

The Russell County Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 27, 2019
9:30 A.M. EST

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

The Lord's Prayer was recited by the Commissioners and Audience.

Commissioner Larry Screws led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Martin thanked Cable T.V. of East Alabama and the Citizen of East Alabama for their coverage of the Commission Meetings. She also welcomed Elected Officials, Department Heads, Media and Guests.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chair Martin requested approval of the November 13, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Corbett motioned to approve. Commissioner Currington seconded. Commissioner Larry Screws abstained due to being absent from the November 13, 2019 meeting. The minutes were approved.

BUSINESS:

Sheriff Heath Taylor stated: We have a name change on the Drop Zone in Ft. Mitchell. The current license is under 165 PPI, LLC. and the owners are changing it to the Dropzone 165, LLC.

Commissioner Epps motioned to approve. Commissioner Reed seconded. The vote was approved for the Liquor License name change from 165 PPI, LLC, to Liquor License to Dropzone 165, LLC.

Commissioner Corbett stated: On Monday night at the Work Session we heard from Gary Leeds from the Fraternal Order of Police and also Chief Ray Smith of the Phenix City Police Department. Gary Leeds can present again today. One note that I did not make on Monday night was I just wanted to make sure the Sheriff and the Chief of Police are heavy players in the process.

Gary Leeds stated: As we discussed on Monday night at the Work Session Ms. Kim Yarbrough has had this vision for over a year to have a memorial to all of the fallen Police Officers and Deputies in the County as in the City. We have had discussion on site with Commissioner Corbett on Monday and we have selected a site. The site that we think is the best place for this is in the entrance to the Judicial Center on 14th Street. It will be seen by everybody because at one time everyone has come in contact with a law enforcement officer or has some other business that has to be conducted in that building. So, we feel that would be the best appropriate place. At this time, we have one of our Lodge members who is drafting up the way this memorial will look. It will have on it all of the fallen officers who have died in the line of duty initially on it. There will be room "God Forbid" that we have that tragedy to add other names. We will have the space to put that name on the memorial. We already have an account set up with CB&T for donations. With the location of the memorial we come to you this morning asking your permission that this be the spot the memorial is placed. Once we get the memorial Mr. Lance Vance Brooks is going to his monument people and the cost of the memorial will be at whatever his cost is.

Commissioner Corbett made a motion that we approve placing the memorial at the site of the Judicial entrance and the design be brought to the Commission prior to the installation. Chair Martin seconded.

Commissioner Lee stated: I would like to offer an amendment to that and say that we will select the site at the Judicial Center after we see the design. If it is too big or too large it doesn't need to be in the way of traffic, in case you have to evacuate the building.

Commissioner Corbett stated: I will add that to my amendment. Chair Martin stated with the amendment she seconded the motion.

County Administrator LeAnn Horne polled the Commission. The vote was unanimous to approve the memorial to be placed at the Judicial Building and brought to the Commission to be approved where the memorial will be placed.

Commissioner Lee stated: we need to vote again because that was for the amendment.

County Administrator LeAnn Horne polled the Commission. The vote was unanimous to approve the memorial to be placed at the Judicial Building.

Commissioner Corbett stated: As I mentioned Monday night and as you have been aware in a previous meeting, we were awarded a grant of \$3,000 to help with the gazebo project in Crawford by the Wiregrass RC&D. We now have the grant paperwork in receipt. It requires a signature from the Commission. At this time, I make a motion that we allow the Chair to sign the grant document and return it to Wiregrass RC&D so that we can receive that money.

Commissioner Lee seconded.

County Administrator LeAnn Horne polled the Commission. The vote was unanimous to approve the Chair sign the grant for Wiregrass RC&D.

Commissioner Corbett stated: I put on the agenda for the Veteran's Home Appropriation but at this time after the conversation on Monday night at the Work Session Commissioner Reed said he had some money in his district that he wanted to give toward this.

Commissioner Lee stated: The question is has the paperwork been turned in?

County Administrator LeAnn Horne stated: Yes, sir I brought it this morning.

Commissioner Reed made a motion to approve to give them \$1000. Seconded by Commissioner Screws.

County Administrator polled the Commission. The vote was unanimous to give an appropriation out of Commissioner Reed's fund for \$1,000 to the Veteran's Home.

Chair Martin stated: It is that time of the year we have election for Chair and Vice Chair. We will go with the nomination for Chair.

Commissioner Reed nominated Commissioner Gentry Lee. Commissioner Epps made a motion the nomination be closed.

Commissioner Currington nominated Chair Martin.

Chair Martin stated we will take a vote.

Commissioner Lee stated we need to vote on the nomination to be closed.

Commissioner Corbett stated: Since Commissioner Lee is a nominee, I will step in. There was a nomination to close is that what we are voting on?

Commissioner Screws stated: We do have to do that.

Commissioner Corbett stated: So, we do need to vote on that.

Commissioner Lee stated: We have someone else that wants to nominate somebody, so I am going to vote against closing. Commissioner Screws seconded.

Commissioner Corbett stated: Point of order I think we had a nomination prior to getting a second.

Commissioner Epps stated: May I suggest that since there seems to be a little confusion here, we just eliminate the whole nomination and start over that way we will get it right.

Commissioner Lee stated: We can't do that.

County Administrator LeAnn Horne polled the Commission. District 1, Lee voted no, District 2, Currington voted no, District 3, Martin voted no, District 4 Reed, voted yes, district 5 Epps, voted yes, District, 6 Corbett, voted no, District 7, Screws, voted yes.

Commissioner Lee stated: The floor is back open.

Commissioner Reed stated: At this time, I nominate Gentry Lee.

Commissioner Currington stated: I nominate Commissioner Martin.

Commissioner Epps stated: Madam Chair, I move the nomination to be closed. Commissioner Corbett Seconded.

County Administrator LeAnn Horne polled the Commission. The vote was unanimously approved to close the nominations for Chair.

County Administrator LeAnn Horne polled the Commission for the Chair nominees in reverse order. Show of hands for Chair Martin. Show of hands for Commissioner Lee. Commissioner Lee had four votes and is the 2020 Chair of the Commission.

Commissioner Reed stated: At this time, I would like to nominate Commissioner Martin for Vice Chair.

Commissioner Currington nominated Commissioner Corbett.

Commissioner Lee stated: I move the nominations be closed. Seconded by Commissioner Epps.

County Administrator LeAnn Horned polled the Commission. The vote was unanimous to approve the nomination to be closed.

County Administrator LeAnn Horne ask for a show of hands in reverse order for Commissioner Chance Corbett. Show of hands for Chair Martin.

County Administrator LeAnn Horne polled the Commission in reverse order for Vice Chair nominees. By a show of hands for Commissioner Corbett for Vice Chair. Show of hands for Commissioner Martin. Chair Martin was voted for Vice Chair.

County Administrator LeAnn Horne stated: As mentioned Monday at the Work Session the Commission has historically sponsored the Santa's float for the Christmas parade which will be \$450.

Commissioner Lee motioned to approve. Seconded by Chair Martin.

County Administrator polled the Commission. The vote was unanimous to sponsor the Santa's 2020 Christmas Parade float.

County Administrator LeAnn Horne stated: I provided a copy of the Holiday Schedule to you Monday evening at the Work Session. I hope you have had an opportunity to review. At this time, I request the approval of the 2020 Holiday schedule.

Chair Martin stated: On Ms. Rosa Parks Day on February 4th, it says for Commemoration only. Does that mean the Courthouse doesn't close?

County Administrator LeAnn Horne stated: It doesn't close.

Chair Martin moved for the approval. Seconded by Commissioner Currington.

County Administrator polled the Commission. The vote was unanimous to approve the 2020 Holiday Schedule.

Announcements were made.

Commissioner Lee motioned to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned.

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

November 2019 Checks

General Fund 001				
17986	11-04-19	Victor Cross	41250 018	\$222.00
17987	11-06-19	Russell County Volunteer Fire Department Association	3040	\$85,450.00
17988	11-08-19	Payroll Fund P.G. Bank	See attached	\$31,999.00
17989	11-08-19	Tririvers Waterway Development Assoc	41250 018	\$500.00
17990	11-12-19	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$194,886.13
17991	11-13-19	RC Juvenile Drug Court Fund	59248 700	\$7,500.00
17992	11-13-19	Alabama Association of BD of REG	51920 303	\$105.00
17993	11-14-19	Payroll Fund P.G. Bank Salary 10/26/19-11/15/19	3030	\$349,766.23
17994	11-15-19	Mineral Servance	3040	\$8,705.62
17995	11-22-19	Payroll Fund P.G. Bank	See attached	\$29,045.00
17996	11-25-19	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$143,307.35
17997	11-26-19	Gasoline Fund P.G. Bank	621022 299	\$150,000.00
17998	11-26-19	Payroll Fund P.G. Bank Salary 11/22/19	3030	\$359,210.89
17999	11-27-19	RC Child Advocacy Ctr. Inc.	44741 810	\$36,400.00
18000	11-27-19	Safe Landings for Veterans	57200 530	\$1,000.00
Contingent Fund 002				
287	11-13-19	City of Phenix City	51100 253	\$450.00
Ft. Mitchell Senior Center				
Masonic Lodge Fund 104				
1149	11-04-19	Millicent Belrose	51100 499	\$275.00
1150	11-13-19	Pine Hollow Landfill	51100 499	\$320.00
1151	11-15-19	Pine Hollow Landfill	51100 499	\$320.00
Court Cost Fund 105				
Gasoline Tax 111 Fund				

13653	11-08-19	Payroll Fund P.G. Bank	53100 122	\$13,348.00
13655	11-12-19	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$68,561.32
13656	11-14-19	Payroll Fund P.G. Bank of P.C. Salary 10/26/19-11/15/19	3030	\$69,413.76
13657	11-20-19	Local Government Health Insurance Board	53100 122	\$481.00
13658	11-22-19	Payroll Fund P.G. Bank	53100 122	\$15,198.00
13659	11-25-19	Operations P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$38,346.95
13660	11-25-19	Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Alabama	53100 122	\$32.00
13661	11-25-19	Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Alabama	53100 122	\$167.60
13662	11-26-19	Payroll Fund P.G. Bank Salary 11/22/19	3030	\$69,725.64
		Road & Bridge 112		
1372	11-12-19	Operation Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$3,215.19
1373	11-26-19	MGM Remodeling & Electrical	51100 307	\$3,900.00
		Capital Imp. Fund 116		
318	11-25-19	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$130,485.00
		RRR Gasoline Tax 117		
		Secondary RD Fund 118		
		Reappraisal 120		
2272	11-08-19	Payroll Fund P.G. Bank	51985 122	\$938.00
2273	11-12-19	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$7,882.47
2274	11-14-19	Payroll Fund P.G. Bank Salary 10/26/19-11/15/19	3030	\$21,203.14
2275	11-22-19	Payroll Fund P.G. Bank	51985 122	\$938.00
2276	11-25-19	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$10,374.55
2277	11-26-19	Payroll Fund P.G. Bank Salary 11/22/19	3030	\$21,272.46
		Juvenile DRUG 195		
1273	11-01-19	Tommy Powell	56900 199	\$895.71
1274	11-15-19	Tommy Powell	56900 199	\$895.71
		Garbage Fund 511		
1654	11-08-19	Payroll Fund P.G. Bank	54100 122	\$938.00
1655	11-12-19	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$51,743.57
1656	11-14-19	Payroll Fund P.G. Bank Salary 10/26/19-11/15/19	3030	\$54,721.98
1657	11-22-19	Payroll Fund P.G. Bank	54100 122	\$2,351.00
1658	11-25-19	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$56,902.72
1659	11-26-19	Payroll Fund P.G. Bank Salary 11/22/19	3030	\$57,221.82
1660	11-27-19	Postmaster	54100 252	\$2,551.61
		Garbage Escrow Fund 513		
0030	11-07-19	Garbage Fund P.G. Bank	3040	\$74.70
		Donation Fund 750		
484	11-07-19	JTM Corporation	51100 499	\$7,433.75
485	11-08-19	Bill Friend	51100 499	\$97.15
		Law Library 755		
1088	11-04-19	Alabama Judicial College Education Fund	5100 499	\$600.00
1089	11-13-19	RELX Inc. DBA LEXISNEXIS	51100 499	\$419.05

		Worthless Check 761		
522	11-08-19	Worthless Check Unit Office of District Attorney	51260 365 51260 362	\$1,134.35 \$2,106.65
		Revenue Commissioner Manufactured Fund 781		
		Motor Vehicle Special Fund 782		
		Land Redemption Fund 786		
780	11-22-19	Naomi Elliott, Rev. Commissioner	3040	\$96.37
		Juvenile Service Fund 787		
2279	11-04-19	Walmart	52600 499	\$47.82
2280	11-19-19	Verizon	52600 499	\$132.24
		County Tobacco Fund 797		
509	11-22-19	Project Greene Light	3040	\$758.57
510	11-22-19	Russell County Volunteer Fire Department Association	3040	\$28,825.87
511	11-22-19	Task Force for Senior Citizens	3040	\$758.57
		County Beer Tax 798		

Attest: _____
County Administrator

Signed: _____
Chair