



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

July 15, 2024

Program

Lion 2nd Vice-President Jeff Lawson presided over tonight's meeting due to an emergency situation within Lion President Chris Brooks' family. Lion Sam Roberts introduced Mr. Jeff Clemons, now in his 2nd term as Chairman of the Cullman County Commission.



Lion 2nd Vice-President Jeff Lawson and Lion Sam Roberts present County Commission Chairman Jeff Clemons with a token of appreciation as our speaker, tonight.

Jeff gave an almost non-stop account of the work on-going and in the future of Cullman County. Chairman Jeff explained that the Commission has 4 part-time Commissioners and himself as the only full-time Commissioner and a full time County Engineer. His Commission has 13 departments and over 500 employees. He said our latest County population stands at just over 92,000 and is growing steadily. I recall when I first came to Cullman, 39 years ago, that figure was around 55,000. He noted that his Commission is responsible for over 2,000 miles of roads, and that the County Engineer makes final update decisions to the 5-year re-paving list. A few un-paved roads get paved for the first time each year. He and the County Engineer give a roads report annually to the other Commissioners. By October of this year the

plan is to have 70 miles of paving/re-paving completed.

Jeff mentioned having good relations with the Commission on Aging which has 7 senior centers across Cullman, along with 9 satellite locations. There are all sorts of events and activities scheduled for our seniors, including a Christmas Party at which there were about 1,000 attendees last year. He talked about the Carts Service, which is a vital program offering rides all across Cullman for seniors getting to doctor's appointments, groceries stores, and other general transportation. It averages 150 to 200 trips daily or 2800 trips monthly. There are a lot of seniors in Cullman who do not have family, so the Carts program really helps them.

Chairman Clemons talked about getting grants for improvements at the Stony-lonesome OHV Park, Sportsmen's Lake Park, Smith Lake Park, new Pickle ball courts, the Sheriff's Rodeo, Rock the South roads, and other venues/activities. He also talked about replacing the bridge off HWY 231 towards Joppa, a new water pumping station for Crane Hill, the County Land-fill (a joint County/City project), emergency repairs on County Rd 222, problems with littering in several Cullman areas, getting a replacement for the Hwy 278 bridge near St. Bernard, getting AED defibrillators in all sheriff's cars, renovating the library, and keeping Cullman safe.

The Chairman answered many questions from our Club members and gave us a very entertaining and informative vision of ongoing operations of the County Commission's work. He's a very busy man, indeed.



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Other Business

Lion Ron Seybold visited with former-Lion Alton Pitzing at Alton's home and reports that he is doing fairly well, but he has recently been diagnosed with prostate cancer. He says that he misses getting together with us. Alton's wife, Pat, has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Lion Ron invited Alton's Lion Club friends to drop by and visit with Alton anytime.

Lion Chris Robinson announced that his wife just completed her final cancer surgery and expects her complete recovery to continue in a positive manner in the coming weeks.



Dist. 11 Rep. Randall Shedd
AL State House of Representatives

Upcoming Programs and Events

July 22: Speaker will be Mr. Rusty Roden, Agriscience teacher at Holly Pond High School.



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July 29: Speaker will be Dist.11, Alabama State House Representative, Mr. Randall Shedd.

August 5: Speaker will be Mayor of City of Cullman, Mr. Woody Jacobs.



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Tale Twister Input

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