

Cleburne County Commission Meeting Minutes
Regular Commission Meeting April 15, 2024
Cleburne County Mountain Center

Roll Call

Present:

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

Absent: Commissioner Emmett Owen

Comments from Citizens

Comments from Board Members or Officials

Sheriff Jon Daniel states he has 3 vehicles at Auction, there are 3 weeks left before the close of the auction, as of right now bids are at \$30,000.00.

*Commissioner Laura Cobb asks the County Administrator, Lisa Copeland what is the cost to increase insurance coverage for Sheriff vehicles to include upfitting?
Lisa Copeland states she will find out.*

Commissioner Terry Hendrix states the insurance will cover the cost of totaled vehicles minus upfitting.

Consent Agenda

The Commission passes the April 2024 Consent Agenda Resolution #5445 1-4

Action as related to **Resolution #5445 1-4** 2024 Consent Agenda:

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

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

In Opposition: None

Motion Passed

Resolution #5445-1

The Cleburne County Commission hereby resolves to approve the minutes of March 18, 2024

as presented.

Resolution #5445-2

April 15, 2024, Board Vacancies:

Hospital Board- District 4

Board Appointments: None

Resolution #5445-3

Whereas, the Cleburne County Sheriff informs the Commission that a 2023 Explorer, patrol vehicle has been wrecked and is likely a total loss;

Whereas, there is a used vehicle available, to potentially replace the wrecked vehicle;

Whereas, the Sheriff requests use of the insurance settlement to purchase a used vehicle, if the 2023 Explorer is a total loss;

Therefore, the Cleburne County resolves to allow the Sheriff to use the insurance settlement to purchase a used vehicle to replace the wrecked 2023 Explorer.

Resolution #5445-4

Whereas, Commissioner Emmett Owen wishes to use \$500.00 of discretionary fund;

Whereas, the fund will be used for asphalt at the Cleburne County High School softball field;

Whereas, The Commission finds that this is an appropriate use of discretionary funds for a proper public purpose.

Therefore, the Cleburne County Commission agrees to allow the use of \$500.00 of Commissioner Owen's discretionary fund for this purpose.

New Business:

A. Vacation of a portion of County Road 126

Action as related to **Resolution #5446** Vacation of a portion of County Road 126

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

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

In Opposition: None

Motion Carries

Resolution #5446

Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission intends to vacate a portion of the Northern spur of CR 126 approximately 470' from Lat. 33.6164, Long.-85.4365 to the intersection of CR482 Lat. 33.6176, Long.-85.4365; and

Whereas, the Commission held a public hearing regarding the intent during its regularly scheduled meeting on April 15,2024; and

Whereas, the names of all landowners whose properties about the roads to be vacated are as follows: Jerry Brown; and

Therefore, the Commission hereby resolves to vacate a portion of the Northern spur of CR 126 approximately 470' from Lat. 33.6164, Long.-85.4365 to the intersection of CR482 Lat. 33.6176, Long.-85.4365; and

Furthermore, the Commission tasks the County Engineer with conducting the publishing and filing of said vacation as required by law and delegates the authority required to draw this issue to closure including implementing whatever means necessary to invest or reinvest the abutting landowners with title to the vacated portions of the road.

B. County Administrator Hire

Action as related to **Resolution #5447** County Administrator Hire

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

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

In Opposition: None

Motion Tabled

Resolution #5447

Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission advertised for applicants for the position of County Administrator, and

Whereas, applications were received and the Commission conducted an interview with a qualified applicant on April 1, 2024, and

Whereas, the Commission wishes to offer the position to _____.

Now Therefore, be it resolved that the Commission offers the position of the County Administrator to _____ as a Pay Grade 25 position with starting pay of \$_____ per hour with an effective date of April 15, 2024.

A. County Finance Officer Hire

Action as related to **Resolution #5448** County Finance Officer Hire

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

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

In Opposition: None

Motion Tabled

Resolution #5448

Whereas, the Cleburne County Commission advertised for applicants for the position of County Finance Officer, and

Whereas, applications were received and the Commission conducted interviews with qualified applicants on April 1, 2024, and

Whereas, the Commission wishes to offer the position to _____.

Now Therefore, be it resolved that the Commission offers the position of the County Finance Officer to _____ as a Pay Grade 23 position with starting pay of \$_____ per hour with an effective date of April 15, 2024.

Reports from staff:

- A. The County Administrator, Lisa Copeland states we have received double in sales tax collected for February due to a vendor we normally do not receive sales tax from. She states she reached out to the AL Dept of Revenue, they state they have tried to contact the Vendor but can not reach them. They suggest to go ahead and split it with Board of Education and the Vendor can file paperwork if it is a mistake and the Dept of Revenue will hold it out of future payments until all of it has been recouped. She also states she will be sitting down with Allan from Parnell Insurance within the week to discuss

coverage options for Sheriff vehicles. She will also reach out to the ACCA to find out the cost of their liability insurance.

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

C. The County Attorney, Jason Odom is not present

Discussion Items from the Chairman and Commission:

Commissioner Terry Hendrix asks what are we going to do about the jobs situation? He suggests County Administrator, Lisa Copeland hire a Finance Officer and restructure her organizational chart.

Commissioner Laura Cobb suggests 2 Commissioners sit in on the interviews.

County Administrator, Lisa Copeland likes the idea of having Commissioners sit in and give their input.

The Commissioners state to readvertise for the Finance Officer position not just locally, but also other places like Indeed and ACCA website.

Commissioner Laura Cobb congratulates County Engineer, Lee Estes for receiving a grant for another year.

Action as related to **Resolution #5449**

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

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

In Opposition: None

Motion Passed

Resolution #5449

Meeting adjourned.

Certified by:

Ryan Robertson – Chairman

Laura Cobb – District 1

Emmett Owen – District 2

Terry Hendrix – District 3

Roger Hill – District 4