

Cleburne County Commission Meeting  
Cleburne County, Alabama  
April 9, 2012

**M I N U T E S**

Regular  
Commission  
Meeting

The Cleburne County Commission met in regular session on Monday, April 9, 2012, at 4:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room, Room 207 of the County Courthouse, Heflin, Alabama.

Chairman Ryan Robertson called the meeting to order and open for business.

Roll Call

There were present:  
Chairman Ryan Robertson  
Commissioner Joel Robinson  
Commissioner Emmett Owen  
Commissioner Benji Langley  
Commissioner Rex Nolen

There were absent:  
None

Public Comment  
from Citizens

Ms. Michele Conger with Gadsden State Community College was present on behalf of Community College Month and Mr. Steven Lines was present to give the Commission an update on the Cleburne County Chamber of Commerce executive board changes and on the opening of their new office.

Commission  
Discussion

The Commission addressed items of the consent agenda from the agenda of today's meeting: a) Approve the Commission meeting minutes of March 2012 as presented; b) Approve the March 2012 check registers; c) Approve to authorize the Cleburne County Highway Department to fill the open well, cistern, or cesspool at 190 County Road 41, Heflin, AL; d) Approve the board appointment for the Cleburne County Public Building Authority and acknowledge vacancies for the Hospital Board, Library Board, and Mental Health Board; e) Approve to recognize the accomplishments of Alabama's public community college system of institutions and; f) Approve to acknowledge receipt of the procedures for populating the Community Action Agency of Talladega, Clay, Randolph, Calhoun and Cleburne Counties Board of Directors.

Resolution  
# 4404

**On a motion by Commissioner Emmett Owen and seconded by Commissioner Benji Langley, the Commission passed the following resolution:**

**Be it resolved by the Cleburne County Commission to approve the following resolutions from the items of the consent agenda from the agenda of today's meeting:**

**4404-1 The Cleburne County Commission hereby resolves to approve the March 2012 minutes as presented,**

**4404-2 The Cleburne County Commission hereby resolves to approve the March 2012 check registers.**

**4404-3 Whereas, the State of Alabama Health Department has certified that the open well, cistern, or cesspool at 190 CR 41, Heflin, AL is a public safety and health nuisance and should be abated by filling;**

**Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission recognizes the need to reduce public nuisances whenever possible for the benefit of the citizens of the county;**

**Whereas, the Code of Alabama, 1975, authorizes the Cleburne County Commission to work on private property to correct a health problem or nuisance that is certified by the Health Department;**

**Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission authorizes the Cleburne County Highway Department to fill the above referenced well. The cost for work will need to be paid in full**

to the County by the landowner prior to the work being scheduled. In this case, and in all future similar cases, the cost will be assessed at a flat fee of \$500.

**4404-4 Board Appointments:**

**Cleburne County Public Building Authority –**

**Commission resolves to reappoint Steve Swafford to the term he currently holds that is set to end in May of 2012.**

**Commission acknowledges the following vacancies:**

**Cleburne County Hospital Board –**

**At Large Term held previously by Gary Mayfield who has resigned;**

**District Four Appointment previously held by Rebecca Forney who has resigned.**

**Cleburne County Library Board –**

**Term ending April 2012 for Wilma Brown.**

**Cleburne County Mental Health Board –**

**Term expired in July 2010 for Pat McKinney.**

**4404-5**

**Whereas, Alabama’s public community college system is the state’s single largest system of public higher education and is Alabama’s most affordable and accessible system of higher education; and**

**Whereas, Alabama’s 25 public community and technical colleges, Marion Military Institute; Athens State University; the Alabama Industrial Development Training Institute; and the Alabama Technology Network provided a broad array of educational services for hundreds of thousands of individuals in 2011, meeting diverse and changing local needs and fulfilling a vital function within their service areas; and**

**Whereas, the Alabama Community College System enrolls more than half of all freshmen and sophomores in Alabama, enrolling nearly 100,000 credit students in its academic and career technical education programs in 2011, 95 percent of whom are Alabama residents, with approximately 15,000 community college students transferring yearly to a public four-year institution; and others in career technical fields leading directly to employment; and**

**Whereas, more than 254,000 students in Alabama’s community colleges have utilized the Statewide Articulation and Transfer Reporting System to assure the transfer of their academic work toward bachelor’s degrees at four-year institutions since the articulation agreement’s inception in 1998; and**

**Whereas, the Alabama Community College System enrolled more than 7,000 high school students in its dual enrollment and early college programs in 2011; providing high-achieving students with rigorous courses beyond those offered at the secondary level, increasing college access to low-income, racially/ethnically diverse, and first generation college attendees, and others who would not otherwise be college bound, and offering career and technical programs in high-demand, high-wage occupations to more than 3,200 dually-enrolled high school students; and**

**Whereas, the Alabama Community College System, partnering with business, industry, and government, provided customized training, job skills training, and workforce development services for more than 106,000 Alabama workers and job seekers, and specialized services and training for more than 1,200 companies in 2011, providing essential contributions to the state’s economic development; and**

**Whereas, more than 800,000 Alabamians age 16 and older have neither a high school**

**diploma nor a GED, the Alabama Community College System served more than 24,000 individuals through its adult literacy education programs and services in 2011; and**

**Whereas, the community college system remains committed to public service and works daily to help individuals reach their personal goals, and in the process, helps build communities; and**

**Whereas, the Chancellor to the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education recommends this action:**

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Cleburne County Commission hereby recognizes the accomplishments of Alabama's public community college system as it continues to fulfill its unique and distinctive mission of providing a unified system of institutions delivering accessible, affordable and superior educational opportunities, and workforce training and services to all of Alabama, yielding a well-educated, productive citizenry and a better prepared workforce; and**

**Be It Further Resolved, that the Cleburne County Commission hereby proclaims APRIL as National Community College Month in Alabama and urges all Alabamians and business and industry leaders, who are committed to developing Alabama's workforce for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, to use and support their local community colleges.**

**4404-6**

**Whereas, the Community Action Agency of Talladega, Clay, Randolph, Calhoun, and Cleburne Counties has requested that the Cleburne County Commission be made aware of procedures in place for the populating of the Action Agency's Board of Directors;**

**Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission hereby acknowledges receipt of said procedures to include:**

**An explanation of the Board's "Rotation Schedule",**

**Article IV - Board Composition; and**

**Article V - Board Selection Procedures (Items A-C)**

**All members present voted for the resolution and none against. The motion carried.**

Commission  
Discussion

The Commission addressed items of New Business on the agenda of today's meeting: a) Request to apply Federal Aid funds towards CCP 15-20-10A resurfacing project on CR 11.

**4405-7**

**On a motion by Commissioner Emmett Owen and seconded by Commissioner Benji Langley, the Commission passed the following resolution:**

**Be it resolved by the Cleburne County Commission to approve the following resolution from the items of New Business on the agenda of today's meeting:**

**Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission recognizes the need to continually provide the citizens of Cleburne County with the best possible infrastructure available for the safety and economic advancement of the county;**

**Whereas, CR 11 has been deemed as important to the overall Cleburne County transportation system and has been approved by the Alabama Department of Transportation to utilize the Federal Aid funds to partially fund Project CCP 15-20-10, which is a resurfacing project in Cleburne County;**

**Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission intends to enter into the agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation to utilize the available Federal Aid funds as required on the designated route.**

**Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission agrees to enter into an agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation to utilize the Federal Aid funds and authorizes the Commission Ex-Officio to sign said agreements and supporting documentation as required. All members present voted for the resolution and none against. The motion carried.**

Commission  
Discussion

Commissioner Benji Langley discussed the request of Mr. Ed Traylor to adopt a new county road. County Attorney Doug Ghee advised the Commission to not go against the policy currently in place for accepting roads in the county as an official county road for yearly maintenance.

Reports from staff were as follows: A) County Administrator Steve Swafford briefed the Commission on the ACCA Liability Self-Insurance Fund check received for a refund of investment earnings. Steve reported to the Commission that a final report has been made on the Cleburne County Nursing Home Analysis. A meeting will be scheduled to provide the information to all stakeholders; B) County Engineer Shannon Robbins briefed the Commission on current projects and discussed with the Commission the Alabama Department of Transportation Rehabilitation and Improvement Program (ATRIP), which would allow Cleburne County to utilize Federal Aid funds to partially fund transportation projects at an 80%/20% match. C) County Attorney Doug Ghee did not have any updates or anything new to report to the Commission.

There was no further business to come today before the Commission for the meeting.

**Resolution #  
4406**

**On a motion by Commissioner Joel Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Emmett Owen, the Commission passed the following resolution:**

**Be it resolved by the Cleburne County Commission to adjourn the meeting. All members present voted for the resolution and none against. The motion carried.**