

Cleburne County Commission Meeting  
Cleburne County, Alabama  
December 12, 2011

**MINUTES**

- Regular Commission Meeting The Cleburne County Commission met in regular session on Monday, December 12, 2011, 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*
- There were absent:*  
*Commissioner Rex Nolen*
- Public Comment from Citizens *Mr. Greg Flanders was present to discuss concerns of herbicide spraying. Mrs. Emily Brown, Executive Director of the Cleburne Chamber of Commerce was present to update the Commission.*
- Commission Discussion *The Commission addressed items of the consent agenda from the agenda of today's meeting: a) Approve the Commission meeting minutes of November 2011 as presented; b) Approve the November 2011 check registers; c) Approve to acknowledge that there may be times where it is in the best interest of county efficiency and effectiveness to temporarily implement specific modifications to the standard workday principle established with the adoption of the 2011-2012 work schedule calendar; d) Approve to deem equipment surplus and authorize disposal of said equipment; e) Approve to award the bid for Project A (roof, dome, and cornice restoration) for the ongoing courthouse renovation / restoration projects; f) Approve to direct the County Engineer to procure and make operational using no more than \$5,000 in gasoline funds appropriated and made available by the Commission, three (3) eight-foot scrape blades capable of being used with county owned tractors for the purpose of expeditiously removing snow and ice from public roadways, around governmental buildings, and around essential services. Items c and e are moved to New Business of today's agenda.*
- Resolution # 4387 *On a motion by Commissioner Emmett Owen and seconded by Commissioner Joel Robinson, 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:*
- 4387-1 *The Cleburne County Commission hereby resolves to approve the November 2011 minutes as presented,*
- 4387-2 *The Cleburne County Commission hereby resolves to approve the November 2011 check registers,*
- 4387-3 *Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission must abide by state and federal laws regarding the disposition of equipment being deemed surplus; and*
- Whereas, the following equipment has been deemed by the County Administrator to be surplus:*
- See attached Table 1: List of equipment being declared surplus.*
- Therefore, the County Commission authorizes the County Administrator to dispose of the said equipment in whatever form that is permissible by law.*
- 4387-4 *Whereas, periodic snow and ice storms such as those experienced in the winter of 2010-2011, impact Cleburne County residents, small businesses, and industries in a way that costs local families and institutions tens of thousands of dollars due to inaccessibility to public roadways; and*
- Whereas, snow and ice covered roadways serve to impede emergency services responding to*

*emergency calls throughout the county; and*

*Whereas, a timely removal of frozen precipitation from roadways inside the county will significantly lesson the buildup of hard packed ice upon the roadways, and significantly shorten the time it takes for local transportation routes to return to a safe, useable degree of usage;*

*Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission directs the County Engineer to procure and make operational using no more than \$5,000 in gasoline funds appropriated and made available by the Commission, three (3) eight-foot scrape blades capable of being used with County owned tractors for the purpose of expeditiously removing snow and ice from public roadways, around government buildings, and around essential services;*

*Furthermore, during such snow or ice events, snow removal units will be staged with operators, across the county (one in each district) in times where the County is at risk of experiencing snow or ice hazards; and*

*Clearing efforts should be pre-planned and coordinated by the Engineer with each individual district Commissioner as to priorities within his/her district.*

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

Commission  
Discussion

*The Commission discussed items of New Business on the agenda of today's meeting: The following items are transferred from the consent agenda of today's meeting - a) Resolution presented for adoption – Item 3 - Approve to acknowledge that there may be times where it is in the best interest of county efficiency and effectiveness to temporarily implement specific modifications to the standard workday principle established with the adoption of the 2011-2012 work schedule calendar ; b) Resolution presented for adoption – Item 5 - Approve to award the bid for Project A (roof, dome, and cornice restoration) for the ongoing courthouse renovation / restoration projects.*

Resolution #  
4388

*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 approve the following resolution from the items of new business on the agenda of today's meeting transferred from the consent agenda of today's agenda:*

*Resolution presented for adoption – Item 3–*

*Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission adopted a 2011-2012 calendar, establishing a work schedule for County Road Department operations in the November 2011 Commission meeting, and*

*Whereas, the County Engineer feels as though there may be times during paving and other types of “extended day projects” whereby it may be in the best interest of county operations for certain employees to work outside the approved work schedule for a limited time in order to accomplish these tasks; and*

*Whereas, the County Engineer has asked for further definition and clarification as to how this calendar limits his authority to assign certain employees outside the standard defined workday;*

*Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission hereby acknowledges that there may be times where it is in the best interest of county efficiency and effectiveness to temporarily implement specific modifications to the standard workday principle established with the adoption of the 2011-2012 work schedule calendar, and that it is within the scope of the County Engineer to manage these temporary deviations for certain employees. Some examples that come to mind are:*

- 1. Paving and other extended day projects involving county employees that require their involvement either earlier and/or later than the approved work schedule;*
- 2. Forecast rainy days that would prevent employees from being able to perform their normal duties where the employees are either dismissed early or required to take leave for the day;*

3. *Times when the public works department is responding to unanticipated events, flooding, severe weather, or disaster;*
4. *Required travel that extends beyond the standard adopted work day;*
5. *Scheduled departmental shut downs during holidays or other temporary periods or events where the County Engineer closes road department operations for a period of time.*

*Commissioners Joel Robinson and Emmett Owen voted for the resolution and Commissioner Benji Langley abstained. The motion carried.*

**Resolution # 4389** *On a motion by Commissioner Emmett Owen and seconded by Commissioner Joel Robinson, 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 transferred from the consent agenda of today's meeting:*

*Resolution presented for adoption – Item 5 –*

*Whereas, bids have been taken and reviewed by the County's construction manager for ongoing courthouse renovation / restoration projects; and*

*Whereas, the lowest responsible bidder has been identified from a review of all bids submitted;*

*Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission awards the bid for Project A (roof, dome, and cornice restoration) to: Standard Roofing- In response to their bid, in the amount of: \$469,006*

*Commissioners Joel Robinson and Emmett Owen voted for the resolution and Commissioner Benji Langley abstained. The motion carried.*

**Commission Discussion** *Reports from staff were as follows: A) County Administrator Steve Swafford briefed the Commission on the counties long and short term finances; B) County Engineer Shannon Robbins gave the Commission an update on current projects; C) County Attorney Doug Ghee briefed the Commission on the Edwardsville District.*

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

**Resolution # 4390** *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 approve to adjourn the meeting All members present voted for the resolution and none against. The motion carried.*