructed. All lots will be on existing county roads. It is just a formality that the County Commission must approve to be aware of the subdivision. The Commission doesn't have a way to regulate it.

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Award Bid # 1475: for Water Pipe to Consolidated Pipe & Supply Co.

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve Award Bid # 1475: for Water Pipe to Consolidated Pipe & Supply Co. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Award Bid # 1476: for Sanitation Roof to Traditions Roofing & Construction LLC

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Award Bid # 1476: for Sanitation Roof to Traditions Roofing & Construction LLC. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

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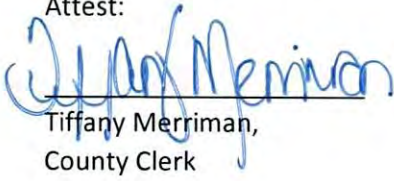
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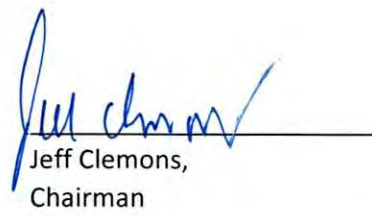
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ADJOURN THE MEETING

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to Adjourn. Commissioner Freeman seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Attest:


Tiffany Merriman,
County Clerk


Jeff Clemons,
Chairman


Kerry Watson,
Commissioner


Garry Marchman,
Commissioner


Kelly Duke,
Commissioner


Corey Freeman,
Commissioner