

Cleburne County Commission Meeting Minutes
Regular Commission Meeting July 21, 2014
Cleburne County Mountain Center

Roll Call:

Present:

Chairman Ryan Robertson
Commissioner Laura Cobb
Commissioner Emmett Owen
Commissioner Bobby Brooks
Commissioner Benji Langley

Absent:

None

Comments from Citizens

A. Ms. Phyllis Waits introduced the Medical Reserve Corps

Bid Opening

A. Surplus Fuel – There is a conflict in submission of two bids

Awards and Presentations

A. Ms. Debbie Matthews – 30 years of service

Consent Agenda

The Commission passed the July consent agenda including:

Resolution #4553-1

The Cleburne County Commission hereby resolves to approve the June 2014 minutes as presented.

Resolution #4553-3

The Cleburne County Commission recognizes the following board appointment statuses as of this meeting:

Resignations:

None

Commission acknowledges the following vacancies:

Cleburne County Library Board, seat held by Mandy Johnson

Public Building Authority, seat held by Melissia Wood

Board Appointments:

None

Resolution #4553-5

Whereas, June 2014 marked the completion of the thirtieth year that Deborah Matthews has served the people of Cleburne County and the State of Alabama through her employment with the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, and

Whereas, Ms. Matthews has excelled in her ability to not only serve the public but also to assist her peers through her service, affiliations, awards, and honors that include:

Serving in the following positions with NEAFCS:

Vice President of Public Affairs
Regional Director of the Southern Region
Co-Liaison to the board
Credentials Chairman
PILD Conference Registration Committee Chairman

Serving through involvement with civic organizations to include:

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society
NACDEP
CAST
Parker Memorial Baptist Church
Heflin Arts Council
Cheaha Master Gardener Association
Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama
Jacksonville State University FCS Advisory Committee

And received the following awards and honors:

Edel Ayers Award – CAST 2013
Distinguished Service Award – NEAFCS 2010
Advocate of the Children Award - 2008
Founding Member - Cleburne Substance Abuse Coalition - 2006
Housing Outreach Award - NEAFCS 2004
Communications Award – NEAFCS 2003
Habitat for Humanity Team Award – 2003

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission hereby acknowledges Ms. Matthew's contributions and extends recognition for thirty years of dedicated service to the people of Cleburne County and the State of Alabama.

Resolution #4553-7

Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission is making an attempt to re-evaluate staffing needs as positions in the county workforce become vacant.

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission hereby resolves that as positions become vacant in the county workforce, the respective appointing authority must seek formal approval of the Commission by resolution before the vacant position(s) may be refilled.

Action:

Motion made by Commissioner Emmett Owen, Seconded by Commissioner Laura Cobb

In Support: Commissioners Laura Cobb, Emmett Owen, Benji Langley, and Bobby Brooks

In Opposition: None

Motion Passed

New Business:

- B. Resolution 2 – Authorization to renew garbage contract

Resolution #4554

Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission has received a counter offer from Advanced Disposal, the County's solid waste disposal provider; and

Whereas, this offer seems to be very cost favorable when compared to other jurisdictions surveyed in East Alabama; and

Whereas, the Commission feels as though there is an opportunity to renew the existing agreement for another three years with a refined renewal agreement that addresses some known issues such as:

1. Phone accessibility issues for customers;
2. Missed pickups;
3. Can delivery and replacement;
4. Production of reports;
5. Emptying of dumpster at county barn;
6. Dumpster consistency for clean-up days;

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission authorizes the County Administrator to renew the contract with Advanced Disposal if we are able to obtain what he feels is reasonable assurance that we have proposed solutions to the above-identified issues. If not, then he may proceed with the re-bidding of the service as previously authorized.

Action:

Motion made by Commissioner Emmett Owen, Seconded by Commissioner Laura Cobb

In Support: Commissioners Laura Cobb, Emmett Owen, Benji Langley, and Bobby Brooks

In Opposition: None

Motion Passed

- C. Item #2 from the consent agenda of today's meeting – approve the June 2014 check registers.

Resolution #4555

The Cleburne County Commission hereby resolves to approve the June 2014 check registers.

Action:

Motion made by Commissioner Emmett Owen, Seconded by Commissioner Bobby Brooks

In Support: Commissioners Laura Cobb, Emmett Owen, Benji Langley, and Bobby Brooks

In Opposition: None

Motion Passed

- D. Item #4 from the consent agenda of today's meeting – restrict thru truck traffic on Cleburne County Road 111

Resolution #4556

Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission recognizes the need to occasionally evaluate the infrastructure system of the county to better serve its citizens;

Whereas, the transportation network within Cleburne County is under the stress of increased traffic and heavy loads on a daily basis and the Cleburne County Commission must consider the preservation of the infrastructure for the benefit of the traveling public;

Whereas, the Code of Alabama 1975 grants the Cleburne County Commission the legal authority to govern the type traffic that is permitted to use the infrastructure and must erect signage for such;

Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission, due to public complaints, the percentage

trucks as noted in a traffic count, and the damaged condition of County Road 111, has noted the need to preserve the public roads of the county;

Therefore, in the interest of serving the traveling public, the Cleburne County Commission desires to restrict thru truck traffic on Cleburne County Road 111 by prohibiting trucks from utilizing the route as a short cut, due to the fact that access is available on other existing State/Federal routes that are more suitable to accommodate heavier loads. By passing this resolution, the Commission intends have "No Thru Trucks" signs placed on each end of CR 111 immediately, and requests that all Law Enforcement Agencies assist in enforcing the changes.

Action:

Motion made by Commissioner Emmett Owen, Seconded by Commissioner Bobby Brooks

In Support: Commissioners Laura Cobb, Emmett Owen, Benji Langley and Bobby Brooks

In Opposition: None

Motion Passed

- E. Item #6 from the consent agenda of today's meeting – Adopt amended personnel manual

Resolution #4557

Whereas, the Cleburne County Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual must from time to time be updated as new policies are adopted and as laws and their interpretations change, and

Whereas, the Cleburne County Human Resource Officer has updated this manual, codifying the past addendums already approved by the Commission, and

Whereas, the Commission directed said manual to be put through an extensive legal review process that resulted in a recommendation to refine the county's grievance policy and identifying the manual as being a strong and well established basis for administration of the County's personnel system, and

Whereas, the required 10 day review period has taken place and yielded no resistance to the adoption of said policies.

Therefore, the Commission wishes to carry over until August 2014 meeting for further study.

Action:

Motion made by Commissioner Emmett Owen, Seconded by Commissioner Bobby Brooks

In Support: Commissioners Laura Cobb, Emmett Owen, Benji Langley and Bobby Brooks

In Opposition:

Motion Passed

Chairman Ryan Robertson addressed the Commission with a request to add to the agenda of today's meeting to declare July 30, 2014 as Gracie's Gastrocysis Day in Cleburne County.

Resolution #4558

The Commission adds to the agenda of today's meeting to declare July 30, 2014, as Gracie's Gastrocysis Day in Cleburne County.

Action:

Motion made by Commissioner Emmett Owen, Seconded by Commissioner Bobby Brooks

In Support: Commissioners Laura Cobb, Emmett Owen, Benji Langley, and Bobby Brooks

In Opposition: None

Motion Passed

Resolution #4559

The Commission declares July 30, 2014 as Gracie's Gastrocysis Day in Cleburne County.

Action:

Motion made by Commissioner Emmett Owen, Seconded by Commissioner Bobby Brooks

In Support: Commissioners Laura Cobb, Emmett Owen, Benji Langley, and Bobby Brooks

In Opposition: None

Motion Passed

Reports from staff:

- A. County Administrator Steve Swafford briefed the Commission on the upcoming FY2015 budget process and the garbage contract with Advance Disposal.

- B. County Engineer Shannon Robbins briefed the Commission on the revenue received from the State of Alabama Department of Transportation for participating in a safety project.

- C. County Attorney Doug Ghee did not have any new updates at this time.

Old Business:

Resolution #1

The Cleburne County Commission hereby resolves that we:

Do not intend to re-route or close the public road over Turkey Heaven Mountain (CR 852).

Action:

Motion made by Commissioner Benji Langley, Seconded by Commissioner Emmett Owen

In Support: Commissioner Benji Langley

In Opposition: Commissioners Laura Cobb, Emmett Owen, and Bobby Brooks

Motion Did Not Pass

Resolution #2

The Cleburne County Commission hereby resolves that we:

Withdraw our support for the wind turbines and contact Governor Bentley, Senator Dial, and Rep. Lindsey with a letter stating that we have withdrawn our support at this time due to public concerns and for further research.

Action:

Motion made by Commissioner Benji Langley, Seconded by Commissioner Emmett Owen

In Support: Commissioner Benji Langley

In Opposition: Commissioners Laura Cobb, Emmett Owen, and Bobby Brooks

Motion Did Not Pass

Resolution #3

The Cleburne County Commission hereby resolves that we:

Ask the governor for a 1 yr. statewide moratorium on the erection of wind turbines, giving more time for research.

Action:

Motion made by Commissioner Benji Langley, Seconded by Commissioner Emmett Owen

In Support: Commissioner Benji Langley

In Opposition: Commissioners Laura Cobb, Emmett Owen, and Bobby Brooks

Motion Did Not Pass

Resolution #4

The Cleburne County Commission hereby resolves that we:

Will not use eminent domain or condemnation of private property to benefit development of wind power.

Action:

Motion made by Commissioner Benji Langley, Seconded by Commissioner Emmett Owen

In Support: Commissioner Benji Langley and Laura Cobb

In Opposition: Commissioners Emmett Owen, Bobby Brooks, and Chairman Ryan Robertson

Motion Did Not Pass

Commissioner Emmett Owen discussed using county funds to make repairs at the Hopewell School Voting House.

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

Resolution #4560

The meeting is adjourned.

Action:

Motion made by Commissioner Bobby Brooks, and Seconded by Commissioner Emmett Owen

In Support: Commissioners Laura Cobb, Emmett Owen, Benji Langley, and Bobby Brooks

In Opposition: None

Motion Passed
