

Cleburne County Commission Meeting Minutes Regular Commission Meeting November 18, 2013 Cleburne County Mountain Center

Roll Call

Present

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

Absent

Commissioner Bobby Brooks

Public Comment from Citizens

Mr. Parson discussed efforts to locate an On-Site Waste Treatment Facility at the Alabama Welcome Center

Awards

ACCA Award for Excellent Loss Experience during FY12

Consent Agenda

The Commission passed the November consent agenda including:

Resolution #4490-1

The Cleburne County Commission hereby resolves to approve the October 2013 minutes as presented.

Resolution #4490-2

The Cleburne County Commission hereby resolves to approve the September & October 2013 check registers.

Resolution #4490-3

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

Resignations: None

Commission acknowledges the following vacancies: None

Board Appointments: None

Action:

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

In Support: Commissioners Laura Cobb, Emmett Owen, Benji Langley

In Opposition: None

Motion Passed

Old Business

A. Abernathy Fire Department Deed Transfer

Resolution #4491

Table request by Abernathy Volunteer Fire Department to transfer possession of property of current building to the ownership of the volunteer fire department.

Action:

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

In Support: Commissioners Laura Cobb, Emmett Owen, Benji Langley

In Opposition: None

Motion Passed

New Business

A. Discretionary request for Fruithurst Senior Center AED

Resolution #4492

Whereas, the Fruithurst Senior Center has approached the County regarding the need for a new battery and electrode pads for its automatic external defibrillator, and

Whereas, the District 1 Commissioner desires to apply her discretionary funds towards the purchase of these items in order for them to be provided to the Fruithurst Senior Center.

Therefore, the Commission authorizes this expenditure, recognizing it as having a valid public purpose, being in agreement with the County's Discretionary Fund Policy adopted September 16th, 2013, and a valid use of the earmarked tobacco tax that funds the Commissioner's discretionary allocations and authorizes the County Administrator to proceed with the procurement and distribution of said supplies to the Fruithurst Senior Center.

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

In Support: Commissioners Laura Cobb, Emmett Owen, Benji Langley

In Opposition: None

Motion Passed

B. National Farm-City Week Proclamation

Resolution #4493

Whereas, for the past 57 years during Thanksgiving week, the American people have observed National Farm-City Week to express gratitude for the bounty with which God has blessed our land and to recognize the achievements of the farmers, rural townspeople, and city residents who make our Nation's agricultural production and distribution system so successful. Truly this

cooperation between rural and city dwellers for mutual benefit helps ensure our country's well-being, and

Whereas, America's farmers have provided food and fiber to sustain our people throughout decade after decade of progress. Farmers' productivity has increased steadily, thanks largely to their initiative in supporting and adopting the methods and materials developed by scientific research. Yield per acre has grown tremendously, with the result that American farmers are able not only to meet the Nation's basic needs for foodstuffs, but also to produce agricultural goods for export and for a wide variety of specialty markets here in the United States and around the world, and

Whereas, American agriculture, and the many services industries that depend upon it in cities and towns and along all the routes in between, is a story of extraordinary labor creating extraordinary abundance. At this time of year, it is only fitting that all Americans offer some special sign of thanks to those who grow, harvest, and bring to our Nation's tables the fruits of sun, seed, and soil.

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission does hereby; proclaim the week of November 22 through November 28, 2013 as National Farm-City week and calls upon all citizens in rural and cities alike to join in recognizing the accomplishments of our productive farmers and of our urban residents, who cooperate to create abundance, wealth, and strength of our Nation.

Action:

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

In Support: Commissioners Laura Cobb, Emmett Owen, Benji Langley

In Opposition: None

Motion Pass

C. Retired Teachers' Day Proclamation

Resolution #4494

Whereas, public education is the foundation of our society and is the most critical element in the progress and enlightenment of our state and nation; and

Whereas, the public educators in our educational system have carried the torch of knowledge, opening doors to the challenge and excitement of learning for countless youths; and

Whereas, public educators, because of their deep and abiding love of children, have displayed a commitment to their students and dedication to their profession; and

Whereas, our state's retired public educators have served long careers, laboring throughout their tenures to educate our state's school children; and

Whereas, retired public educators throughout Alabama are deserving of the highest praise and recognition our state can bestow for devotion to their professions:

Therefore, be it resolved that the Cleburne County Commission does hereby proclaim November 19, 2013 as Retired Teachers' Day in Cleburne County and

encourages all citizens to join together in paying tribute to its retired public educators.

Action:

Motion made by Commissioner Laura Cobb, Seconded by Commissioner Benji Langley

In Support: Commissioners Laura Cobb, Emmett Owen, Benji Langley

In Opposition: None

Motion Pass

D. Designation of Cemetery at 119 County Road 432

Resolution #4495

Whereas, a request to locate a cemetery on private land has been made by Stephen and Wendy Brooks of 119 CR 432; and

Whereas, the Cleburne County Health Department has visited the property and deemed it suitable as a family cemetery.

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission does hereby grant permission authorizing the location of the family cemetery at 119 CR 432 recognizing the need for all existing laws and regulations regarding the location of such a cemetery to be met.

Action:

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

In Support: Commissioners Laura Cobb, Emmett Owen, Benji Langley

In Opposition: None

Motion Passed

E. Discussion of Efforts to Locate On-Site Waste Treatment Facility at the Alabama Welcome Center

Action:

None

Reports from Staff were as follows:

A. County Administrator Steve Swafford briefed the Commission on the Winter Weather Workshop to be held on December 10, 2013 and extended an invitation to the EOC Functional Coordinators to tour the facility prior to the workshop. He discussed the benefits of the inclement weather clearing agreement made with the State of Alabama Department of Transportation. He informed the Commission that the National Weather Severe Sky Warning training Class held November 7 & 8, 2013 had a great turnout and he gave an update on the Emergency Services Committee meetings to date. He gave an update on the county's website, which transitioned from the county's Facebook account. Steve reported that we have received 6 applicants for the part-time

receptionist for the entry desk at the Mountain Center, which will be provided by the East Alabama Regional Planning & Development Commission senior program, and of those applicants, 2 have met the requirements and may possibly be filling the position by mid-December. Steve informed the Commission of the mandatory wellness screening scheduled for county employees who have health care insurance coverage with the county. He briefed the Commission on the follow-up concerning attempts of electronic fund transfers from the county's Metro Bank accounts from an outside source.

Commissioner Owen asked about hiking trails being formed at the Cleburne County Mountain Center.

B. County Engineer Shannon Robbins briefed the Commission on routine operations and maintenance. He gave an update on the removing of fencing on County Road 10. He briefed the Commission on staffing. Shannon gave a report on mower repairs, the schedule for the cutting of dirt roads, and the road maintenance his department has been doing for the City of Heflin.

Commissioner Emmett Owen discussed using area at the Engineer's office along the fence line to store six outdoor warning sirens no longer in use.

C. County Attorney Doug Ghee reported to the Commission that offers have been made in an attempt to make a settlement in the litigation for the bridge issue.

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

Resolution #4496

The Commission meeting is adjourned.

Action:

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

In Support: Commissioners Laura Cobb, Emmett Owen, Benji Langley

In Opposition: None