

The Russell County Commission
Russell County Commission Chambers
Meeting Minutes July 8, 2020
9:30 A.M. EDT

Present: Chairman Lee, Vice Chair Peggy Martin, Commissioner Reed, Commissioner Epps, Commissioner Corbett and Commissioner Screws. Absent: Commissioner Carl Currington and LeAnn Horne due to COVID-19 quarantine requirement. Human Resource Representative Max Herring kept the minutes of the meeting.

Chairman Lee called the Russell County Commission meeting to order.

Vice Chair Martin provided the invocation.

Commissioner Corbett conducted the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Lee requested to add an item to the agenda. Commissioner Lee stated: the item is a football ad for the Phenix Citizen. This is an ad the Commission always sponsors. Item to be placed under Business on the agenda and the ad is \$850.00.

Chairman Lee stated: The other item is the Mural. It was in the minutes to add this to the next agenda to be voted on. If you had any recommendations or changes, those were to be provided to Commissioner Corbett. Chairman Lee stated that he had one addition he would like added to the proposed Mural and that was for Fort Benning Military to be represented in the Mural.

There were no objections to adding the two items reported by Chairman Lee to the agenda.

Chairman Lee stated: No public comments.

Human Resource Representative, Max Herring established a quorum.

Chairman Lee presented the June 24, 2020 meeting minutes for approval. Vice Chair Peggy Martin motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Corbett. Minutes approved by unanimous vote.

Chairman Lee stated: As a reminder, the Commission's policy is that we vote on Resolutions or Proclamations to approve/decline first; then, we make the presentation later. However, I do not see the Coach here today; so, this will not apply.

Commissioner Epps stated: The gentleman is coming into the meeting room now. She indicated his caretaker just came to the door and signaled she is bringing him inside. Chairman Lee stated we will postpone the item until he gets inside.

Chairman Lee stated: There are no discussion items.

Chairman Lee recognized Commissioner Screws. Commissioner Screws stated: Yes. We were supposed to have on the agenda an overview of a financial report. Chairman Lee stated: She is not present. Commissioner Screws stated: Well let us add it to the next agenda. Chairman Lee asked for Kelly and Max to remember to put item on the agenda.

Chairman Lee recognized Revenue Commissioner Naomi Elliott. Revenue Commissioner presented the Final Settlement Report to the County Commission. Revenue Commissioner also requested for

the Chairman to be allowed to sign all documents pertaining to the Final Settlement Report so she can send reports to the State of Alabama. Commissioner Corbett made motion to approve the report as presented by the Revenue Commissioner. Vice Chair Martin seconded the motion. The Final Settlement Report for 2019-2020 was approved by unanimous vote of Commissioners present.

NAOMI ELLIOTT
RUSSELL COUNTY REVENUE COMMISSIONER

2019/2020 TAX YEAR

CHARGES	\$24,809,376.88
SUPPLEMENT	\$255,463.04
INTEREST	\$26,552.53
ESCAPES	\$29,749.98
TOTAL CHARGES	\$25,121,142.43
ERRORS	\$331,498.32
LITIGATIONS	\$3,323.38
INSOLVENT	\$939.12
LANDS SOLD TO STATE	\$2,350.88
REFUNDS	\$181,926.42
PRO RATED WITHHOLDINGS	\$1,039,898.39
COMMISSIONS	\$841,008.20
REMITTANCES	\$22,690,447.74
ESCAPE REMITTANCES	\$29,749.98
TOTAL CREDITS	\$25,121,142.43
MANUFACTURED HOMES COUNTY GENERAL FUND	\$24,218.50
CO GENERAL FUND 8 MILL AD VALOREM	\$3,838,197.27
COMMISSION TO GEN FUND	\$842,030.36
FEES TO GEN FUND	\$18,879.86
TOTAL TO GENERAL FUND	\$4,723,325.99
CO ROAD & BRIDGE FUND 4 MILL AD VALOREM	\$1,880,201.85
MANUFACTURED HOMES ACT NO. 2015 VOL. FIRE DEPT	\$55,900.00
AD VALOREM ACT NO. 2015 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT	\$490,820.46
TOTAL ACT NO. 2015 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT	\$546,720.46

Revenue Commissioner Elliott presented a departmental budget transfer request. Motion was made by Commissioner Martin. Seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The budget transfer was approved by unanimous vote of the Commissioners present.

I need to transfer the following amounts to line 211- office supplies:

\$5,000.00-----from 214	Minor Equipment
\$3,000.00-----from 304	Contract Services
\$6,000.00-----from 541	Equipment & Furniture

Chairman Lee recognized Commissioner Reed. Commissioner Reed stated that he would like to give the school his remaining appropriated funds budgeted for projects to New Life Center for Change. Commissioner Reed said that COVID-19 has set the school back that provides housing for children. He does not want to see an empty building and kids not have a home. Commissioner Reed motioned to provide the \$7,500 (est.) funds or the remaining funds that are left. Commissioner Martin seconded. Chairman Lee stated: Motion is to transfer funds to the New Life Center for Change, the remaining funds for Commissioner Reed in which we think is around \$7,500. The request was approved by unanimous vote of the Commissioners present.

Chairman Lee recognized County Engineer, Shawn Blakeney. Engineer Shawn Blakeney presented a departmental budget transfer for Sanitation. Commissioner Corbett motioned to approve. Commissioner Martin seconded. County Engineer stated that; The wrong chart was provided to him during budget time and as you know Ms. Perry retired, and we just realized it when we went to make the payment. This is correcting the payment schedule, that is all. Budget Transfer was approved by unanimous vote of the Commissioners present.

Decrease Line Item No. 550 (Motor Vehicles)	\$38,000.00
Increase Line Item No. 611 (Principal) -	\$31,000.00
Increase Line No. 612 (Interest) -	\$700.00
Increase Line Item No. 316 (Wrecker Services) -	\$2,500.00
Increase Line Item No. 228 (Uniform Rental) -	\$3,500.00

Chairman Lee stated: The next item is the Fort Mitchell Playground equipment. Engineer Shawn Blakeney presented; \$20,000 budgeted for adding playground equipment to the Fort Mitchell playground area located next to the Fort Mitchell Volunteer Fire Department. Engineer Blakeney stated; He requested this to be a discussion item because it has already been approved and requires no action. Just a report it the Commission that we are moving forward with purchasing the equipment. Engineer Blakeney stated: the purchases are being made off the state bid program.

Merry Go All	Ex. \$6,203.06
Sensory Dome – Medium	Ex. \$9,205.56
Window Blue 20” for Dome	Ex. \$ 443.08
Sensory Dome Climber Insert	Ex. \$ 110.20
Bells 2-Sided Sensor for Dome	Ex. \$1,069.32
 Total	 Ex. \$17,031.22

Chairman Lee recognized Bob Franklin, EMA Director. Director Franklin stated; The budget transfer request before you today are partially due to the COVID-19 expenses and vehicle related. The motion to approved was made by Commissioner Epps. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. Commissioner Martin asked Mr. Franklin to explain the game times. Director Franklin indicated that was County Engineers presentation. However, he further stated, these expenses are for supplies that we have ordered to try and track the expenses. We are placing the funds in one line and also minor adjustments in transferring those funds, I have included the other line items at the same time such as the vehicle repair expenses. Director Franklin stated: We are anticipating being reimbursed for the COVID-19 expenses where we have purchased supplies for all departments to have and use as protection.

Budget transfer of \$10,000 from Line 214 (Minor Equipment) to the following accounts:

\$500 to Line 234 (Motor Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance)

\$30 to Line 303 (Dues)

\$9,470.00 to Line 219 (Other Miscellaneous Supplies)

Chairman Lee asked Vice Chair Martin if she wanted Engineer Blakeney to explain the Parks and Recreation purchases. She stated: Yes. Engineer Blakeney listed the type of playground equipment being purchased.

Chairman Lee requested Mr. Franklin to restate his request. Director Franklin restated his departmental budget transfer. The budget transfer was approved by unanimous vote of the Commissioners present.

Chairman Lee presented the next item on the agenda. A football Ad to be in the Citizen Newspaper. It is \$850.00. The request was approved by unanimous vote of the Commissioners present.

Chairman Lee presented the next item which is the Mural design. Commissioner Corbett presented the mural design and reviewed the items depicted. Chairman Lee requested that something be added to the Mural to include Fort Benning Military. Commissioner Screws stated; He would like to see each community to be represented, if possible, in the Mural. Chairman Lee said that if we put every little thing on one Mural it would be so tiny it would be hard to see. Chairman Lee stated this is a good start. I think on the next one, we can try to include the ones not listed on this Mural. Commissioner Reed stated; He thinks the vote should be held off until Screws adds something to the Mural. Chairman Lee and Commissioner Corbett both reviewed the areas of Commissioner Screws District that are included on the Mural design presented today. Commissioner Reed stated; He wanted to see the baseball fields and parks included. Commissioner Corbett asked Commissioner Screws to help him locate a wall in the area that he is discussing, and he will be glad to work with him to have a mural designed. Chairman Reed asked if Mr. Victor can help with some money on the murals.

Victor Cross reported that the ASA tournament will not take place this year due to COVID-19. That frees up some funds to assist with Murals or upgrade existing ones.

Chairman Lee stated; The motion is to approve the design at this point. Chairman Lee stated we can approve the funds at next meeting. Commissioner Corbett stated: We can divide the expense four ways unless Commissioner Epps wants to contribute. Commissioner Epps said she needs to check

her funds. The motion to approve the Mural passed by unanimous vote of the Commissioners present.

Commissioner Epps motioned to approve the Proclamation for Jason Jones. The Proclamation was approved by unanimous vote of the Commissioners present. Commissioner Epps said the acting Administrator stated that I could read the Proclamation. Commissioner Epps read the Proclamation.

The meeting was adjourned.

Attest: _____ Signed: _____
County Administrator Chair