

The Russell County Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 26th, 2016
9:35 A.M. EDT

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

The invocation was given by Reverend Jack Wallace, Pastor of Northside Worship Center in Columbus, Georgia.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Corbett.

Chair Martin thanked Cable T.V. of East Alabama and the Citizen News for covering the Commission Meeting for the citizens of Russell County. She also welcomed elected officials, department heads, media and guests.

Public Comment: Mrs. Lawrence who discussed repair work and paving for Samuel Road.

The Commission role was called. Members present were: Chair Peggy Martin, Vice Chair Larry Screws, Gentry Lee, Tillman Pugh, Ronnie Reed, Cattie Epps and Chance Corbett. Also present was County Attorney Kenneth Funderburk and County Administrator LeAnn Horne, who kept the minutes.

A quorum was established.

Chair Martin requested a motion to approve the minutes of October 12th, 2016. Commissioner Pugh motioned to approve the minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Epps. The vote was unanimous.

Chair Martin presented a proclamation to Jennifer Davidson, Brindlea Griffin and members of the Farm – City Committee recognizing November 18 through November 25th as Farm-City Week.

Commissioner Corbett discussed a request from the Alabama State Department of Education. He motioned to approve a proclamation from the Commission supporting the week of October 31 – November 4th as National College Application Week. Seconded by Commissioner Lee. Commissioner Corbett amended his motion to include approving the Farm-City Week. Again the motion was seconded by Commissioner Lee. The vote was unanimous.

Chief Mapper Heath Crowe was unable to attend the meeting and asked Administrator Horne to present his request to approve 2 contracts: Planimetric International Corporation for oblique and ortho images, and Intergraph Government Solutions, for

Planimetric update. Administrator Horne explained that the amount of the contract reflected \$313,236.00 but at this time with one flight the cost would be \$156,618. The contract with Intergraph Governmental Solutions cost \$39,195. Commissioner Pugh motioned to approve and was seconded by Commissioner Epps and Corbett. The vote was unanimous. This was included in the 2016-2017 Budget.

Sheriff Taylor reported that a vehicle bid held October 13th, 2016 for six (6) 2011 Crown Victorias. He recommended approving the bid from Brannen Motor Company located in Unadilla, Georgia.

Sheriff Taylor also requested to send out for bid, two (2) 2010 Crown Victoria vehicles to be opened November 17, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. Commissioner Lee motioned to approve Sheriff Taylor's recommendation for the bid award for the six (6) 2011 Crown Victoria and for the bid request for two (2) 2010 Crown Victoria. Seconded by Commissioner Screws. The vote was unanimous.

Sheriff Taylor presented a radio lease from Motorola. Previously a lease with Motorola was approved but there were problems with the adaptor that was used to put the WT into the cars. The costs for the adaptors were \$1,800 for each car. The adaptors were not functioning and failed by Motorola standards, so they gave the county credit for that money. The replacement radios were \$3,000 making the difference \$13,626.75. Motorola would not amend the 3 year contract. Sheriff Taylor is requesting to enter into another 3 years contact to pay for the radios. The first payment is due April 2017, with \$5,000 increments over three years. Commissioner Lee motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

Administrator Horne presented RDS Sales and Use Contract for the collection of local Sales, Use, Rental and Lodging taxes. She stated that RDS (Revenue Discovery Systems) has reduced their rates from \$2.76 to \$2.68 during the negotiating period. Also she would like to make sure that the contract reflects the new law that was passed, Act 2016-406, regarding the term or expiration of the contract. Commissioner Corbett motioned to approve and was seconded by Commissioner Screws. The vote was unanimous.

Administrator Horne stated The Russell County School Board has presented the Commission with a resolution with a refunding opportunity that they have with the 2007 Warrant Series. Commissioner Screws motioned to approve the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous. The county has not been in debt to the school bond but this relieves the county of any responsibilities to the 2007 bond.

Administrator Horne stated the Commission has approved the 2016 Holiday Schedule earlier in the year. However, the day approved for Mardi Gras has not been assigned. She has been approached by many employees requesting the Commission please consider scheduling the Mardi Gras, as other county and state participate in, for December 23rd. Commissioner Screws motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Reed and Epps. The vote was unanimous.

County Attorney Kenneth Funderburk discussed a letter that he has written a letter in reference to the City of Phenix City's Website concerning subscriptions to garbage service outside the City's service which reads: "If you reside outside of the city service limits and wish to receive garbage service, please contact Advanced Disposal about individual contracts."

Attorney Funderburk informed the Commission and the public that is not the law. The law is if you are outside the city, which is the county and by-law you have to have garbage service with the county. There is no choice and if you are not on the county's service then you are in violation of the law.

The letter Attorney Funderburk's letter to the city requests they remove this statement from their website and any of their publications.

The City lines have been changed often due to the City annexing county residents into their limits; it causes problems for both the county and the city determining whose service those residents should subscribe.

Commissioner Screws motioned to approve the Attorney's recommendation. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

Attorney Funderburk requested approval to research a piece of property in the county to see if the individuals are interested in selling some of their land to the county. If they are interested, Attorney Funderburk will bring information back to the Commission in an executive session. Commissioner Screws motioned to allow the Attorney to make contact with the individuals of the property to see if they are interested in selling land to the county. Seconded by Commissioner Epps. The vote was unanimous.

Chair Martin made announcements.

Commissioner Screws motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Reed.

The meeting was adjourned.