

Cleburne County Commission Meeting Minutes
Regular Commission Meeting July 10, 2017
Cleburne County Mountain Center

Roll Call

Present:

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

Absent:

None

Comments from Citizens:

Mr. James Bland discussed concerns of a road issue in front of his church.

Consent Agenda

The Commission passed the July 2017 Consent Agenda including:

Action as related to Resolutions #4821– 1, 2, 4, 6 – July 2017 Consent Agenda:

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

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

In Opposition: None

Motion Passed

Resolution #4821-1

The Cleburne County Commission hereby resolves to approve the minutes of June 12th, 2017 as presented.

Resolution #4821-2

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

Resignations: **None**

Commission acknowledges the following vacancies: **None**

Board Appointments: **None**

Resolution #4821-4

Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission has incurred debt towards environmental remediation at the County Public Works Shop; and

Whereas, the Commission now desires to pay off said debt.

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission hereby directs the County Finance Officer to retire said debt in its entirety (an amount estimated at \$364,000) through the utilization of proceeds from the Cleburne County General Fund's Reserve Fund, making whatever budgetary amendments she feels are necessary to complete this action.

Resolution #4821-6

Whereas, as of September 30th, 2017, the Cleburne County Commission's Coosa Valley RC&D Council Member's term will be expiring; and

Whereas, the current Council Member has asked to rotate out.

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission hereby selects Ms. Laura Cobb to represent the Commission in this capacity.

New Business:

The following resolutions were reviewed for passage in New Business:

- A. Resolution Presented for Adoption – 3 from the Consent Agenda of Today's meeting – purchase order request over \$4000

Action as related to **Resolution #4822** – A. Resolution Presented for Adoption – 3 from the Consent Agenda of Today's meeting – purchase order request over \$4000

Motion made by Commissioner Emmett Owen, Seconded by Commissioner Laura Cobb to carry over this proposed resolution. Commissioner Owen withdrew his motion

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

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

In Opposition: None

Motion Passed

Resolution #4822

Authorization of purchase order over \$4000

Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission has asked to approve all purchase orders over \$4,000.

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

- Cleburne County Sheriff's Department
- Donohoo Chevrolet – Chevrolet Tahoe - \$32,016.64

B. Resolution Presented for Adoption – 5 from the Consent Agenda of Today's meeting – Retention of a County Attorney

Action as related to **Resolution #4823**– B. Retention of a County Attorney

Motion made by Commissioner Terry Hendrix, Seconded by Commissioner Laura to approve this resolution

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

In Opposition: None

Motion Passed

Resolution #4823

Retention of a County Attorney

Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission must from time to time reevaluate professional service contracts and costs and make adjustments that best position the County for the current legal environment and the level of funding the Commission has available to apply towards the retention of a County Attorney; and

Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission has solicited proposals from local attorneys and has received and reviewed said proposals.

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission now wishes to retain Jason Odom as County Attorney, at a retainer of \$ 750 per month that covers his attendance at the monthly Commission meeting as well as periodic calls and questions from the Commission members and senior staff. Additional work, projects, and assignments will be billed at an agreed to rate of \$125 per documented hour.

Furthermore, Mr. Odom's term as County Attorney will begin August 1st, 2017 and be considered an ongoing month to month professional services agreement that can be terminated at any time by resolution of the Commission.

B. Resolution Presented for Adoption – 7 from the Consent Agenda of Today's meeting –Implementation of Section 2 of Act 2017-367 in order to provide the one time lump sum payment to retirees of the Cleburne County Commission

Whereas, Act 2017-367 of the Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature provides the Cleburne County Commission the opportunity to grant a one-time lump sum payment to retired members and beneficiaries of deceased retirees who retired prior to May 1st, 2017 and are entitled to receive a monthly retirement benefit from the Employees' Retirement System (ERS) on November 30th, 2017; and

Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission strives to mirror the State of Alabama as it applies to cost of living increases given to State Employees; and

Whereas, the cost of treating Cleburne County Commission retirees the same as other retired State Employees results in a cost of only .4% to be added to the Commission's employer contribution rate effective for the one year period from October 1st, 2018 until September 30th, 2019

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Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission hereby resolves to come under the provisions of Section 2 of Act 367 of the Regular Session of the 2017 Legislature and agrees to provide the necessary funding to the ERS to cover said cost.

Furthermore, the Cleburne County Commission resolves to authorize the County Human Resource Officer to act on the Commission's behalf in the implementation of Section 2 of Act 2017-367 in order to provide the one time lump sum payment to retirees of the Cleburne County Commission.

Motion made by Commissioner Laura Cobb, however there was not a second given, therefore the motion dies for lack of a second.

Commissioner discussed the Facilities Manager attending classes for certification on door locks.

There was no further business to come today before the Commission for the meeting.

Action as related to Resolution #**4824** – Adjourn the meeting

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

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

In Opposition: None

Motion Passed

Resolution #4824

The meeting is adjourned.