

**Cleburne County Commission Meeting Minutes
Regular Commission Meeting October 12, 2020
Cleburne County Mountain Center**

Roll Call

Present:

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

Absent:

None

Consent Agenda

The Commission passes the November 2020 Consent Agenda including:

Action as related to **Resolution #5076**
- **1-4** August 2020 Consent Agenda:

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

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

In Opposition: None

Motion Passed

Resolution #5071-1

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

September 14, 2020 and September 21, 2020

as presented.

Resolution #5071-2

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

Resignations: None

Vacancies: None

Board Appointments: None

Resolution #5071-3

Whereas, the Commission has previously passed a Continuity of Operations Plan for the duration of the State of Emergency declared as a result of the COVID-19 situation or until the October meeting, whichever comes first; and

Whereas, we have reached the October meeting and the State of Emergency is still active.

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission extends the Continuity of Operations Plan for the duration of the State of Emergency, or the Commission's November meeting, whichever comes first.

Resolution #5071-4

Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission has asked to approve all purchase orders over \$15,000.

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

Cleburne County Engineer

Mini Excavator \$69, 246.29

Furthermore, the Cleburne County Commission approves the purchase from the Rainy-Day Fund and authorizes the County Administrator to amend the Engineer's Budget for the aforementioned equipment.

New Business:

A. Vacate County Road 681

Action as related to **Resolution #5072** Vacate County road 681

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

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

In Opposition: None

Motion Passed

Resolution #5072

Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission has completed the statutory requirements to provide official public notice of its intent to vacate County Road 681 which shall be vacated in its entirety from the intersection of CR 852 to the South end of said CR681; and

Whereas, the Commission has held a public hearing regarding this intent during its regularly scheduled meeting on October 13th, 2020; and

Whereas, the names of all land owners whose properties abut the roads to be vacated are as follows: William L. Jones Jr., Chris Jones & Wanda Wilson, Jerry M. Olvey, and Mary Lee Jones Bowen & David Bowen; and

Whereas, the Commission deems the vacation of said roads to be in the public interest.

Therefore, the Commission hereby resolves that County Road 681 shall be vacated in its entirety from the intersection of CR 852 to the South end of said CR681.

Furthermore, the Commission tasks the County Engineer with conducting the publishing and filing of said vacation as required by law and delegates the authority required to draw this issue to closure including implementing whatever means necessary to invest or reinvest the abutting landowners with title to the vacated portions of the road.

B. Award bids for road-side maintenance

Action as related to **Resolution #5073** Award bid for road-side maintenance

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

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

In Opposition: None

Motion Passed

Resolution #5073

Whereas, the Cleburne Engineer has solicited bids for road-side maintenance; and

Whereas, the County Engineer has made his recommendations.

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission hereby awards the bids as follows:

IVM Solutions

Commissioner Emmett Owen voices concerns about who may be responsible should a worker be hurt on the job.

County Engineer Lee Estes responds that the company is responsible for their own road signs and injuries.

Commissioner Laura Cobb asks when they will start working.

County Engineer Lee Estes says it will be the beginning of the year which is the next growing season.

C. Appoint EARPDC District Planning Committee Representative

Action as related to **Resolution #5074** Appoint EARPDC District Planning Committee Representative

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

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

In Opposition:

Motion Passed

Resolution #5074

Whereas, the East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission has a vacancy on the District Planning Committee; and

Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission wishes to fill the vacancy; and

Whereas, the By-Laws require the appointee to be a Commissioner.

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission appoints Commissioner Emmett Owen to the East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission District Planning Committee.

Reports from staff:

- A. County Administrator Kim Brown is not present.
- B. County Engineer Lee Estes has no updates.
- C. County Attorney Jason Odom updates the Commission on the lease for Dallas Lodge.

Commissioner Emmett Owen informs that the lessee is no longer interested in pursuing the opportunity.

Old Business:

There is no Old Business to attend to this meeting.

Discussion Items from the Chairman and Commission:

Chairman Ryan Robertson informs that his employees have been going through training for the new pollbooks for the November election.

Commissioner Laura Cobb asks if there will be hand sanitizer provided at the poll houses.

Chairman Ryan Robertson says there will be plenty to go around for each voting site and there will be wipes to help keep the surfaces clean.

Commissioner Laura Cobb informs that she will have two people assisting with the sanitizing at her locations.

Chairman Ryan Robertson informs the Commission that they ordered 100% for the ballots this year as we are looking at a huge turnout.

Commissioner Emmett Owen expresses his concerns for the Library as he feels as if they are struggling to do all the upkeep with little money. He asks the Commission to postpone signing the Library Agreement until he verifies the Library budget allocations from previous years.

There is not any further business to come today before the Commission for the meeting.

Adjourn the meeting

Action as related to **Resolution #5075**

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

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

In Opposition: None

Motion Passed

Resolution #5075

The meeting is adjourned.

Certified by:

Ryan Robertson – Chairman

Laura Cobb – District 1

Emmett Owen – District 2

Terry Hendrix – District 3

Jake Durham – District 4