

**Cleburne County Commission Meeting Minutes
Regular Commission Meeting January 16, 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

Revenue Commissioner Joyce Fuller: Mrs. Fuller states that Legislation controlling the value of homes could be coming and could effect tax revenue by up to 5%. School boards are funded by property tax.

Commissioner Terry Hendrix states that it is not in effect yet. If it is passed, there will be lawsuits.

Consent Agenda

The Commission passes the January 2024 Consent Agenda Resolution #5425 1-9

Action as related to **Resolution #5425 -1-9** 2024 Consent Agenda:

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

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

In Opposition: None

Motion Passed

Resolution #5425-1

The Cleburne County Commission hereby resolves to approve the minutes of December 18, 2023

as presented.

Resolution #5425-2

Board Vacancies:

Hospital Board- District 2, District 4

Board Appointments: None

Resolution #5425-3

Whereas the Cleburne County Sheriff is requesting the surplus of the following vehicles:

2011 Chevrolet Tahoe 4X4, Asset ID# 3497, VIN# 1GNSK2E07BR246539

2017 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV, Asset ID# 4235, VIN# 1GNLCDEC4HR356058

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission hereby authorizes the surplus of the Vehicles.

Resolution #5425-4

Whereas, Cleburne County Engineer has spoken to a grant writer to help with applying for available grants.

Whereas the grant writer suggested that the County go through a procurement process to select a grant writer;

Whereas, the specifications, including the charge by the grant writer, would be part of the procurement;

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission hereby resolves to allow the County Engineer to proceed with the procurement, in order to obtain the services of a grant writer.

Resolution #5425-5

Whereas Cleburne County Engineer states that the Convenience Center at Hollis Crossroad is in need of a septic system;

Whereas, the cost of the septic system is approximately \$5,000;

Whereas, there are funds available for the installation, in the Environmental Fund;

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission hereby agrees to allow for installation of a septic system at the Hollis Crossroads Convenience Center, using funds available in the Environmental Fund.

Resolution #5425-6

Whereas, there are many items in storage in the Cleburne County warehouse building;

Whereas, many of the items need to be disposed of or sold;

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission agrees that a list of these items will be obtained, in order to present a resolution to surplus these items.

Resolution #5425-7

Whereas, Commissioner Hill requests to use \$1,500 of his discretionary funds for each of the Fire Departments in District 4, for a total of \$4,500;

Whereas, the use of these funds will be, as follows:

Hollis FD: Purchase of response equipment

Micaville FD: Purchase of communication equipment (Pagers)

Turkey Heaven FD: Purchase of firefighter hats and gloves

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission agrees to allow Commissioner Hill to use discretionary funds for this purpose.

Resolution #5425-8

Whereas, Commissioner Hill requests the use of \$1,000 of his discretionary funds to purchase gravel for the entrance to the animal shelter that is under construction;

Whereas, the animal shelter will benefit the citizens of Cleburne County;

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission agrees to allow Commissioner Hill to use discretionary funds for this purpose.

Resolution #5425-9

Whereas, Commissioner Owen requests the use of \$6,000 of his discretionary funds to be used for the animal shelter;

Whereas, the animal shelter will benefit the citizens of Cleburne County;

Whereas, the funds will be used for the following:

Two underground tanks

Grading of entrance

Utility access to the property

Signage

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission agrees to allow Commissioner Owen to use discretionary funds for this purpose.

New Business:

A. Amendment of Resolution #5391-6

Action as related to **Resolution #5426** Amendment of Resolution #5391-6

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 Carries

Resolution #5426

Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission passed a resolution on October 16, 2023, allowing for the surplus of equipment from the Engineer's Department;

Whereas, one of the items to be surplused was a 1998 Ford F800 Pro Patcher;

Whereas, the Engineer subsequently decided that he would like to re-purpose the truck;

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission agrees to amend Resolution# 5391-6, removing the patch truck from the equipment to be surplused.

B. Watershed/Declaratory Judgement

Action as related to **Resolution #5427** Watershed/Declaratory Judgement

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

Motion Tabled

Resolution #5427

Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission has received notification from the Natural Resource Conservation Service, a sector of the United States Department of Agriculture, concerning watershed dam responsibilities;

Whereas, the letter states that the Cleburne County Commission is responsible for maintaining certain watershed dams within the County;

Whereas, the Commission, has requested documentation, proving that the properties in question, actually belong to the County Commission;

Whereas, after numerous attempts to receive the documentation, it has not been forthcoming;

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission resolves to seek a Declaratory Judgment, to absolve the Commission of a responsibility for maintaining the watershed dams.

C. PO Request – Engineer – Bridge Inspection

Action as related to **Resolution #5428** PO Request – Engineer - Bridge Inspection

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

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

In Opposition: None

Motion Passed

Resolution #5428

Whereas, Cleburne County's Engineer, states that there is a need for Truss Bridge Inspection; and

Whereas, Cleburne County has a limit of \$10,000 per P.O. request; and

Whereas, the inspection will cost \$33,000.00.

Now Therefore, be it resolved that the Commission hereby agrees to allow a Purchase Order for \$33,000.00 for the inspection of the Truss Bridges.

Reports from staff:

- A. The County Administrator, Lisa Copeland informs the Commission that 2 CD's are about to mature from the bank. One of which will be cashed out for bridge repairs. She states A/P checks will be ready tomorrow, 166 invoices so far. She states she has been in contact with the Board of Education about the sales tax issues. She states they get their sales tax from Avenu, ALDOR, and JOP.

After much discussion about the sales tax issue, Commissioner Terry Hendrix asks Chairman Ryan Robertson to reach out to the School Superintendent to meet with our County Administrator, Lisa Copeland.

- B. County Engineer Lee Estes updates the Commission about the Grant Writer. He states February 10th is the deadline for bid opening.
- C. County Attorney Jason Odom has no updates

Discussion Items from the Chairman and Commission:

Commissioner Emmett Owen states the land has been cleared for the Animal Shelter.

Commissioner Terry Hendrix asks about garbage cans?

County Engineer, Lee Estes states the garbage cans have been ordered, should be in on February 1st.

Action as related to **Resolution #5429**

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

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

In Opposition: None

Motion Passed

Resolution #5429

Meeting adjourned.

Certified by:

Ryan Robertson – Chairman

Laura Cobb – District 1

Emmett Owen – District 2

Terry Hendrix – District 3

Roger Hill – District 4