

The Russell County Commission  
 Russell County Commission Chambers  
 Meeting Minutes September 23, 2020  
 9:30 A.M. EDT

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

Chairman Lee welcomed everyone for their attendance.

The invocation was given by Commissioner Martin.

Commissioner Cattie Epps led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. Willie Carnes talked about flooding in his neighborhood.

Ron Jones with the American Legion Post 135 awarded the Commission for its support with Hurricane Laura.

Jennifer Davidson with the Russell County Extension Office gave the annual report.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Chairman Lee stated: We will postpone the approval of the August 26, 2020 and the September 9, 2020 minutes until the next Commission Meeting.

**PROCLAMATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

Commissioner Corbett motioned to approve a Posthumous Proclamation for former Russell County Commissioner, J.D. Upshaw. Commissioner Martin motioned to approve. The vote was unanimous.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Commissioner Corbett discussed Russell County business growth. He made a motion to request a quarterly report from Victor Cross with the business growth in Russell County. Commissioner Corbett made a motion to add to Business. There was not a second motion. The motion dies without a second.

Chairman Gentry Lee reminded the Commissioners that the position of the Assistant County Administrator has not been filled since January. It is normally the Bookkeeper's position, but it still has to go through the Commission. This is a Commission appointment. It is an important position. The position is to deal with budget, finances and fill in when the Administrator is out.

Commissioner Martin recognized Cindy Jeanes with the Department of Human Resources. Ms. Jeanes was requesting a donation for a Christmas project to help with families. Chairman Lee motioned to give \$500 out of his discretionary fund starting in October to be allocated to this program. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion and gave \$500. Commissioner Corbett gave \$500 and Commissioner Martin gave \$500. This was a total of \$2,000.

Maintenance Director Leon Watson requested a budget transfer. Commissioner Corbett motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Martin. The vote was unanimous.

\$20,000 from line 304 to line 113  
 \$ 3,000 from line 307 to line 113  
 \$15,000 from line 307 to line 241  
 \$ 4,200 from line 215 to line 241  
 \$ 6,500 from line 242 to line 241

\$ 1,600 from line 219 to line 228

\$ 100 from line 219 to line 239

Sheriff Heath Taylor requested approval to send out bids for uniforms. The bids would be sent out September 25, 2020, due and opened on October 22, 2020 at 3:00 P.M. in the Commission Chamber. Commissioner Corbett motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

Chief Mapper and Appraiser Heath Crowe requested a budget transfer. Commissioner Epps motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

\$8,000 from line 154 to line 240

\$7,500 from line 154 to line 244

Judge Alford Harden requested approval to change polling places from Roy Martin Center to Idle Hour Park Community Center and from the Fire Department, EMA building to the Phenix City Youth Center. Commissioner Screws motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

Judge Alford Harden reminded everyone to please complete the 2021 Census.

County Administrator Leann Horne requested the approval for 2021 Russell County Budget. There was a salary increase of 3 percent. Commissioner Reed motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Screws. District 1 (Lee) voted, yes; District 3 (Martin) voted, yes; District 4 (Reed) voted, yes; District 5 (Epps) voted, yes; District 6 (Corbett), abstained; District 7(Screws) voted, yes. There were 5 yes votes and one abstention. The motioned passed.

County Administrator Leann Horne requested the approval of the 2021 Salary Schedule. Commissioner Lee asked Sheriff Heath Taylor if his salary schedule is the same as everyone else? Sheriff Heath Taylor said his was based on the performance evaluation he gave his employees. He gave every employee in his department a 2 percent cost of living raise. The employees that were employed less than six months did not get the 1 percent. The employees that had the evaluation got the additional 1 percent. Chairman Lee made it clear by doing it this way the Elected Commissioners will only get 2 percent. County Administrator Horne stated: Not all of them. The Elected Officials other than the ones that did not get a State Legislative raise will get the raise under the Omnibus Pay Act. This is what the auditors told the Commissioners per Chairman Lee. The Legislature approved a raise until the money is used up by 3 percent you do not get one. Commissioner Reed motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Screws. The vote was unanimous to approve the Salary Schedule.

Announcements were made.

Chairman Lee moved for the meeting to be adjourned.

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

**September  
2020 Checks**

<b>General Fund 001</b>				
18150	09-02-20	Payroll Fund PG Bank	3030	\$415,122.59
18151	09-02-20	Intersecure Tech	41250 018	\$947.00
18152	09-02-20	David M. Boozer, Jr.	52100 122	\$210.00
18153	09-10-20	Operations Fund, P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$130,357.08
18154	09-10-20	The American Legion	57200 530	\$500.00
18155	09-10-20	Payroll Fund PG Bank	See Attached	\$21,809.00
18156	09-14-20	Russell County Sheriff Department	4100 710	\$4,225.60
18157	09-14-20	Russell County Sheriff Department	45100 710	\$1,844.00

18158	09-14-20	Russell County Sheriff Department	45100 710	\$5,852.80
18159	09-14-20	Russell County Sheriff Department	45100 710	\$7,481.60
18160	09-17-20	Payroll Fund PG Bank	3030	\$343,207.50
18161	10-18-20	Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Alabama	52100 122	\$1,316.78
18162	09-18-20	Road & Bridge Fund	3040	\$15,526.30
18163	09-18-20	City of Phenix City	3040	\$39,770.84
18164	09-18-20	City of Hurtsboro	3040	\$555.09
18165	09-18-20	Russell County Board of Education	3040	\$29,530.72
18166	09-18-20	Phenix City Board of Education	3040	\$46,794.67
18167	09-18-20	Go Georgia Arts	41250 018	\$4,666.00
18168	09-21-20	Operations Fund, P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$187,948.94
18169	09-22-20	Russell County Volunteer Fire Department Association	3040	\$100.00
18170	09-25-20	RC Child Advocacy Ctr. Inc.	44741 810	\$36,400.00
18171	09-28-20	City of Phenix City	52200 242	\$28.53
18172	09-30-20	Operations Fund, P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$39,374.92
18173	09-30-20	Payroll Fund PG Bank	3030	\$421,753.12
18174	09-30-20	Payroll Fund PG Bank	See Attached	\$23,006.00
18175	09-30-20	Great Southern Publishers, Inc.	41250 018	\$5,036.00
18176	09-30-20	Intersecure Tech	41250 018	\$947.00
		<b>Contingent Fund 002</b>		
		<b>Ft. Mitchell Senior Center 103</b>		
		<b>Masonic Lodge Fund 104</b>		
1192	09-10-20	Operations Fund, P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$150.66
1193	09-14-20	Pine Hollow Landfill	51100 499	\$320.00
1194	09-21-20	Operations Fund, P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$41.49
1195	09-30-20	Michelle Folds	51100 239	\$150.00
		<b>Court Cost Fund 105</b>		
		<b>Gasoline Tax 111 Fund</b>		
13756	09-02-20	Payroll Fund PG Bank	3030	\$97,200.34
13757	09-10-20	Operations Fund, P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$40,488.45
13758	09-10-20	Payroll Fund PG Bank	53100 122	\$6,946.00
13759	09-17-20	Payroll Fund PG Bank	3030	\$76,775.61
13760	09-18-20	Rebuild Alabama PGB	3040	\$54,399.92
13761	09-21-20	Operations Fund, P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$40,387.28

13762	09-21-20	Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Alabama	53100 122	\$64.00
13763	09-21-20	Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Alabama	53100 122	\$176.50
13764	09-30-20	Operations Fund, P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$42,300.22
13765	09-30-20	Payroll Fund PG Bank	3030	\$98,621.53
13766	09-30-20	Payroll Fund PG Bank	53100 122	\$6,912.00
13767	09-30-20	Larry Kite	53100 122	\$2,482.00
		<b>Road &amp; Bridge 112</b>		
1435	09-02-20	Alabama Department of Revenue	51100 550	\$24.25
1436	09-10-20	Operations Fund, P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$4,807.86
1437	09-14-20	MGM Remodeling & Electrical	51100 307	\$4,975.00
1438	09-14-20	Alabama Department of Revenue Motor Vehicle Division	51100 550	\$24.25
1439	09-14-20	Alabama Department of Revenue Motor Vehicle Division	51100 550	\$4.00
1440	09-21-20	Operations Fund, P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$13643.00
1441	09-30-20	Operations Fund, P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$127,034.37
		<b>Capital Imp. Fund 116</b>		
320	09-14-20	Russell County Water Authority	51970 522	\$24,500.00
		<b>RRR Gasoline Tax 117</b>		
1217	09-10-20	Operations Fund, P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$303,179.13
		<b>Mineral Fund 119</b>		
		<b>Reappraisal 120</b>		
2336	09-02-20	Payroll Fund PG Bank	3030	\$25,730.04
2337	09-10-20	Operations Fund, P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$1,382.64
2338	09-10-20	Payroll Fund PG Bank	51985 122	\$394.00
2339	09-17-20	Payroll Fund PG Bank	3030	\$21,197.00
2340	09-18-20	Diversified Companies, LLC	51985 252	\$672.00
2341	09-21-20	Operations Fund, P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$2,730.53
2342	09-30-20	Operations Fund, P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$809.01
2343	09-30-20	Payroll Fund PG Bank	3030	\$25,730.02
2344	09-30-20	Payroll Fund PG Bank	51985 122	\$394.00
		<b>Juvenile DRUG 195</b>		
1293	09-01-20	Tommy Powell	56900 199	\$895.71
1294	09-16-20	Tommy Powell	56900 199	\$895.71

		<b>REBUILD ALABAMA FUND 220</b>		
1001	09-25-19	East Alabama Paving Company	53100 530	\$302,637.53
		<b>Sanitation Fund 511</b>		
1723	09-02-20	Payroll Fund PG Bank	3030	\$73,363.79
1724	09-10-20	Operations Fund, P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$30,811.40
1726	09-17-20	Payroll Fund PG Bank	3030	\$53,230.80
1727	09-21-20	Operations Fund, P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$8,724.70
1728	09-24-20	Postmaster	54100 252	\$2,675.17
1729	09-30-20	Operations Fund, P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$43,127.80
1730	09-30-20	Payroll Fund PG Bank	3030	\$71,210.43
1731	09-30-20	Payroll Fund PG Bank	54100 122	\$394.00
61224	09-30-20	Deja Johanson	45411 740	\$20.00
61225	09-30-20	Joseph C. Massey	45411 740	\$17.50
61226	09-30-20	Randy Koffler	45411 740	\$20.00
61227	09-30-20	Betty L. Hamilton	45411 740	\$10.00
61228	09-30-20	James Mooneyham	45411 740	\$12.00
61229	09-30-20	Jereny Bethune	45411 740	\$72.71
61230	09-30-20	Helen E. Melton	45411 740	\$20.00
61231	09-30-20	Maria C. Tovar	45411 740	\$16.00
61232	09-30-20	Saundra Milton	45411 740	\$60.00
		<b>Garbage Escrow Fund 513</b>		
0038	09-02-20	Garbage Fund PG Bank	3040	\$258.07
		<b>Donation Fund 750</b>		
		<b>Law Library 755</b>		
1120	09-02-20	RELX, Inc. dba LexisNexis	51100 499	\$462.00
		<b>Worthless Check 761</b>		
532	08-10-20	Worthless Check Unit Office of District Attorney	51260 362 51260 365	\$2,302.95 \$1,240.05
		<b>MV TECHNOLOGY</b>		
		<b>Revenue Commissioner Manufactured Fund 781</b>		
		<b>Motor Vehicle Special Fund 782</b>		

		<b>Land Redemption Fund 786</b>		
800	09-02-20	Naomi Elliott, Revenue Comm.	3040	\$3,825.23
801	09-18-20	Naomi Elliott, Revenue Comm.	3040	\$798.13
802	09-30-20	Naomi Elliott, Revenue Comm.	3040	\$558.11
803	09-30-20	Naomi Elliott, Revenue Comm.	3040	\$175.11
804	09-30-20	Naomi Elliott, Revenue Comm.	3040	\$4,579.32
		<b>Juvenile Service Fund 787</b>		
2297	09-14-20	Sarah Simmons	52600 499	\$125.00
2298	09-14-20	Rodney Woods	52600 499	\$585.78
2299	09-14-20	Wilnesha Tarver	52600 499	\$125.00
2300	09-14-20	Verizon	52600 499	\$122.76
		<b>County Tobacco Fund 797</b>		
539	09-18-20	Russell County Volunteer Fire Department Association	3040	\$14,670.86
540	09-18-20	Project Greene Light	3040	\$386.08
541	09-18-20	Task Force for Senior Citizens	3040	\$386.08
		<b>County Beer Tax 798</b>		

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

County Administrator

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Chair