

Cleburne County Commission Meeting
Cleburne County, Alabama
May 14, 2012

M I N U T E S

Regular Commission Meeting The Cleburne County Commission met in regular session on Monday, May 14, 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

Mr. Steven Lines briefed the Commission on the Chamber of Commerce open house and thanked the Commission for all that they have done to get the Chamber office open.

Public Comment from Other Elected Officials

Revenue Commissioner Joyce R Fuller reported to the Commission that her office is finished with the 2011 collections; she initially projected a 90% decrease in revenues but failed to consider new fields added, therefore revenues collected were down less than 5% from the previous year. Ms. Fuller discussed with the Commission the possibility of performing aerial views of the county. It has now been 7 years since the last time the county was flown. She will go to final settlement at the end of the month and reported to the Commission that she sold 3 property parcels at the annual tax sale. Coroner Rudy Rooks was present but did not have anything new to report to the Commission.

Awards and Presentations

Mr. Pete Yonce was in attendance to present the Commission with the Revenue Discovery System Government Award.

Commission Discussion

The Commission addressed items of the consent agenda from the agenda of today's meeting: a) Approve the Commission meeting minutes of April 2012 as presented; b) Approve the April 2012 check registers; c) Approve to authorize the Cleburne County Highway Department to lower the speed limit to 25 MPH on County Road 458; d) Approve to acknowledge vacancies for the Hospital Board, Library Board, and Mental Health Board; e) Approve to create the job title of "Road Foreman/Operator IV"; f) Approve an alcohol license for Cane Creek General Store; g) Approve to authorize the Sheriff to hire a part-time (averaging no more than 20 hours per week), temporary Deputy position that will expire upon conclusion of the last full pay period of September 2012 for the purpose of exploring a drug interdiction program. Item e is moved to New Business of today's agenda.

Resolution # 4407

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:

4407-1

The Cleburne County Commission hereby resolves to approve the April 2012 minutes as presented,

4407-2

The Cleburne County Commission hereby resolves to approve the April 2012 check registers.

4407-3

Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission has received various requests from concerned citizens to evaluate the conditions of Cleburne County Road 458; and

Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission recognizes the need to continually provide the traveling public with the safest conditions possible when traveling the infrastructure of the county.

Therefore, after evaluation of the route in question and an engineering study performed by the

County Engineer and Staff, which evaluated the lane width, shoulder width, and sight distance of the route, among other safety aspects, the County Commission authorizes the speed limit to be lowered to 25 MPH. The route shall be signed with a 25 MPH speed limit sign at each end for the notification and safety of the traveling public.

4407-4 Board Appointments:

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.

4407-6 Whereas, having received notification from the State of Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board of an 050-Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) Alcohol License being requested (confirmation number 20120417152350636) for Cane Creek General Store at 12478 US Highway 78, Fruithurst, Al 36262 by Ms. Kelly Clay; and

Whereas, no apparent violation of the County's criteria is evident and the application received from the Board appears in order; and

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission approves an alcohol license for the said location

4407-7 Whereas, the Cleburne County Sheriff has requested the County Commission approve a part-time temporary position to be used by the Sheriff's Department to explore drug interdiction. It is understood that this position is temporary and will expire the last full pay period in September; and

Whereas, the Cleburne County Sheriff has confirmed that no additional funding will be necessary to support his request due to residual funds existing in his FY12 budget sufficient to fund his initiative;

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission hereby authorizes the Sheriff a part-time (averaging no more than 20 hours per week), temporary deputy position that will expire upon conclusion of the last full pay period of September 2012 for the purpose of exploring a drug interdiction program.

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) Item #5 from the consent agenda of today's meeting - Approve to create the job title of "Road Foreman/Operator IV".

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

Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission recognizes the need to continually provide the public with the safest conditions possible when traveling the infrastructure of the county;

Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission requires the use of various labor classifications as means to improve the infrastructure of the county through various construction and maintenance activities;

Whereas, in March of 1997, the Cleburne County Commission implemented job descriptions to assist with classifications, job titles, and hiring within all departments of the county. The

classifications assisted by providing general information, relationships, job summaries, as well as job domains, knowledge, skills, and abilities for each specific position;

Whereas, in the job descriptions adopted by the Cleburne County Commission, the title of Road Foreman was adopted and utilized for a number of years without any differentiation in grade level from the Operator III classification, even though the job descriptions vary greatly and the Road Foreman role assumes much more of a leadership role within the department.

Therefore, due to the various labor needs of the Cleburne County Highway Department, the need to hire/retain skilled employees, and the expectations of the employees in the Road Foreman classification, the Cleburne County Commission hereby creates the job title of "Road Foreman/Operator IV", to be a grade 7 position, and authorizes three slots to the organizational chart for the classification, replacing three vacant Operator 1 slots. The County Engineer is also granted the authority to hire/promote from within for the positions immediately.

Commissioners Emmett Owen and Benji Langley voted for the resolution and Commissioners Rex Nolen and Joel Robinson voted against. Chairman Ryan Robertson voted against. The motion does not carry.

Commission
Discussion

Commissioner Rex Nolen discussed adding to the agenda of today's meeting the discussion of fracking to the agenda.

Commissioner Rex Nolen made a motion to add the discussion of fracking to the agenda of today's agenda and Commissioner Joel Robinson made a second. Commissioners Joel Robinson and Rex Nolen voted for the resolution and Commissioner Emmett Owen and Benji Langley abstained. The motion does not carry as the vote must be unanimous to pass.

Reports from staff were as follows: A) County Administrator Steve Swafford briefed the Commission on the new state redistricting map with changes that divide the county into two different portions; 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 for County Road #43. C) County Attorney Doug Ghee stated to the Commission that the Alabama Bar Association voted to donate \$3000 to the Commission to help fund the purchase of the Lady of Justice statue that is being erected on top of the dome of the courthouse as a part of the restoration project.

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

**Resolution #
4408**

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.

