

Cleburne County Commission Meeting Minutes

Regular Commission Meeting January 22, 2013

Cleburne County Mountain Center

Roll Call:

Present:

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

Absent:

None

Public Comment from Citizens:

- A) Cleburne County Hospital Board Chairman William Cleino gave the Commission an update on leasing EMS management services.

Consent Agenda

The Commission passed the January consent agenda including:

Resolution #4430-1

The Cleburne County Commission hereby resolves to approve the December 2012 minutes as presented.

Resolution #4430-2

The Cleburne County Commission hereby resolves to approve the December 2012 check register.

Resolution #4430-3

Whereas, Revenue Discovery Systems currently collects lodgings tax for Cleburne County; and

Whereas, the current three-year contract for lodgings tax collection will expire on January 31, 2013.

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission authorizes the County Administrator, Steve Swafford, to sign a three-year contract (Attachment A) renewal with Revenue Discovery Systems for the collection of lodgings tax.

Resolution #4430-4

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

Resignations: None

Commission acknowledges the following vacancies:

Cleburne County DHR Board –

Appointment that is set to expire in September 2013
Appointment that is set to expire in September 2017

Impending vacancies:

Cleburne County Water Authority –

Joe Bill Conkle in March 2013
Larry Brown in March 2013

Hospital Board –

Gayle Anderson in April 2013
Rhonda Heard in April 2013
Kay Allen in April 2013

Library Board

Noline Coefield in April 2013

Board Appointments:

Library – On a request by District 2 Commissioner Emmett Owen, the Commission reappoints Noline Coefield to a term on the Library Board beginning in April 2013.

Resolution #4430-5

Whereas, radon is a colorless, odorless, naturally occurring radioactive gas that threatens the health of our citizens:

Whereas, radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer deaths in the United States and the number one cause among non-smokers:

Whereas, one in 15 homes across the U.S. has an elevated radon level;

Whereas, any home in Cleburne County may have an elevated level of radon, even if other homes in the same neighborhood do not;

Whereas, testing for radon is simple and inexpensive;

Whereas, identified radon problems can be fixed;

Whereas, the Alabama Cooperative Extension System and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are supporting efforts to encourage Americans to test their homes for radon, mitigate elevated levels of radon, and build new homes with radon-resistant materials and features.

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission of Cleburne County, Alabama does hereby proclaim:

January 2013
Official Radon Action Month
In Cleburne County

Resolution #4430-6

Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission desires to change the way certain expenses are funded; and

Whereas, the Commission has developed a proposal for change that will require a bill be drafted, advertised, and action undertaken by the Alabama State Legislature.

Therefore, the Commission approves the sending of the written requests (Attachment B) to Representatives Lindsey and Laird in pursuit of this objective.

Resolution #4430-7

Whereas, the Mayor of Heflin and District 2 Commissioner Emmett Owen have cooperated in composing plans to transfer the "old pump house" property at the southern side of the courthouse from ownership by the city to ownership by the county in order for the building to be used for outside storage in support of the courthouse maintenance program.

Therefore, the Commission hereby acknowledges and agrees to receive ownership of this property by way of a Quitclaim Deed substantially as proposed (Attachment C), and authorizes District 2 Commissioner Emmett Owen to continue to coordinate the transfer of the property and act on behalf of the Commission towards the completion of said transfer.

Action:

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

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

In Opposition: None

Motion Passed

New Business Agenda

There are no items of approval for the meeting.

Reports from staff were as follows:

A) County Administrator Steve Swafford presented the Commission a draft of the quitclaim deed from the City of Heflin for transferring the old pump house property; gave the Commission an update on the county website and briefed them on its usage. Steve informed the Commission of the progress of the timber sales on the landfill; February 4, 2013 is the date set for the pre-bid conference which will be held at the landfill and February 18, 2013 is the bid opening. Steve informed the Commission that he, along with Chairman Ryan Robertson and County Attorney Doug Ghee, are working on the second draft of the agreement with Jacksonville State University on cost sharing of the operations expenses at the Mountain Center. Doug has provided a draft copy today for review and he hopes by the end of the week to have a finalized

agreement that can be sent to JSU for any comment or proposed modifications. Steve briefed the Commission on the spare parts inventory in Calhoun County. Calhoun County Commissioner Hodges is working with Commissioner Emmett Owen in an effort to give the spare parts inventory to Cleburne County. This stock pile inventory, which includes siren drivers, control boards and other similar items, is worth an estimated \$30,000.00. He also briefed the Commission on the residual funds that the county will receive from Alabama Department of Homeland Security grants.

B) County Engineer Shannon Robbins briefed the Commission on the Federal required annual bridge inspections on the 100 bridges in the county. The recent rain has altered this process, which is due to be completed in 7 weeks. At the present time, 25 bridges have been inspected. Shannon discussed with the Commission the RAMP program and the ATRIP projects and updated the Commission on the State Welcome Center waste treatment project.

C) County Attorney Doug Ghee updated the Commission on the JSU agreement for cost sharing of the operations expenses at the Mountain Center and briefed the Commission on the lawsuit concerning the County Road #123 bridge. Mr. Ghee updated the Commission on the lawsuit of Mr. James Owen concerning a dirt road.

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

Resolution #4431

The Commission meeting is adjourned.

Action:

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

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

In Opposition: None

Motion Passed
