

**Cleburne County Commission Meeting Minutes
Regular Commission Meeting March 18, 2024
Cleburne County Mountain Center**

Roll Call

Present:

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

Absent: None

Comments from Citizens

Mike Mitchell, Waste Management – Mr. Mitchell states they have had staffing and routing system issues. This is why garbage has not been picked up for some residents in Cleburne County. He states they have resolved those issues and going forward, trash will be picked up on time. He also states they now have 2 backup drivers and will be hiring more drivers. He states that a local office has been discussed and is in the works.

Commissioner Laura Cobb asks if residents will get a credit for times when they have not received serviced?

Mr. Mitchell states that customers will receive a credit. To receive that credit, a resident will need to call and give the information to Waste Management.

Christy Cochran, Chamber of Commerce- Mrs. Cochran thanks Commissioners Laura Cobb and Emmett Owen for their contributions in the tourism efforts. She states she has talked with several municipalities. Some of them use lodging taxes to fund the Chamber of Commerce. She also states they are exploring the creation of new leadership positions, perhaps a dual full-time director with a part-time employee. She has talked with the Heflin Mayor, Robby Brown about a collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development. She also states she is exploring a way to create more support in the county by encouraging a collaboration with the Commission and the County.

Comments from Board Members or Officials

Revenue Commissioner, Joyce Fuller states residents will be receiving property tax assessments. She states that property values have gone up. She also states she does not set the taxes, she just implements them.

Consent Agenda

The Commission passes the March 2024 Consent Agenda Resolution #5442 1-5

Action as related to **Resolution #5442 1-5** 2024 Consent Agenda:

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

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

In Opposition: None

Motion Passed

Resolution #5442-1

The Cleburne County Commission hereby resolves to approve the minutes of February 20, 2023 as presented.

Resolution #5442-2

March 18, 2024 Board Vacancies:

Hospital Board- District 4

Board Appointments: None

Resolution #5442-3

Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission has received notification that the State of Alabama has reached an ("opioid") settlement with defendants AmerisourceBergen (now known as Cencora) and Cardinal Health;

Whereas, the settlement will be allocated, to subdivisions, including Counties;

Whereas, the settlement agreement requires 100% participation to become effective;

Therefore, the Cleburne County resolves to approve the settlement and authorizes its Chairman to sign on behalf of the County.

Resolution #5442-4

Whereas, the Cleburne County Engineer requests that the County Commission enter an agreement with Waggoner Engineering, Inc.;

Whereas, the agreement, for professional services on a County Road 65 bridge, will be to obtain unit prices for the potential project;

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission resolves to enter an agreement with Waggoner Engineering, Inc. and authorizes its Chairman to sign on behalf of the County.

Resolution #5442-5

Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission desires that the Engineer Department implement vacation of a portion of County Road 126;

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

Therefore, be it resolved that the Commission directs the County Engineer to advertise and schedule a public hearing to be held during the April 2024 regularly scheduled Commission meeting regarding the proposed road vacation.

Chairman Ryan Robertson asks for a motion and second to approve to add the following item to New Business Item A of today's meeting:

New Business – Sheriff Surplus Vehicles

Action as related to **Resolutions #5443**

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

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

In Opposition: None

Motion Carries

Resolution #5443

The Commissioner approves to add to New Business of today's meeting the following items:

New Business – Sheriff Surplus Vehicles

New Business:

A. Sheriff Surplus Vehicles

Action as related to **Resolution #5444** Sheriff Surplus Vehicles

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

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

In Opposition: None

Motion Carries

Resolution #5444

Whereas, the Cleburne County Sheriff has requested the Commission to authorize 3 listed vehicles,

2018 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV, VIN: 1GNLCDEC2JR316549

2015 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV, VIN: 1GNLC2EC2FR647997

2014 Ford Explorer, VIN: 1FM5K8AR0EGA65341

Be declared as surplus to be sold at auction;

Whereas, the funds realized from such sale are to be applied to line item 550 for the purchase & equipping of future vehicles;

Now Therefore, be it resolved that the Commission approves the Sheriff's request & directs the surplus & sale of the 3 vehicles with the proceeds to be earmarked to line item 550 for future vehicles.

Reports from staff:

- A. The County Administrator, Lisa Copeland states she has given the sales tax information to the Board of Education. They are receiving half of sales tax collected.

Commissioner Terry Hendrix states he would like a meeting to be set up this week by Chairman, Ryan Robertson between 2 Commissioners, the school Superintendent, and Lisa. Chairman, Ryan Robertson states he will set up the meeting.

- B. The County Engineer, Lee Estes has no new updates

Commissioner Terry Hendrix states there have been a lot of inquiries on Facebook about having old trash cans from previous companies and not receiving new ones.

County Engineer, Lee Estes states it is because of the grandfather laws. He states the customer would need to drop their old service and send letters to Waste Management to establish a new account.

- C. The County Attorney, Jason Odom has no new updates

Discussion Items from the Chairman and Commission:

Commissioner Emmett Owen asks Revenue Commissioner Joyce Fuller if VRBO's are being taxed?

Revenue Commissioner, Joyce Fullers says that they are.

Action as related to **Resolution #5445**

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

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

In Opposition: None

Motion Passed

Resolution #5445

Meeting adjourned.

Certified by:

Ryan Robertson – Chairman

Laura Cobb – District 1

Emmett Owen – District 2

Terry Hendrix – District 3

Roger Hill – District 4

