

**Cleburne County Commission Meeting Minutes  
Regular Commission Meeting December 18, 2023  
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**

**Cody Shelton:** Mr. Shelton states they have been using the JSU side of the Mountain Center for Worship since February 2022. He states roughly \$9,000.00 in various items has been donated to those in need. He thanks the Commission and JSU for allowing the Church to rent the JSU side of the Mountain Center. He also mentions the Church can purchase more appliances and maintenance.

*County Administrator, Lisa Copeland, states she has emailed Pete Conroy about the JSU contract.*

**Chief Deputy, Patrick Nolen:** Deputy Nolen states that he has a vehicle that has been totaled out. He states Crawford Insurance will award \$19,324.93 for the vehicle. He states \$10,320.00 for upfitting reimbursement. They have hired a third SRO and there is not a vehicle available. He states Buster Miles has a 2020 Tahoe for \$22,340.00. He also states the equipment will be transferred from the wrecked 2017 Tahoe to the 2020 Tahoe.

*Commissioner Terry Hendrix asks if the Tahoe is pursuit ready?*

*Deputy Nolen states that it is. He also states he is just waiting on the paperwork to sign from the insurance company.*

*Commissioner Terry Hendrix asks if a resolution is needed to spend the insurance money?*

*Deputy Nolen states yes and they are within their budget to make the vehicle purchase.*

Commissioner Emmett Owen makes a motion to add to New business the purchase of a new Sheriff vehicle Line Item F, seconded by Commissioner Laura Cobb

*Commissioner Emmett Owen states go ahead and purchase the vehicle, then reimburse the County administration with the insurance check.*

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

In Opposition: None

Motion Carries

**Coroner, Adam Downs:** States he would like to thank the Commission for the purchase of his new vehicle. He states the old ambulance will go to EMS and the Suburban is ready for surplus.

## **Consent Agenda**

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The Commission passes the December 2023 Consent Agenda Resolution #5417 1-4, but did not pass Resolution #5417-2, which was added to new business Line Item D: Hospital Board Appointee

Action as related to **Resolution #5417 1-4** 2023 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 #5417-1**

The Cleburne County Commission hereby resolves to approve the minutes of November 20, 2023

as presented.

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**Resolution #5417-2**

Board Vacancies:

Hospital Board- District 2

Board Appointments: None

**Resolution #5417-3**

Whereas, the Cleburne County Probate Judge requests the Cleburne County Commission to authorize surplus of equipment, as follows:

Computer CPUs# 4229, 3772, 3958, 3952, 3951, and 3955

Computer Monitors# 2752 and 3181

File Cabinets# 364, 432, 439, 440, 441, 448, 463, 464, 1947, 2066

Printers# 4250, 4256

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

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**Resolution #5417-4**

Whereas, Cleburne County Commission passed resolution #5409 in the November 2023 meeting;

Whereas, since the passing of the resolution, which authorized Sheriff Department use of funds received from jail phone charges, it has been determined that a local act is needed for the change;

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission hereby resolves to rescind Resolution #5409.

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## **New Business:**

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### **A. Memorial: Vice-Young Inspection Shed**

Action as related to **Resolution #5418** Memorial: Vice-Young Inspection Shed

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

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

In Opposition: None

Motion Carries

#### **Resolution #5418**

Whereas, State Trooper, Cpl. Joe Lathers has approached the Cleburne County Commission, with a request for support in honoring State Troopers Vice and Young, that have been lost;

Therefore, be it resolved by the Cleburne County Commission supports the effort to the State Troopers with the naming of the inspection shed at the Weigh Station on I-20 located in Cleburne County as the Vice-Young Inspection Shed, as a memorial to their dedication and service.

### **B. Engineer Bid on Equipment**

Action as related to **Resolution #5419** Engineer Bid on Equipment

Motion made by Commissioner Roger Hill, Seconded by Commissioner Emmett Owen

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

In Opposition: None

Motion Carries

#### **Resolution #5419**

Whereas, the Cleburne County Engineer has requested to be allowed to bid on a Chip Spreader;

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission agrees to allow the County Engineer to bid on the equipment, up to \$120,000.

### **C. Engineer Surplus Equipment**

Action as related to **Resolution #5420** Engineer Surplus Equipment

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

*Amend to state that surplus goes toward off-setting cost of new equipment*

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

In Opposition: None

Motion Passed

### **Resolution #5420**

November 20, 2023

Whereas, the Cleburne County Engineer has requested the purchase of a Chip Spreader;

Whereas, the County Engineer will no longer need the existing Chip Spreader, he requests the surplus of this item:

2019 Seal Master Chip Spreader E2330-194

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission hereby authorizes the surplus of the old Chip Spreader and will go towards off-setting cost of new equipment.

### **D. Hospital Board Appointee**

Action as related to **Resolution #5421** Hospital Board Appointee

Dies for Lack of Motion

**Resolution #5421**

Board Vacancies:

Hospital Board- District 2

Board Appointments: None

**E. GIS Contract**

Action as related to **Resolution #5422** GIS System Contract

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

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

**Resolution #5422**

Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission, has received a recommendation from the Secretary of State's Office concerning a GIS System in the County;

Whereas, the purpose of the GIS System is to assist the Board of Registrars with mapping voter locations to ensure the accuracy of voting districts;

Whereas, the fee for the service will be paid by the Secretary of State using federal funds, for a period that will end in July of 2025;

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission resolves to join the proposed GIS contract with Keet Consulting Services and authorizes the Chairman to complete and sign the necessary documents to join.

**F. Sheriff's Department Vehicle Replacement**

Action as related to **Resolution #5423** Sheriff's Dept. Vehicle Replacement

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

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

**Resolution #5423**

Whereas, the Cleburne County Sheriff informs the Commission that a 2017 Chevrolet Tahoe was totalled in an accident;

Whereas, the insurance company has stated that the amount that they will pay on the claim for the vehicle is \$19,325;

Whereas, a 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe has been located that will cost \$22,340, with very little cost for upfitting, as equipment from the wrecked vehicle can be utilized;

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission agrees to allow the Sheriff to use the insurance claim funds to purchase the 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe.

**G. Rebuild Alabama Grant**

Action as related to **Resolution #5424** Consulting Services

Motion made by Commissioner Roger Hill, Seconded by Commissioner Laura Cobb

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

In Opposition: None

Motion Carries

**Resolution #5424**

Whereas, the Cleburne County Engineer states that it is time to apply for the Rebuild Alabama Grant;

Whereas, he also states that there is an additional amount available on the grant:

Whereas, the additional amount available requires a 50/50 match up to \$100,000;

Whereas, the Engineer asks the Commission to which road would they agree to apply;

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission authorizes the County Engineer to apply for a project on County Road 66 (from Highway 78 to County Road 35), for the entire amount available, to include the \$100,000 match, as needed.

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### **Reports from staff:**

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- A. The County Administrator, Lisa Copeland informs the Commission about financials, Board of Education Sales tax portion, Verizon software issue turned down by Avenu.
  
- B. County Engineer Lee Estes states need a grant writer for community consultants. He also states the pro patcher he needs unsurplussed, rescind or amend resolution that surplussed the item.
  
- C. County Attorney Jason Odom has no updates

### **Discussion Items from the Chairman and Commission:**

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Action as related to **Resolution #5425**

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**

Meeting adjourned.

Certified by:

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Ryan Robertson – Chairman

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Laura Cobb – District 1

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Emmett Owen – District 2

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Terry Hendrix – District 3

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Roger Hill – District 4