

Cleburne County Commission Meeting Minutes
Regular Commission Meeting May 10, 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

Community Action

Stephanie Keith & Earl Warren

Ms. Keith briefs the Commission on low-income grants that help assist the elderly in the Community.

Consent Agenda

The Commission passes the May 2022 Consent Agenda including:

Action as related to **Resolution #5236 1&2** May 2022 Consent Agenda:

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

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

In Opposition: None

Motion Passed

Resolution #5236-1

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

April 12, 2022

as presented.

Resolution #5236-2

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

Vacancies:

DHR Board (1)

New Business:

A. ARPA Fund Division

Action as related to **Resolution #5237** ARPA Fund Division

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

In Support: Commissioners Laura Cobb and Terry Hendrix

In Opposition: Commissioner Roger Hill

Commissioner Hill asks to amend the “put aside” amount to \$500,000.

Commissioner Cobb agrees

Commissioner Hendrix opposes the amended amount.

Resolution #5237

Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission has received ARPA Funding in the amount of \$2,896,093.00; and

Whereas, the Commission has agreed to spend a total of \$86,882.79 for administrative costs to the IAC and \$700,000 for water projects; and

Whereas, the Commission has been in ongoing discussions of possible expenditures with the remaining funds; and

Whereas, the Commission agrees to “put aside” \$300,000 for countywide projects that are still in the discussion stage.

Now Therefore be it resolved that the Cleburne County Commission, agrees to divide the remaining portion of \$1,809,210.21 to be spent equally for qualifying projects in each of the 4 districts of Cleburne County, amounting to \$452,302.55 each.

B. Grant Writer change

Action as related to **Resolution #5238** Grant Writer change

No motion was made.

In Support: None

In Opposition: None

Resolution dies for lack of motion.

Resolution #5238

Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission currently uses East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission (EARPDC) for its grant writing; and

Whereas, the Commission is aware that changes within EARPDC have caused issues within the organization leading to deadline problems and potential missed opportunities.

Now Therefore be it resolved that the Cleburne County Commission hereby agrees to seek an agreement with Community Consultants, Inc. to serve the County for grant writing purposes.

C. Public Hearing to Vacate Portion CR 290

Action as related to **Resolution #5239 Public Hearing to Vacate Portion CR 290**

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

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

In Opposition: None

Resolution #5239

Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission desires that the Engineer Department implement vacation of a portion of County Road 290; and

Whereas, the Commission understands that the procedures for doing so require a public hearing and notification to citizens affected by the vacation.

Now Therefore be it resolved that the Commission directs the County Engineer to advertise and schedule a public hearing to be held during the June 2022 regularly scheduled Commission meeting.

D. Primitive Campground at CR 18

Action as related to **Resolution #5240 Primitive Campground at CR 18**

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

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

In Opposition: None

Resolution #5240

Whereas, Mr. Fred Couch spoke to the Cleburne County Commission about the possibility of allowing the use of an area below the County Road 18 Bridge for the purpose of a primitive campground associated with the Alabama Scenic River Trail; and

Whereas, the Commission has received assurance that the campground would only be accessible by water; and

Whereas, from the Commission has been advised by the County Attorney that there are certain statutory protections contained within Chapter 15 of Title 35 of the Alabama Code addressing the duties of care owed by owners to persons on property for recreational purposes that limit the potential liability for the landowners; and

Whereas, in order to avail itself of the protections offered by the Code, the County needs to post signs around the boundary and entrance to the area being designated for such recreational use (§35-15-28(a)(1)).

Now Therefore be it resolved that the Cleburne County Commission directs the County Engineer to ensure that appropriate signage is placed around the designated area and, once that is completed, agrees to allow the specified area beneath the County Road 18 Bridge to be used as a primitive campground.

E. Legislative Committee Nominee

Action as related to **Resolution #5241 Legislative Committee Nominee**

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

In Support: Commissioners Laura Cobb and Terry Hendrix

In Opposition: Roger Hill

Motion passes.

Resolution #5241

Whereas, the ACCA Legislative Committee consists of 67 members, granting each county an equal voice on Association legislative efforts; and

Whereas, it is time for the county to select its representative for the 2022-2023 ACCA Legislative Committee; and

Whereas, the ACCA by-laws require a county to submit the name of its chosen representative only after approval by a majority vote of the Commission.

Now Therefore be it resolved that the Cleburne County Commission appoints Commissioner Roger Hill to serve on the 2022-2023 ACCA Legislative Committee.

F. Approve Alcohol License

Action as related to **Resolution #5242 Approve Alcohol License**

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

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

In Opposition: None

Resolution #5242

Whereas, having received notification from the State of Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board of an Alcohol License being requested (Confirmation number 20220509101708431) located at Williams Country Crossing Inc. 11542 County Road 49, Heflin, AL 36264: and

Whereas, the application received from the Board appears in order;

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission approves an alcohol license for the said location.

G. Purchase Order Approval

Action as related to **Resolution #5243 Purchase Order Approval**

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

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

In Opposition: None

Commissioner Cobb asks if it has a salvaged title.

Commissioners Hendrix and Hill both state they have spoken with County Engineer Lee Estes on the purchase.

Resolution #5243

Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission has asked to approve all purchase orders over \$10,000.

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission hereby approves the following requests:

Cleburne County Engineer

Harvey Auto Sales – F450 Pickup with dump body \$12,500

H. Purchase Order Approval

Action as related to **Resolution #5244 Purchase Order Approval**

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

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

In Opposition: None

Resolution #5244

Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission has asked to approve all purchase orders over \$10,000.

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission hereby approves the following requests:

Cleburne County Probate

News Journal – Voter list publication \$13,600

I. DHR Board

Action as related to **Resolution #5245 DHR Board**

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

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

In Opposition: None

Resolution #5244

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

Appointments

Ricketta Wilson

Reports from staff:

- A. County Administrator Lisa Copeland asks the Commission to update questions they have for the ARPA money.
- B. County Engineer Lee Estes was not present.
- C. County Attorney Jason Odom informs the Commission on the City and County Government meetings.

Commissioner Terry Hendrix states the Ranburne Convenience Center will be open the 3rd week every month.

Old Business:

There is no Old Business to discuss.

Action as related to **Resolution #5246**

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

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

In Opposition: None

Motion Passed

Resolution #5246

The meeting is adjourned.

Certified by:

Ryan Robertson – Chairman

Laura Cobb – District 1

Emmett Owen – District 2

Terry Hendrix – District 3

Roger Hill – District 4