

**Cleburne County Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Regular Commission Meeting March 9, 2020**  
**Cleburne County Mountain Center**

**Roll Call**

Present:

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

Absent:

Commissioner Jake Durham

**Comments from Officials or Board Members**

Chad Robertson with the Chamber of Commerce is here to invite the Commission to the following upcoming events:

Business After Hours on March 19, 2020

Strategic Planning Lunch and Learn on April 2, 2020

**Consent Agenda**

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The Commission passes the March 2020 Consent Agenda including:

Action as related to **Resolution #5018 – 1 - 11** March 2020 Consent Agenda:

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

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

In Opposition: None

Motion Passed

**Resolution #5018-1**

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

February 10, 2020 as presented.

**Resolution #5018-2**

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

Resignations:	None
Vacancies:	None
Board Appointments:	None

**Resolution #5018-3**

Whereas, the Commission believes the Cheaha Regional Library's efforts to purchase a new book mobile will be beneficial for the County; and

Whereas, the Commissioners have agreed to apply \$625 from each of his / her discretionary funds for a total of \$2500 to assist with the Library's purchase.

Therefore, the Commission authorizes this application of funds, recognizing it as having a valid public purpose, being in agreement with the County's Discretionary Fund Policy adopted September 16th, 2013, and a valid use of the earmarked Tobacco Tax that funds the Commissioner's discretionary allocations.

**Resolution #5018-4**

Whereas, Commissioner Hendrix believes the hauling of dirt for the Town of Ranburne for the infields at the Ranburne Recreation Department will be beneficial for the County; and

Whereas, the District 3 Commissioner has agreed to apply up to \$450 from his discretionary funds toward the project.

Therefore, the Commission authorizes this application of funds, recognizing it as having a valid public purpose, being in agreement with the County's Discretionary Fund Policy adopted September 16th, 2013, and a valid use of the earmarked Tobacco Tax that funds the Commissioner's discretionary allocations.

**Resolution #5018-5**

Whereas, Commissioner Cobb has been approached by the Cane Creek Volunteer Fire Department for assistance in purchasing breathing equipment; and

Whereas, the District 1 Commissioner believes the assistance of the volunteer agencies is beneficial to the safety of the county, and

Whereas, Commissioner Cobb has agreed to apply up to \$3000 from her discretionary funds toward the purchase.

Therefore, the Commission authorizes this application of funds, recognizing it as having a valid public purpose, being in agreement with the County's Discretionary Fund Policy adopted September 16th, 2013, and a valid use of the earmarked Tobacco Tax that funds the Commissioner's discretionary allocations.

**Resolution #5018-6**

Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission wishes to implement a Social Media policy to better define expectations for employees,

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission adopts and implements the attached Social Media Policy and authorizes the Human Resource Officer to notify all County Employees immediately.

**Resolution #5018-7**

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 County has identified the following items which it has deemed to be of no further use to the County:

- 2010 Goshen Coach Pacer

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission declares the equipment to be surplus property and authorizes the County Engineer to oversee the disposition processes.

**Resolution #5018-8**

Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission believes the County will benefit by supporting the efforts of County Attorney Jason Odom to stay current on the issues and topics that are crucial for local governments; and

Whereas, the University of Alabama is offering a two-day seminar focusing on the unique challenges facing local governments, and lawyers who represent them,

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission authorizes the Chief Finance Administrator to reimburse the County Attorney in the amount of \$379 for the cost of the said seminar.

**Resolution #5018-9**

WHEREAS, Kim Brown has served as the County Chief Finance Administrator since January 2018, and is currently employed in that position; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her duties in said position, Kim Brown has worked to improve her knowledge of county government and the duties of the county administrator by participating in the educational programs offered through the County Government Education Institute Program as administered by the Association of County Commissions of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Kim Brown has received the Certificate in County Administration by successfully completing the required coursework for that certification; and

WHEREAS, Kim Brown will have completed the requirements for the designation of Certified County Administrator by successfully completing the additional coursework for such designation and by serving in such capacity for at least three years in January 2021; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her diligent efforts, the Cleburne County Commission does hereby recommend Kim Brown for the designation of Certified County Administrator – with the associated change in her title from Chief Finance Administrator to County Administrator, and requests that her application for such designation be approved.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CLEBURNE COUNTY COMMISSION that it does hereby recommend County Administrator Kim Brown for the designation of Certified County Administrator and requests that her application for such designation be approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be delivered to the Association of County Commissions of Alabama as administrator of the County Government Education Institute.

#### **Resolution #5018-10**

Whereas, Mr. Sonny Spears has approached the Commission about removing the trees at the Lucille Morgan Library on Ross Street; and

Whereas, he has agreed to assume both financial responsibility and liability for the removal of the trees.

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission approves the request of Mr. Sonny Spears to hire a licensed and bonded tree removal company to remove the trees at the Lucille Morgan Library located on Ross Street in Heflin, AL with the understanding that he assumes all financial responsibility and liability for the removal of said trees, and he will indemnify and hold the County harmless with regard to said project.

#### **Resolution #5018-11**

Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission has solicited bids for energy efficient lights, and

Whereas, the Chief Finance Administrator has made her recommendation.

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission hereby awards the bid as follows: Sequel Electrical Supply

#### **New Business:**

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- A. Special Called meeting

Commissioners are in agreement that they do not wish to shut down the logging business. County Engineer explains that he can stop some of the issues caused by the logging industries, but he wants everyone on the same page.

Action as related to **Resolution #5019**

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

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

In Opposition: None

Motion Passed

**Resolution #5019**

Whereas, the County Engineer has received numerous complaints about damages to roads due to the logging industry during this very rainy season; and

Whereas, the Cleburne County Engineer has asked the Commission to consider a Special Called meeting for the Logging Industry to be informed of expectations and consequences.

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission agrees to hold a Special Called meeting to address the logging industry on County roads on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, at 10 AM at the Cleburne County Mountain Center, and tasks the County Engineer with inviting the Logging Industry to attend.

**Reports from staff:**

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- A. County Administrator Kim Brown gives an update on the 2020 Census promotional plans.
- B. County Engineer Lee Estes updates the Commission on the closure of County Road 60 River Bridge for deck replacement. He informs that he plans to schedule his employees for 12 hour days when needed, as long as funds are available.
- C. County Attorney Jason Odom has given the Commission a detailed list of county boards as requested in a previous meeting.

**Old Business:**

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There is not any Old Business for this meeting

**Discussion Items by Chairman and Commissioners:**

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Commissioner Owen asks county attorney to add meeting dates and times to the detailed list of county boards he has provided.

Commissioner Cobb asks County Attorney Jason Odom how we can limit or restrict certain mobile homes from entering our county.

Mr. Odom explains that stricter rules would require legislation.

Chairman Ryan Robertson reminds the Commission that the Primary election run-off is scheduled for March 31, 2020.

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

Adjourn the meeting

Action as related to **Resolution #5020**

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

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

In Opposition: None

Motion Passed

**Resolution #5020**

The meeting is adjourned.