

**Cleburne County Commission Meeting Minutes  
Regular Commission Meeting September 13, 2022  
Cleburne County Mountain Center**

**Roll Call**

Present:

Chairman Ryan Robertson  
Commissioner Laura Cobb  
Commissioner Terry Hendrix  
Commissioner Roger Hill  
Commissioner Emmett Owen

Absent:

None

Chairman Ryan Robertson asks the Commission to consider adding Mark Truett to the agenda of today's meeting to allow him to address the Commission.

Action as related to **Resolution #5264**

Motion made by Commissioner Terry Hendrix, Seconded by Commissioner Laura Cobb

In Support: Commissioners Laura Cobb, Emmett Owen, Terry Hendrix, and Roger Hill

In Opposition: None

Motion Passed

**Resolution #5264**

The Cleburne County Commission approves to add Mark Truett to the agenda of today's meeting to allow him to address the Commission.

**Comments from Citizens**

**A. Marty Jarrell – Co. Rd. 625 Concerns**

Marty Jarrell asks the Commissioners to close Co. Rd. 625. He states the road originally was never a county road. He states the residents would still be given access. Mr. Jarrell states it would save the county money because he would do the maintenance of the road himself.

*Commissioner Laura Cobb stated all landowners will have to be in agreement with the closure.*

*Commissioner Terry Hendrix states we can start the process by having County Engineer Lee Estes get signed paperwork from all property owners. Then we can hold a public meeting.*

*County Engineer Lee Estes states that in the next 30 days he will send out notice for a public hearing to vote on the road closure, if all are in favor of the closure, it will then need to run in the paper for 2 weeks, after that the road will be closed.*

**B. Marty Lonk – Chamber of Commerce Director**

Marty Lonk states he would like to introduce himself as the new Director of the Cleburne County Chamber of Commerce. He states that he is seeking to increase prosperity for the county. He states that a lot of businesses left the Chamber of Commerce due to Covid. Membership went from 300 down to 90. He states he would like to get more businesses involved, get more financially stable, and bring back county events that we use to have prior to Covid. He states he would like to team up with the Commission to bring in more business and more money into our community. He states there will be a free Breakfast and Business event on October 12<sup>th</sup> at Carillon Oaks, with guest speaker Tim Huddleston to discuss the power of inspirational leadership.

**C. Mark Truett – Bid Discussion**

Mark Truett states he would just like to remind the Commissioners of the No Spray resolution that was passed a couple of years ago, they said no to spraying and it is now that the time of year to be sure there will be no spraying.

*The Commissioners all agreed in acknowledgement*

**Consent Agenda**

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The Commission passes the September 2022 Consent Agenda including:

Action as related to **Resolution #5265 1-4** September 2022 Consent Agenda:

Motion made by Commissioner Terry Hendrix, Seconded by Commissioner Laura Cobb

In Support: Commissioners Laura Cobb, Roger Hill, Commissioner Emmett Owen, and Terry Hendrix

In Opposition: None

Motion Carries

**Resolution #5265-1**

The Cleburne County Commission hereby resolves to approve the minutes of:

August 9, 2022

as presented.

**Resolution #5265-2**

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

No new appointments

**Vacancies:**

DHR Board- (1)

**Resolution #5265-3**

Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission must from time to time seek bids for certain supplies and equipment in order to ensure efficient and effective operation of county initiatives while ensuring all state purchasing laws are abided by:

Whereas, the County Engineer has advertised and received bids from interested vendors, according to State Bid Law:

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission accepts that the following annual maintenance bids have been awarded as follows:

Cold Mix – Advanced Asphalt Products and Vulcan Materials Co.

Crushed Stone – Vulcan Materials Co. and Midsouth Paving Inc.

Traffic Stripe – Ozark Striping Co.

Traffic Signs – Traffic Signs Inc.

FOB Hot Mix – Midsouth Paving Inc.

In place Hot Mix - Vulcan Materials Co. and Midsouth Paving Inc.

Micro Surface – Whitaker Contracting

Roadside Vegetation Management – IVM Solutions

Surface Treatment – Charles E. Watts Inc.

**Resolution #5265-4**

**Whereas**, the Cleburne County Commission has been approached by the County Engineer about renewing his employment contract; and

**Whereas**, in order to retain qualified personnel, the Commission from time-to- time reviews employment contracts and makes modifications as necessary; and

**Whereas**, the Commission is of the opinion that the County Engineer is an asset to Cleburne County,

**Therefore**, the Cleburne County Commission agrees to the provisions listed in the contract and authorizes the Chairman to sign.

**New Business:**

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**A. FY 23 Budget Version**

Action as related to **Resolution #5262** FY23 Budget Version

Motion made, to table this resolution, by Commissioner Laura Cobb, Seconded by Commissioner Terry Hendrix.

In Support: Commissioners Laura Cobb, Terry Hendrix, Emmett Owen and Roger Hill

In Opposition: None

Motion Carries.

**Resolution #5262**

Whereas, it is the responsibility of the Cleburne County Commission to pass a yearly budget for the upcoming fiscal year in a September meeting,

Therefore, after review and deliberation, the Cleburne County Commission hereby adopts the attached fiscal year 2023 budget, Version \_\_\_\_\_.

**B. IAC – Cleburne EMS Equipment**

Action as related to **Resolution #5266** IAC – Cleburne EMS Equipment

Motion made by Commissioner Terry Hendrix, Seconded by Commissioner Laura Cobb

In Support: Commissioners Laura Cobb, Terry Hendrix, Emmett Owen, and Roger Hill

In Opposition: None

Motion Carries.

**Resolution #5266**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF ARPA REVENUE REPLACEMENT FUNDS FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICES

**WHEREAS**, the County has received a Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund ("SLFRF") award under the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA funds") from the U.S. Department of the Treasury ("Treasury") totaling \$2,896,093, which, in accordance with the Final Rule issued by Treasury on January 6, 2022, have been duly designated as revenue replacement funds; and

**WHEREAS**, these public funds may be used for the purpose of providing government services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cleburne County Commission (the "Commission") has determined that, pursuant to Article III, Section 43.02 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, it is within the authority of the County to provide for programs related to emergency assistance services, including programs related ambulance services; and

**WHEREAS**, the County wishes to use a portion of its ARPA revenue replacement funds to enhance the delivery of emergency medical transport assistance services in the County; and

**WHEREAS**, CCEMS, a non-profit entity, is the sole provider of emergency medical transport assistance services based in the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission has determined that this one-time appropriation to CCEMS to enhance the delivery of emergency medical transport assistance will provide a direct benefit to a significant portion of the citizens of the County by facilitating the delivery of these services; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION** as follows:

1. The County hereby makes a one-time appropriation of up to \$55,000 of its ARPA revenue replacement funds to CCEMS for the purchase medical equipment that is reasonably necessary to ensure that each of the emergency transport vehicles

owned and in use by CCEMS is equipped with cardiopulmonary resuscitation and monitoring equipment needed to treat and respond to life-threatening emergencies within the County, both on scene and during transport to medical facilities.

2. CCEMS, with the assistance of the County and its technical consultant, shall develop specifications for the equipment to be purchased.
3. Contracts for the purchase of the equipment shall be entered into by free and open competitive bidding, on sealed bids, to the lowest responsible bidder. The bidding process (including required notices) shall be conducted in accordance with the state law requirements for the purchase of goods and services in excess of \$15,000 by counties. CCEMS shall consult with the County's technical consultant regarding compliance with these requirements.
4. The Chairman of the Commission is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with CCEMS consistent with the provisions of this resolution and applicable state and federal law for the distribution of the funds allocated herein. Said agreement shall require, at a minimum, that funds be distributed upon a showing of compliance with the procurement requirements referenced herein.

#### **Reports from staff:**

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- A. County Administrator Lisa Copeland updates the Commission on our two audits. She states the A & E reports are almost done and will be sent out soon. *Commissioner Laura Cobb asks if we are any closer to resolving the Sheriff's open bid?*  
*Lisa Copeland states she sent the bid to the newspaper last week for it to run for two weeks, it should be in the newspaper next week.*
- B. County Engineer Lee Estes asks the Commission to add to the agenda the start of the process of closing County Road 625 on October 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM. He also asks the Commission for a purchase order for a Wheel Roller in the amount of \$14,995.00
- C. County Attorney, Jason Odom states he has sent out an email about SRO's and working on a contract agreement between the Sheriff, Board of Education, and the Cleburne County Commission.

#### **Old Business:**

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There is not any old business for today

Action as related to **Resolution #5267**

Motion made by Commissioner Terry Hendrix, Seconded by Commissioner Laura Cobb

In Support: ALL

In Opposition: None

Motion Carries

**Resolution #5267**

Continuation of this meeting to be set immediately

Action as related to **Resolution #5262**

Motion made by Commissioner Terry Hendrix, seconded by Commissioner Laura Cobb

In Support: ALL

In Opposition: None

Motion Carries

**Resolution #5262**

Reconvene Budget meeting immediately following today's meeting.

Continuation, to be held on Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM

Certified by:

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Ryan Robertson – Chairman

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Laura Cobb – District 1

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Emmett Owen – District 2

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Terry Hendrix – District 3

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Roger Hill – District 4