

The Russell County Commission  
 Russell County Commission Chambers  
 Meeting Minutes October 28, 2020  
 9:30 A.M. EDT

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

Chairman Lee stated: This will be Commissioner Peggy Martin's last Commission Meeting. She has served on the Commission for 16 years and been the Chair for many years. She has the energy of Donald Trump; she makes every meeting everywhere. She has served the Citizens of Russell County very well.

Chairman Lee welcomed everyone for their attendance.

The invocation was given by Commissioner Martin.

Commissioner Larry screws led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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.

Commissioner Lee stated: Our County Administrator was sworn in as the President of the Association of County Administrators of Alabama (ACAA).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Chairman Lee stated: We have 3 sets of minutes to approve. We will approve one at the time. The first minutes are August 26, 2020. Is there a motion to approve? Commissioner Martin motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Lee stated: Is there a motion for the September 9, 2020 minutes to be approved? Commissioner Martin motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Lee stated: Is there a motion for the October 14, 2020 minutes to be approved? Commissioner Martin motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Epps. Commissioner Epps stated: I have a question on page 7, paragraph 4, last line states the Chairman suggested the Administrator bring back to the Commission the members on the temporary Committee to review health insurance options, sick bank and possibly looking outside the local government for family insurance.

County Administrator Horne stated: That is correct. I was not able to be at the Work Session on Monday due to the ACAA Conference. I was going to bring it back to the next Commission Meeting.

County Administrator Horne polled the Commission. The vote was unanimous to approve the October 14, 2020 minutes.

**PROCLAMATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

Commissioner Corbett stated: We have some visitors here today to recognize. On October 14, 2020 there was a call in District 6 on Charles Road a gentleman was trapped in a well 30 feet down and needed to be rescued. We had several responders respond that day to that call. Three of which are volunteers; two working for an ambulance service which we have a contract with; Russell County Deputies and two from our Emergency Management Agency. We have a Russell County challenge we are presenting to them.

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

Chief Mapper & Appraiser Heath Crowe stated: We are asking for approval to amend the Aerial Photography Contract. What this allows us to do is to capture over 500 square miles of Russell County at a higher quality image. The citizens love to come in our office and look at this

photography. It is a wonderful view. It would also lock us into another flight to be scheduled 4 or 5 years which we would be locked into a price which could not increase on the County.

Commissioner Corbett motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Epps and Commissioner Martin. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Commissioner Martin stated: As I stated at the Monday evening Work Session, I had some funds left in District 3, but we needed to clarify if that will come from last year's left. I would like \$1,000 to be designated to the Local Veteran's Council, \$1,000 to the local American Legion Post #135 Women's Auxiliary, \$1,000 to Alabama Mental Health Program, and \$2,200 to the Russell County Juvenile Delinquency Administration. This is in the form of a motion. Seconded by Commissioner Reed.

Chairman Lee stated: We need to mention just to make sure there is no misunderstanding. This is in the 2021 budget. When Ms. Martin stated \$6,700, she meant the balance of \$6,700 left out of the whole discretionary fund for District 3.

County Administrator Horne polled the Commission. The vote was unanimous to approve Commissioner Martin's request.

County Engineer Shawn Blakeney stated: I am requesting to purchase a 2020 Kenworth W900L Lowboy Tractor for the Sanitation transfer station so they can pull their trailers back to the landfill. The current one we have is a 2010 and it has about 300,000 miles on it. It is currently down right now. That is the only road truck they have. It is about time for a new one and we will then have a spare if something happens. This is a budgeted item, and the cost will be \$137,472.

Commissioner Corbett motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Martin. County Administrator Horne stated: For clarification, since this was in the budget and the Commission has already approved it, you have a \$7,500 policy where they come back to report it, but doesn't require a vote. My question is are we voting on this today or are we just reporting it today? Chairman Lee stated: We are voting on it today. It is already budgeted. County Administrator Horne stated: I am asking going forward on items that have already been approved, do you want them to come back to the Commission for a vote? Chairman Lee stated: I still want them to come back to the Commission to be voted on. Sheriff Heath Taylor stated: That is not our policy. Our policy is if I spend over \$7,500, I come to tell the Commission, not to request the Commission.

Commissioner Corbett stated: If it is spelled out in the budget. Sheriff Heath Taylor stated: If I have certain projects over \$7,500 it is a report to the Commission that you know that I am spending over \$7,500. It is not an approval issue. Commissioner Corbett stated: Was this listed in the budget books we received? I am fine if we get a copy of the breakdown amount. Chairman Lee stated: To answer the Sheriff, it is a little different since you are an Elected Official, and you control your Department. This is a County Department, and we want to know. If it is over \$7,500 it has to come back to the Commission for an approval.

County Administrator Horne polled the Commission. The vote was unanimous for the County Engineer to purchase a 2020 Kenworth Lowboy Tractor for the Sanitation Department transfer station.

Chairman Lee stated: The Lee County Youth Development Contract was approved in the budget but in the budget, it did not say it gave the Chairman permission to sign it. At this time, I need a motion to allow the Chairman to sign the contract. Commissioner Corbett motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Martin. The vote was unanimous to approve the Chairman to sign the contract.

Chairman Lee stated: Our next Commission Meeting falls on a holiday, November 11. Our policy states if the Commission Meeting falls on a holiday you can have it the next day or cancel it. This meeting does not need to be cancelled because this is the meeting the Commissioners will be sworn in. I need a motion to move the next Commission Meeting to November 12, 2020. Commissioner Corbett motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Martin. The vote was unanimous to move the next Commission Meeting to November 12, 2020. Chairman Lee stated: There will be no Work Session before the meeting.

County Administrator Horne stated: The 2021 holiday schedule is being presented for approval. I recommend approving. Commissioner Epps motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous to approve the Holiday Schedule for 2021.

County Administrator Horne presented the Commissioners Meeting Schedule. Administrator Horne stated: I recommend the approval as presented other than the changes that were just made. Commissioner Martin motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The vote was unanimous to approve the Commissioners Meeting Schedule with changes.

Announcements were made.

The meeting was adjourned.

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

**October  
2020 Checks**

<b>General Fund 001</b>				
18177	08-08-20	Phoenix Lodge #428	3040	\$2,000.00
18178	08-08-20	David M. Boozer, Jr.	52100 122	\$210.00
18179	08-08-20	Road & Bridge Fund	3040	\$3,904.00
18180	08-08-20	R.C. Board of Education	3040	\$1,580.70
18181	08-08-20	P.C. Board of Education	3040	\$2,811.30
18182	08-08-20	R.C. School System	3040	\$12,688.00
18183	08-08-20	State Department of Revenue	3040	\$6,344.00
18184	08-15-20	Payroll Fund PG Bank	3030	\$345,583.61
18185	08-16-20	Operations Fund, P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$330,676.21
18186	08-26-20	Revenue Commissioner MH-Synovus	3040	\$19.00
18187	08-23-20	Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama	52100 122	\$1,053.42
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<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