

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR  
HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN PUBLIC BRIEFING  
JANUARY 22, 2020 9:30 A.M. EST**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**BUSINESS:**

- Hazard Mitigation Plan Public Briefing

Emergency Management Director Bob Franklin introduced Taylor Espo with Lee-Russell to present to the Commissioners the update for the Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Lee/Russell planning region. This has to be done every five years for FEMA requirements.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- No comments presented.

**ADJOURN**

The Russell County Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
January 22, 2020  
9:30 A.M. EST

An adjourned meeting of the Russell County Commission was called to order.

Chair Lee stated: Revenue Commissioner Naomi Elliott said the Ad Valorem Tax Resolution should be removed at this time. It will be on the next Commission Meeting, it is the wrong time for it, normally it is done in February.

Chair Lee stated: At this time, we need a motion to approve the Agenda with the Ad Valorem Tax removed.

Commissioner Currington made a motion. Seconded by Commissioner Epps.

County Administrator Horne polled the Commission. The vote was unanimous to approve the Agenda with the Ad Valorem Tax removed.

The invocation was given by Reverend Brady Baird, Seale United Methodist Church.

Commissioner Cattie Epps led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Lee welcomed elected officials, department heads, media and guests. He also thanked Cable T.V. of East Alabama and The Citizen News for their coverage of the Commission Meeting.

County Administrator LeAnn Horne called roll. Members present were; Chair Gentry Lee, Commissioner Carl Currington, Commissioner Peggy Martin, Commissioner Ronnie Reed, Commissioner Cattie Epps, Commissioner Chance Corbett and Commissioner Larry Screws. Also, present was the County Attorney Kenneth Funderburk. A quorum was established.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Chair Lee requested approval of the November 27, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Martin motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Corbett.

County Administrator Horne polled the Commission. The vote was unanimous to approve the November 27, 2019 minutes.

Chair Lee stated: The January 8, 2020 minutes were not completed due to a miscommunication. They will be on the next Commission Meeting Agenda.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Chair Lee called on Commissioner Currington.

Commissioner Currington stated: I want to present a new building for the Sanitation Department, but I learned we have to present it to the Sanitation Board first. I also want to present for purchase two trucks.

Chair Lee stated: We just had a board meeting Monday a week ago and discussed a lot of things and these were not discussed.

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

Chair Lee stated: At the Sanitation Board Meeting the Board wanted to have Shawn Blakeney officially appointed as acting Director for Sanitation up to six months. At the end of six months if we haven't hired anyone, we will deal with it again. I am asking for a motion.

Commissioner Martin motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Corbett.

Commissioner Screws stated: Mr. Chairman, I thought we were supposed to get a copy of the job description.

Chair Lee stated: There is one ready in the Commission Office. You can pick one up or request it to be emailed to you.

Commissioner Screws stated: When do we plan to advertise for the position?

Chair Lee stated: We were going to give all the Commissioners a job description so they could check to see if we wanted to make changes or additions to it. I want to advertise as soon as possible.

Commissioner Reed stated: Mr. Chairman, by the Engineer taking over is that going to take a lot of duties away from the Engineer's job? That is a lot of responsibility.

Chair Lee stated: That was some of our main concern, but at this time, I think it may be the best solution to the problem. Shawn said, it won't take a lot of his time. That is what the Board recommended. This is up to six months. We didn't say six months because if we get someone in there within three months then that will end it. Shawn seems to be knowledgeable of the Sanitation Department.

County Engineer Shawn Blakeney stated: I have talked with County Administrator LeAnn Horne and will let her know if it starts take anything away from Engineering, I told her she would be the first one that I came to. I have one of my secretaries helping me with the paperwork. They use the same computer system that we do in our office; monitoring expenses and budget items will be simple.

Commissioner Screws stated: Is she being paid?

County Engineer Shawn Blakeney stated: The 10% or whatever you agree to do.

Commissioner Screws stated: How do you calculate that?

County Engineer Shawn Blakeney stated: By the base salary.

Commissioner Screws stated: Does she sign in at the time she is with Sanitation and sign out when she leaves?

Chair Lee stated: It is not an hourly position it is a salaried position.

Commissioners Screws stated: I think we are going to get into some problems with it. I am for Shawn doing it, I just see problems with it being in Engineering and moving back and forth to Sanitation. That is my concern.

Chair Lee stated: It was a concern of mine also, Commissioner, until I talked to people and realized it may not be the best solution but for now it may be the only solution. The pay is coming out of Sanitation not Engineering.

Commissioner Corbett stated: Mr. Chair, I do support this and will vote for it. My biggest reasoning behind it and I have done my homework and talked with Shawn and talked with the Administrator, I think this is the right solution for the County whether it is temporary or even long term. Depending on our research and how we look into this. I definitely think this is the right move for us at this time given the situation. The Board

agreed. Doing an interim position is a smart move on the County's part and it saves the County money.

Chair Lee stated: Thank you Commissioner. The recommendation is coming from the Sanitation Board. I don't have a vote on the Board, it's not coming from me. I am bringing this to us from the Board. This is the Sanitation's Board recommendation.

County Administrator Horne polled the Commission: District 1 (Lee) voted, yes; District 2 (Currington) voted, no; District 3 (Martin) voted, yes; District 4 (Reed) voted, yes; District 5 (Epps) voted, yes; District 6 (Corbett) voted, yes; District 7 (Screws) voted, yes. 6 yes votes and 1 no vote. The motion passed for County Engineer Shawn Blakeney to act as (Interim) Sanitation Director.

County Administrator LeAnn Horne requested the Commissioners to approve the court order cremation up to \$400 for John K. Robinson.

Commissioner Epps motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The vote was unanimous to approve the payment to Vance Memorial Chapel for the cremation.

Announcements were made by the County Administrator.

Commissioner Corbett motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Martin. Meeting was adjourned.

After careful examination and considerations, the Commission authorized the Administrator to pay the following bills from the perspective funds.

**January 2020 Checks**

<b>General Fund 001</b>				
18023	01-09-20	Payroll Fund P.G. Bank	3030	\$489,958.81
18024	01-09-20	Russell County Volunteer Fire Department Association	3040	\$153,800.00
18025	01-10-20	Payroll Fund P.G. Bank	3030	\$430.60
18026	01-10-20	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$263,248.23
18027	01-16-20	Blue Cross & Blue Shield of AL	52100 122	\$1,316.78
18028	01-16-20	City of Phenix City Department of Fire & EMS	3040	\$43,461.00
18029	01-21-20	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$87,009.24
18030	01-23-20	Payroll Fund P.G. Bank	2030	\$355,351.45
18031	01-23-20	Russell County Fire Fighter Association, Inc.	59250 700	\$95,000.00

18032	01-27-20	Beyond Expectations Community Outreach	59244 700	\$500.00
18033	01-27-20	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$6,331.31
18034	01-28-20	Payroll Fund P.G. Bank	See attached	\$885.33
18035	01-29-20	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$864.14
18036	01-30-20	Intersecure Tech Inc.	41250 018	\$947.00
		<b>Contingent Fund 002</b>		
		<b>Ft. Mitchell Senior Center</b>		
1242	01-21-20	Operation Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$270.00
		<b>Masonic Lodge Fund 104</b>		
1157	01-08-20	Millicent Belrose	51100 499	\$375.00
1158	01-16-20	Pine Hollow Landfill	51100 499	\$320.00
1159	01-27-20	Trugreen	51100 499	\$92.70
		<b>Court Cost Fund 105</b>		
		<b>Gasoline Tax 111 Fund</b>		
13676	01-09-20	Payroll Fund P.G. Bank	3030	\$94,161.65
13677	01-10-20	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$28,606.87
13678	01-21-20	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$18,434.52
13679	01-23-20	Payroll Fund P.G. Bank	2030	\$72,045.71
13680	01-27-20	Local Government Health Insurance Board	43100 122	\$503.00
13681	01-27-20	Blue Cross & Blue Shield of AL	53100 122	\$176.50
13682	01-27-20	Blue Cross & Blue Shield of AL	53100 122	\$32.00
13683	01-27-20	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$1,277.45
13684	01-28-20	Payroll Fund P.G. Bank	53100 122	\$195.75
		<b>Road &amp; Bridge 112</b>		
1378	01-10-20	Wiregrass Resource Consvr & Development	51100 499	\$250.00
1379	01-10-20	Operation Fund P.G. Bank	3020	\$524.40
1380		Voided		
1381		Voided		
1382	01-16-20	Leroy Davis, Jr.	51100 499	\$170.00
1383	01-21-20	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$11,877.50
1384	01-27-20	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$2,095.25
		<b>Capital Imp. Fund 116</b>		
		<b>RRR Gasoline Tax 117</b>		

		<b>Secondary RD Fund 118</b>		
		<b>Reappraisal 120</b>		
2285	01-09-20	Payroll Fund P.G. Bank	3030	\$25,730.01
2286	01-10-20	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$8,086.80
2287	01-21-20	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$2,252.32
2288	01-23-20	Payroll Fund P.G. Bank	2030	\$21,197.01
2289	01-27-20	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$284.17
2290	01-28-20	Payroll Fund P.G. Bank	51985 122	\$49.30
		<b>Juvenile DRUG 195</b>		
1277	01-02-20	Tommy Powell	56900 199	\$895.71
1278	01-16-20	Tommy Powell	56900 199	\$895.71
		<b>Garbage Fund 511</b>		
1669	01-09-20	Payroll Fund P.G. Bank	3030	\$76,977.61
1670	01-10-20	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$24,317.45
1671	01-21-20	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$42,538.88
1672	01-23-20	Payroll Fund P.G. Bank	2030	\$50,182.77
1673	01-23-20	Postmaster	54100 252	\$2,638.84
1674	01-21-20	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$6,991.01
1675	01-28-20	ADEM	54100 307	\$1,385.00
1676	01-28-20	Payroll Fund P.G. Bank	54100 122	\$158.05
		<b>Garbage Escrow Fund 513</b>		
		<b>Donation Fund 750</b>		
491	01-08-20	Max Herring	51100 499	\$77.60
		<b>Law Library 755</b>		
1091	01-09-20	RELX Inc. DBA LEXISNEXIS	51100 410	\$419.05
1092	01-09-20	Alabama Association of Circuit Judges	51100 499	\$400.00
1093	01-09-20	Alabama Administrative Office of Courts	51100 499	\$75.00
1094	01-16-20	Alabama Administrative Office of Courts	51100 499	\$75.00
1096	01-27-20	Walmart	51100 499	\$538.00
		<b>Worthless Check 761</b>		
524	01-09-20	Worthless Check Unit Office of District Attorney	51260 365 51260 362	\$1,294.53 \$2,404.10

		<b>Revenue Commissioner Manufactured Fund 781</b>		
		<b>Motor Vehicle Special Fund 782</b>		
		<b>Land Redemption Fund 786</b>		
783	01-30-20	Naomi Elliott, Rev. Commissioner	3040	\$901.42
		<b>Juvenile Service Fund 787</b>		
2283	01-16-20	Verizon	52600 499	\$132.24
		<b>County Tobacco Fund 797</b>		
515	01-27-20	Russell County Volunteer Fire Department Association	3040	\$21,320.76
516	01-27-20	Task Force for Senior Citizens	3040	\$561.07
517	01-27-20	Project Greene Light	3040	\$561.07
		<b>County Beer Tax 798</b>		
721	01-27-20	Russell County Board of Education	3040	\$14,778.57
722	01-27-20	Russell County Fire Committee Special Account	3040	\$7,389.29
723	01-27-20	Phenix Girard Bank (General Fund)	3040	\$7,389.29
724	01-27-20	Phenix Girard Bank (General Fund)	3040	\$2,836.05

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Administrator Chair