

Cleburne County Commission Meeting Minutes
Regular Commission Meeting August 9, 2022
Cleburne County Mountain Center

Roll Call

Present:

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

Absent:

Commissioner Emmett Owen

Comments from Citizens

Public Hearing

Vacation of County Road 448

County Engineer Lee Estes moves for vacating property. Commissioner Laura Cobb states the owner will permit Churches to use the property for Baptisms.

Motion made by Commissioner Laura Cobb, Seconded by Commissioner Roger Hill.

All in favor.

Motion carries.

Consent Agenda

The Commission passes the July 2022 Consent Agenda including:

Action as related to **Resolution #5258 1-7** July 2022 Consent Agenda:

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

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

In Opposition: None

Motion Carries

Resolution #5258-1

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

July 12, 2022

as presented.

Resolution #5258-2

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

DHR Board- Karah Skinner
Library Board- Kelly Grubbs

Vacancies:

DHR Board- (1)

Resolution #5258-3

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.

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission authorizes the County Engineer to seek bids for the following annual maintenance supplies:

In-Place Plant Mix
Bituminous Treatment Resurfacing
Traffic Striping, Markings, and Markers
Micro Surfacing
Hot Asphalt Plant Mix
Cold Asphalt Plant Mix
Crushed Aggregate (Stone)
Roadside Vegetation Management
Road Signs and Related Items
Litter Pick up

Resolution #5258-4

Whereas, the Rebuild Alabama Act requires that an annual Transportation plan be adopted for the next fiscal year by the County Commission no later than August 31; and

Whereas, the County Engineer has provided a list of possible projects with his recommendations for which expenditures are intended to be made in the next fiscal year.

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission approves the following projects to be included in the Transportation Plan:

Project 1: County Road 65- Bridge Culvert Replacement \$500,174.30

Project 2: County Road 49-Patch, Level, Scrub Seal, and Micro surface, Traffic Stripe, and Pavement markers \$240,745.20

Project 3: County Road 3 Patch and Spot Level \$100,000

Resolution #5258-5

Whereas, Fruithurst Elementary School has installed new windows; and

Whereas, the windows need a coating to make them "one-way", for security and privacy reasons;

Therefore, Commissioner Laura Cobb has agreed to spend \$261.10 out of her discretionary funds to be used for the window coating at the school.

Resolution 5258-6

Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission is authorized to declare property as surplus when said property is deemed to be of no further use or value to the County; and

Whereas, the following items have been deemed surplus by the Transportation Department:

- StarCraft Starlight 15 passenger van acquired 1/31/18

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission declares the equipment to be surplus property and authorizes the County Administrator to remove the items from the list of active assets. This item is to be sent back to East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission.

New Business:

A. Advertising for School Resource Officers

Action as related to **Resolution #5259** Advertising for School Resource Officers

Motion to amend made by Commissioner Laura Cobb, Seconded by Commissioner Roger Hill.

In Support: Commissioners Laura Cobb and Roger Hill

Commissioner Terry Hendrix votes Present

Motion Carries.

Resolution #5259

Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission is concerned about the ongoing problem with school violence;

Whereas, the Commission has been approached by the Cleburne County Board of Education with a proposal to hire three School Resource Officers;

Whereas, the Commission needs time to review the proposal both internally and with the County Attorney, before considering entering any agreement;

Whereas, the Commission is aware that hiring officers can be a lengthy process;

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission agrees to allow the Sheriff's Department to advertise for the three School Resource Officer positions, to be hired if an agreement is to be made between Cleburne County and the Board of Education.

B. Budget Carryovers

Action as related to **Resolution #5260** Budget Carryovers

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

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

In Opposition: None

Motion Carries.

Resolution #5260

Whereas, the Cleburne County Sheriff's Department and the Cleburne County Jail have been allowed, in the past, to have budget carryovers added to the current year's budget;

Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission agrees that the Sheriff's Department should receive prior year carryovers;

Therefore, the Commission agrees to allow the County Administrator to add the amounts to the Sheriff's budget now for the Fiscal Year 2021 carryover and going forward in by January 31st of each year.

The Commission discusses revising Resolution 5249 which states the Federal government is in control of the ARPA bidding process. It has been brought to attention the State is now in control of the bidding process which makes it a lot easier to get the ARPA funding.

Motion made by Commissioner Laura Cobb, but dies for lack of second.

Reports from staff:

- A. County Administrator Lisa Copeland updates the Commission on County Budgets and states she will have a draft of the Budget on the nineteenth of this month. She also states our ECD audit has been completed and has notified the State we are ready for our entire audit. She also informed the Commission that County Risk Services will be here on Thursday to conduct an evaluation for Liability purposes.
- B. Commissioner Laura Cobb asks our County Engineer, Lee Estes about the R&A grant to finish County Road 66. He states we do not meet the requirements of the grant, but he will reapply for the grant.
- C. County Attorney, Jason Odom did not have any new updates.

Old Business:

Weather Sirens:

We are still waiting on all the forms to be completed to have the sirens transferred to our possession. Carries to next month.

Discussion Items:

Mr. Chad Young, Cleburne County School Superintendent, asks to speak to the Commission about funding for hiring 3 School Resource Officers at all county schools. He states the Board of Education will pay \$69,000.00, but needs the Commission to help with the rest.

Commissioner Roger Hill states the hurdle in being able to pass it is our budget, which will be finalized in September.

Commissioner Laura Cobb states she is concerned if the Sheriff has the money to hire people, but isn't able to find anyone to hire. Mr. Young replies there are retired police officers who would be willing to do the job, but just not patrol.

Commissioner Terry Hendrix asks Mr. Young if he has contacted our governor for money to help? Mr. Young replied there is no line item for SRO money from the governor.

Commissioner Terry Hendrix states liability concerns. County Attorney, Jason Odom will meet with Mr. Young's attorney to discuss MOA and liabilities. A special meeting to discuss this further will be called at a later date.

Commissioner Terry Hendrix motions to adjourn, Commissioner Roger Hill seconds.

In Support: ALL

In Opposition: None

Motion Carries

Resolution #5261

The meeting is adjourned.

August 9, 2022

Certified by:

Ryan Robertson – Chairman

Laura Cobb – District 1

Emmett Owen – District 2

Terry Hendrix – District 3

Roger Hill – District 4