

March 18, 2025

**Call to order and welcome guests**

Chairman Clemons called the Meeting to order and welcomed guests 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 Brad Wilson, and County Engineer Philip Widner. Ory Hampton gave the invocation and County Attorney Brad Wilson lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approve the minutes of February 20, 2025, Meeting, February 24, 2025, Special Called Meeting, and March 14, 2025, Emergency 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 February 20, 2025, Meeting, February 24, 2025, Special Called Meeting, and March 14, 2025, Emergency Meeting, appropriations, expenditures, personnel actions, payroll, and requisitions, and approve all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Duke seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Public Comments/Updates**

Chairman Clemons stated there were no public comments or updates at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Recognition: Tommy Shickles retiring after 12 years with the Water Department**

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the Recognition: Tommy Shickles retiring after 12 years with the Water Department. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Proclamation: Child Abuse and Neglect Awareness Month**

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the Proclamation: Child Abuse and Neglect Awareness Month. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Resolution 2025-24: Change speed limit to 30 mph on County Road 617**

County Engineer, Philip Widner addressed the Commission and stated this road is about three miles long and it runs from Hopewell Road to County Road 601. It has 66 driveways and seven or eight intersecting roads on it. It has a lot going on and this is the reason for the lower speed limit. We would recommend it being 30 mph.

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-24: Change speed limit to 30 mph on County Road 617. Commissioner Freeman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize payment to Everbridge in the amount of \$20,540.89 from fund 001-52300-150**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to Authorize payment to Everbridge in the amount of \$20,540.89 from fund 001-52300-150. Commissioner Duke seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider termination of Local Emergency**

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the termination of Local Emergency. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize Revenue Commissioner to sign an agreement with SRI, Inc for tax sale internet auction services from fund 120-51800-150**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Revenue Commissioner to sign an agreement with SRI, Inc for tax sale internet auction services from fund 120-51800-150. Commissioner Duke seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Authorize Revenue Commissioner to sign agreement with Autoagent Data solutions, LLC for the hosting and maintenance of the Real Estate Tax Processing software from fund 120-51800-150**

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve Revenue Commissioner to sign agreement with Autoagent Data solutions, LLC for the hosting and maintenance of the Real Estate Tax Processing software from fund 120-51800-150. Commissioner Freeman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider Commissioner Duke's nominee, Pam Nail, to the Cullman County 310 Board for a six (6) year term to expire 4/1/2031**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Commissioner Duke's nominee, Pam Nail, to the Cullman County 310 Board for a six (6) year term to expire 4/1/2031. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider Commissioner Freeman's nominee, Mary Dean Lamar, to the Cullman County 310 Board for a six (6) year term to expire 4/1/2031**

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve Commissioner Freeman's nominee, Mary Dean Lamar, to the Cullman County 310 Board for a six (6) year term to expire 4/1/2031. Commissioner Duke seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Consider annual Spring Clean-up for "Free Dump Day" during the month of May**

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve the annual Spring Clean-up for "Free Dump Day" during the month of May. Commissioner Freeman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider approval of lease between the Cullman County Commission and the Cullman County Board of Education and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork**

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to table the approval of lease between the Cullman County Commission and the Cullman County Board of Education and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork. Commissioner Freeman seconded. The motion to table passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider extending the lease with the Cullman County Co-op for a 30-month lease on the Bates Building**

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve extending the lease with the Cullman County Co-op for a 30-month lease on the Bates Building. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider approval of contract between Cullman County Commission and All Events Promotions, LLC and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork**

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the contract between Cullman County Commission and All Events Promotions, LLC and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork. Commissioner Duke seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Consider approving Engineering Services Contract, pending any requested changes by ALDOT or FAA for General Aviation Apron Reconstruction Project at the Cullman Regional Airport and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork**

Airport Director, Ben Harrison, addressed the Commission and stated this is the approval for the next project which is the reconstruction of the apron. We want to get approval for these contracts then that will go out to bid. Once that is bid, then I will come back to you and let you know it is out for bid and we are ready to start construction on this.

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve Engineering Services Contract, pending any requested changes by ALDOT or FAA for General Aviation Apron Reconstruction Project at the Cullman Regional Airport and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork. Commissioner Duke seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider approving Engineering Services Contract, pending any requested changes by ALDOT or FAA for Midfield Development Construction Project at the Cullman Regional Airport and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork**

Airport Director, Ben Harrison, stated this is another project we will bid at the exact time. This is the taxi lane that will open up the 20 acre parcel for development.

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve Engineering Services Contract, pending any requested changes by ALDOT or FAA for Midfield Development Construction Project at the Cullman Regional Airport and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider the purchase of a 60 hp Kubota MX6000 HST Tractor for the Ag Center in the amount of \$34,142.46 from fund 512-57430-550**

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve the purchase of a 60 hp Kubota MX6000 HST Tractor for the Ag Center in the amount of \$34,142.46 from fund 512-57430-550. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Consider quote from Alexander Sealcoating and Striping, Inc for re-stripe of the existing boat ramp parking stalls at Smith Lake Park in the amount of \$27,083 to be reimbursed from Alabama Game & Fish**

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve quote from Alexander Sealcoating and Striping, Inc for re-stripe of the existing boat ramp parking stalls at Smith Lake Park in the amount of \$27,083 to be reimbursed from Alabama Game & Fish. Commissioner Duke seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

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

- 1999 Caterpillar sheepsfoot roller (Serial # 5JN00702)
- Dresser roller (Serial # 170295-89D278)

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- 1999 Caterpillar sheepsfoot roller (Serial # 5JN00702)
- Dresser roller (Serial # 170295-89D278).

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

**Consider the surplus of a 1988 Koehring Crane (Serial # 140358) from the Road Department to be auctioned on Gov Deals or by any means necessary**

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve the surplus of a 1988 Koehring Crane (Serial # 140358) from the Road Department to be auctioned on Gov Deals or by any means necessary. Commissioner Freeman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Extend Bid# 1456: for Herbicides for one year to Red River Specialties**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to Extend Bid# 1456: for Herbicides for one year to Red River Specialties. Commissioner Duke seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Award Bid # 1478: for guardrail to Alabama Guardrail, Inc**

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to Award Bid # 1478: for guardrail to Alabama Guardrail, Inc. Commissioner Duke seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Award Bid # 1479: for polypropylene pipe to Bear Concrete Products, Inc. and ADCO Pipe and Supply depending on availability and vicinity**

Commissioner Duke made a motion to Award Bid # 1479: for polypropylene pipe to Bear Concrete Products, Inc. and ADCO Pipe and Supply depending on availability and vicinity. Commissioner Freeman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Award Bid # 1480: Bituminous Plant Mix (furnished and installed) to Wiregrass Construction and Grayson Carter & Son Construction depending on availability and vicinity**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to Award Bid # 1480: Bituminous Plant Mix (furnished and installed) to Wiregrass Construction and Grayson Carter & Son Construction depending on availability and vicinity. Commissioner Duke seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Award Bid # 1481: for Bituminous Plant Mix (product only) to Wiregrass Construction and Grayson Carter & Son Construction depending on availability and vicinity**

Commissioner Duke made a motion to Award Bid # 1481: for Bituminous Plant Mix (product only) to Wiregrass Construction and Grayson Carter & Son Construction depending on availability and vicinity. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Award Bid # 1482: for fireworks to Pyro Shows of Alabama, Inc.**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to Award Bid # 1482: for fireworks to Pyro Shows of Alabama, Inc. Commissioner Freeman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Award Bid # 1483: to Pepsi for parks located at Smith Lake, Sportsman Lake, Clarkson Covered Bridge, Stony Lonesome OHV Park, and Cullman County Ag Center**

Commissioner Duke made a motion to Award Bid # 1483: to Pepsi for parks located at Smith Lake, Sportsman Lake, Clarkson Covered Bridge, Stony Lonesome OHV Park, and Cullman County Ag Center. Commissioner Watson seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Proposed plat Bella's Ridge Subdivision Second Addition. A minor subdivision containing 3 Lots located on County Road 616, one mile East of the Golf Course Road**

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve Proposed plat Bella's Ridge Subdivision Second Addition. A minor subdivision containing 3 Lots located on County Road 616, one mile East of the Golf Course Road. Commissioner Duke seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

**Correct the Right-Of-Way for County Road 363 in Cedar Ridge Estates Subdivision to match as-built conditions. This subdivision was approved by the commission on April 10, 2007, and is located off Pea Ridge Road (County Road 351)**

County Engineer, Philip Widner, addressed the Commission and stated the survey at that time was incorrect and they have got the road showing over in some of the lots. They are going to resurvey to correct where the actual right of way is in that subdivision.

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to Correct the Right-Of-Way for County Road 363 in Cedar Ridge Estates Subdivision to match as-built conditions. This subdivision was approved by the commission on April 10, 2007, and is located off Pea Ridge Road (County Road 351). Commissioner Duke seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Request for a variance from Subdivision Regulations requiring direct access from a county maintained road. The owners of Flat Rock Cove are requesting to be allowed access from the existing privately maintained County Road 931**

County Engineer, Philip Widner, stated we have a few questions unanswered on this and we would like to put this off till next month and come back with a recommendation at that time. I ask the Commission to table this item.

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to table the Request for a variance from Subdivision Regulations requiring direct access from a county maintained road. The owners of Flat Rock Cove are requesting to be allowed access from the existing privately maintained County Road 931. Commissioner Freeman seconded. The motion to table passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Request from Attorney for Executive Session under Section 7(a)(7) of Act No. 2005-40**

County Attorney Brad Wilson addressed the Commission and stated I have drafted a letter advising that

executive session is necessary and proper to protect confidential information. The Code Section applicable is found in Alabama Code 36-25A-7(a)(3) and (a)(7). I am an attorney licensed to practice law in Alabama and the executive session will be to discuss a legal matter or to meet or confer with a mediator or arbitrator. I respectfully recommend and request that a motion for executive session be considered at this time. I estimate it will be approximately 30 minutes and that we will reconvene around that time. If you wish to vote on executive session, please remember we have to take a roll call vote- You indicate your vote by Yea or Nay.

Chairman Clemons stated at this time, we have a request that a motion be considered for an executive session based on the recommendation of our county attorney regarding pending or threatened legal matters and a commerce or trade matter.

Commissioner Freeman made a motion for executive session based on the recommendation of the county attorney regarding pending or threatened legal matters and a commerce or trade matter. Commissioner Duke seconded.

County Clerk, Tiffany Merriman, did a roll call vote for each Commissioner to vote for the record.

Chairman Clemons, Yea.

Commissioner Watson, Yea.

Commissioner Marchman, Yea.

Commissioner Duke, Yea.

Commissioner Freeman, Yea.

Chairman Clemons stated the motion passed. We will be in executive session approximately 30 minutes and then we will reconvene.

Chairman Clemons called the meeting back to order at 6:54 p.m. He stated at this time we have heard information from our county attorney. We will not take any action at this time and no formal action was taken during the executive session.

**The next Commission Work Session will be on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room**

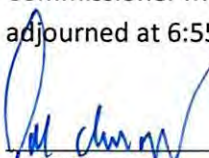
Chairman Clemons stated the next Commission Work Session will be on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room.

**The next Commission Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room**


Chairman Clemons announced the next Commission Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room

#### Adjourn


Commissioner Marchman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Duke seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

  
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