

**Cleburne County Commission Meeting Minutes
Regular Commission Meeting February 8, 2022
Cleburne County Mountain Center**

Roll Call

Present:

Commissioner Laura Cobb
Commissioner Emmett Owen
Commissioner Terry Hendrix
Commissioner Roger Hill

Absent:

Chairman Ryan Robertson

Commissioner Terry Hendrix to Vice-Chair.

Comments from Citizens

Tracy Lambert

Mr. Lambert requests that the County contribute ARPA money to equip a new truck for the EMA. The amount would be approximately \$50,000.

The Commission states there will need to be steps taken with the IAC for approval before deciding.

Mark Truett

Mr. Truett expresses his concerns on the spraying of herbicides and wants to remind the Commission that IVM Solutions did not follow their contract last year and that the Commission voted to stop spraying except for "hazardous areas".

Melinda (Taylor) Spaulding

Ms. Spaulding informs the Commission on the dangers to the ecosystem caused by the spraying of herbicides.

Sheree Heard

Expresses her concerns for animal control in her area and asks if anything can be done to facilitate a solution.

County Attorney Jason Odom explains Limited – Self Governance Act and how it can be used to help with situations like Ms. Heard has but it must wait until the November Election.

Ms. Heard asks if the Commission can do anything before November.

County Attorney Jason Odom states there is nothing legally that can be done through the Commission.

Consent Agenda

The Commission passes the February 2022 Consent Agenda including:

Action as related to **Resolution #5215 1-8 February 2022** Consent Agenda:

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

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

In Opposition: None

Motion Passed

Resolution #5215-1

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

January 11, 2022

as presented.

Resolution #5215-2

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

Vacancies:

DHR Board

Resolution #5208-3

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 Sheriff's Department:

- 1997 Dodge 3500 Van 2B5W335ZXVK549619
- 1999 Dodge 1500 Pickup 3B7HF12Y8XG186127
- 1996 Dodge SLT 1500 387HF1323TG144952
- 2007 Ford Crown Victoria 2FAFP71WX7X148837
- 2010 Ford Crown Victoria 2FABP7BV4AX118048
- 2013 Ford Taurus Interceptor Sedan 1FAHP2MT5DG109622

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.

Resolution #5215-4

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 seized/condemned by the Sheriff's Department:

- 2011 Volkswagen Jetta 3VWDX7AJ4BM337796
- 1997 GMC Yukon 1GKEC13R2VJ718930
- 2010 Nissan Rogue JN8AS5MTXAW021425
- 2004 Chevrolet Trail Blazer 1GNDS13SX42121800

- 1998 Dodge 1500 3B7HF13Z5WG239307
- 2001 Ford Sport Trac 1FMZU77E81UB76645

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.

Resolution #5215-5

Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission has asked that they evaluate any purchase orders over \$10,000.

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

Cleburne County Engineer

IVM Solutions - \$14,680

Resolution #5215-6

Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission previously created a list of continuing education classes allowed, for employee attendance;

Whereas, there is an upcoming class titled "Ethics of County Officials and Employees" offered by the ACCA;

Whereas, the County Administrator asks, that along with herself, approval for the Human Resources Officer and Finance Clerk to attend;

Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission recognizes the importance of this class;

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission agrees to allow attendance by those employees to attend the Ethics class.

Resolution #5215-7

Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission previously created a list of continuing education classes allowed, for employees to attend;

Whereas, the County Engineer asks, that along with himself, approval for Tim Wade to attend the upcoming Engineers Conference;

Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission recognizes the importance of this conference;

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission agrees to allow Tim Wade to accompany the County Engineer at the Engineers Conference.

Resolution #5215-8

Whereas, the 911 department received an unexpected reimbursement entitled "Legacy Reimbursement" of approximately \$11,000;

Whereas, the department's budget does not include expenditure of this fund;

Whereas, the amount was reimbursed directly to 911 and placed in the 911 bank account;

Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission previously approved usage of the funds to purchase two televisions for the department, amounting to \$4400;

Whereas, the 911 Director asks that an additional \$4000 of the fund to be used to replace a generator at Turkey Heaven, which is a hub for emergency communication;

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission agrees to increase the 911 budget for the amount necessary to replace the generator.

New Business:

A. Spraying in District 1

Action as related to **Resolution #5216** Spraying in District 1

Motion made by Commissioner Laura Cobb, Seconded by Emmett Owen

In Support: Commissioners Laura Cobb and Emmett Owen

In Opposition: Commissioners Terry Hendrix and Roger Hill

Motion died.

Resolution #5216

Whereas, Cleburne County Commission uses an herbicidal spraying program to help maintain rights-of-way on County Roads;

Whereas, the Engineer asks for the Purchase Order for IVM Solutions for this year's spraying;

Whereas, Commissioner Laura Cobb asks that the company not spray herbicide in her district;

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission agrees to eliminate the spraying program for District 1.

Commissioner Owen states he understood there is supposed to be a list of roads to spray.

County Engineer Lee Estes states he needs a clear definition of what is "hazardous". He states that IVM was the only company to place a bid for the Roadside Maintenance and that IVM cannot cut (mow) cheaper than the County. He asks Commissioner Cobb how often she wanted her district cut.

Commissioner Cobb states that could be a decision for the Engineer based on need.

Commissioner Hendrix asks County Attorney Jason Odom to confirm that a decision can be made only for District 1.

County Attorney Jason Odom states it is allowed and will not affect the other Districts.

B. 911 Addresses

Action as related to **Resolution #5217** 911 Addresses

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

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

In Opposition: None

Resolution #5217

Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission is aware that there is an increase in residents moving into the county;

Whereas, there is not a current policy that ensures that these residents are in compliance with the requirements of new residents (i.e. contacting the Engineer's department for driveway pipe, contacting the health department for a septic tank permit, etc.)

Therefore, the Commission is in agreement that the best way to correct this issue, is for the EMA department and the Engineer's department to collaborate to create a procedural policy.

Reports from staff:

- A. County Administrator Lisa Copeland has no updates.
- B. County Engineer Lee Estes has no updates
- C. County Attorney Jason Odom has no updates.

Old Business:

Ventilation Project from January meeting.

Motion dies.

No further Old Business to attend to this meeting.

Action as related to **Resolution #5218**

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 #5218

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