

**Cleburne County Commission Meeting Minutes
Special Called Commission Meeting March 2, 2021
Cleburne County Mountain Center**

Roll Call:

Present:

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

Absent:

None

Action as related to **Resolution #5109 Chief Ladiga Trail**

Motion made by Commissioner Emmett Owen, Seconded by Commissioner Terry Hendrix

In Support: Commissioners Laura Cobb and Emmett Owen

In Opposition: Commissioners Terry Hendrix and Roger Hill

Chairman Ryan Robertson is in support

Amended Resolution passes

Resolution #5109

WHEREAS, Cleburne County, AL proposes to construct recreational facilities at Cleburne County's Chief Ladiga Trail to provide for the health and well-being of the general public; and

WHEREAS, Cleburne County, AL intends to make application to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs for grant assistance to construct a paved walking trail and other amenities from the Recreational Trails Program; and

WHEREAS, the total proposed project costs equal \$346,835.00 The County is applying for Recreational Trails Program assistance in the amount of \$277,468.00 or 80% of the total proposed project costs, which will be used to construct a paved walking trail and other amenities along the Chief Ladiga Trail in Cleburne County, Alabama.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Cleburne County, Alabama will provide \$16,550.00 as an in-kind match for engineering services and will hold in reserve \$52,817.00 in a cash match to provide a total of 20% of the proposed project costs for the purpose of matching the Recreational Trails Program assistance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event a grant is awarded, Cleburne County, Alabama understands that it will sign assurances to comply with all applicable Federal and State laws, rules, and regulations and that the property acquired and/or developed with Land and Water Conservation Fund assistance will be maintained for public outdoor recreation in perpetuity as required by Section 6(f)(3) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965.

Commissioner Emmett Owen asks where the County's portion of the funding would come from.

County Administrator Kim Brown informs the Commission that there is money in the General Fund not allocated for that the Commission could use.

Chairman Ryan Robertson states that there would have to be a budget amendment but could wait until later in the year.

Commissioner Terry Hendrix questions how this is an asset for the County and for District 3.

Commissioners Laura Cobb and Emmett Owens express the importance of the trail for tourism.

Commissioner Roger Hill expresses his concerns about pulling employees off the much-needed road repairs and maintenance to work on the trail.

County Engineer Lee Estes states they would have to take a few weeks off the roads to focus on the trail.

Action as related to **Resolution #5097**

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

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

In Opposition: None

Motion Passed

Resolution #5097

Meeting adjourned.

Certified by:

Ryan Robertson – Chairman

Laura Cobb – District 1

Emmett Owen – District 2

Terry Hendrix – District 3

Roger Hill – District 4