

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

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

Chairman Corbett welcomed everyone for their attendance, the media and informed audience Commission is Facebooking Live.

The invocation was given by Commissioner Costello.

Commissioner Gentry Lee provided the Pledge of Allegiance.

No public comments.

The agenda was approved at the work session this past Monday.

Assistant County Administrator Tina Thomas called roll. Members present were Chairman Chance Corbett, Vice Chairman Lee, Commissioner Ronnie Reed, Commissioner Cattie Epps, Commissioner Rod Costello, Commissioner Scott Chambers and Commissioner Larry Screws. Also, present was the District Attorney Ken Davis as the County Attorney. Tina Thomas, Assistant County Administrator who kept the minutes of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Corbett recommended the postponing the meeting minutes due to items he felt the minutes did not reflect the way the meeting really went and there were some corrections he felt needed to be made and sent those in an email last night. Commissioner Lee motioned. Commissioner Reed seconded. Unanimous vote of the Commission to postpone.

PROCLAMATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

Chairman Corbett presented a resolution for consideration that would allow the reimbursement of the advertisement for the Board of Registrars publication. Reimbursement to the County.

Chairman stated there are not discussion items on the agenda.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Chairman stated the County Administrators Contract is on the agenda and deferred to Commission Screws based on discussions at the work session.

Commissioner Screws stated there was confusion as to the number of years remaining and he just wanted to get that straight before going on to a new contract or back to the old. In his opinion, he felt it was only 18 (eighteen) months remaining on the current contract. He requested clarification as to where we are. Commissioner Lee reminded Commissioner Screws that you stated Monday night that you wanted to put on record we are giving her notice, because we missed it last time that we are giving her notice to not renew so that would be your motion, I think.

Commissioner Screws motioned to not renew the current Administrator's contract, old contract, or contracts. The reason is that according to the contract there is 180 days' notice to be provided. Chairman Corbett stated, we have a motion by Commissioner Screws and seconded by Commissioner Lee. Call for the question. Motion passed by unanimous vote to nonrenewal the Administrator's current contract.

Chairman presented the Sanitation Director item. Chairman reminded the Commission he was appointed to have the authority to negotiate a new contract and work with legal counsel on the new contract. He stated that negotiations have been ongoing.

Commissioner Corbett presented a contract that the new legal counsel, Hope Hicks, returned with changes favorable to the Commission to the contract presented previously. Chairman stated he did speak with Mrs. Horne's legal counsel however was unable to reach Mrs. Horne.

Chairman Corbett recommended moving ahead with the approval of the new contract for the Sanitation Director's position that Mrs. Horne previously requested to be transferred. Commissioner Lee motioned to approve for the purposes of discussion. Seconded by Commissioner Rod Costello. Commissioner Lee stated, this is what the Commission's offering for the transfer to the Sanitation Department and she must agree to the terms. Chairman stated, yes. Commissioner Lee stated, this is an office for transfer, this is not a forced transfer. Commissioner Reed asked if she does not agree will she continue as County Administrator? Commissioner Lee stated that is correct. Unless other action. Commissioner Epps stated: "she didn't agree with taking a bad apple out of a basket and putting that bad apple into another Basket to ruin that basket". Commissioner Epps stated, she does not agree with transferring a person to another department to make the same mistakes. Commissioner Epps stated, she feels that there should be a complete audit of all Accounts. Chairman Corbett asked, if there were any other comments. None were indicated and requested for vote to be called. Contract approved for Sanitation Director's position by majority vote. Voting no; Commissioners Reed, Epps, and Screws.

Chairman Corbett Called on Emergency Management Director, Bob Franklin, who presented to the Commission the funding agreement for reimbursement of expenses form Hurricane Sally. This agreement will allow the county to be reimbursed for expenses incurred from that storm. Commissioner Rod Costello motioned. Seconded by Commissioner Epps. The funding agreement was approved by unanimous vote.

Chief Deputy Alexander requested approval so surplus sheriff department vehicles. (insert inventory information). Motion made by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Reed. Request was approved by unanimous vote.

Chairman Corbett presented the letter for resignation of the County Attorney Kenneth Funderburk. Motion made to accept the resignation of the County Attorney by Commissioner Lee who stated for the Chairman to be authorized search and secure an interim county attorney. Seconded by Commissioner Reed.

The resignation for Kenneth Funderburk was accepted and motioned approved by unanimous vote.

Chairman made announcements: Christmas and New Years

Motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Reed motioned to adjourn meeting.

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

**December
2020 Checks**

General Fund 001				
18220	11-30-20	Intersecure Tech	41250 018	\$947.00
18221	11-30-20	Tommy Raiford	51930 261	\$23.34
18222	11-30-20	Gerry Strong	51930 261	\$23.34
18223	11-30-20	J.O.Y Behind Bars	59252 700	\$750.00
18224	12-01-20	Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Alabama	52100 122	\$1,316.78
18225	12-02-20	Sam Beman	41250 018	\$260.00
18226	12-02-20	Card Services	3020	\$2,894.18
18227	12-02-20	David M. Boozer, Jr.	52100 122	\$225.00
18228	12-07-20	Reappraisal Fund	3040	\$933,144.62
18229	12-09-20	Payroll Fund PG Bank	3030	\$455,219.96
18230	12-10-20	Operations Fund, P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$187,985.62

18231	12-15-20	R & K Signs	41250 018	\$1,485.00
18232	12-15-20	Tri Rivers Waterway Development Assn	41250 018	\$500.00
18233	12-17-20	Operations Fund, P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$87,055.37
18234	12-18-20	Russell County Child Advocacy Center, Inc.	44741 810	\$18,200.00
18235	12-21-20	Russell County Volunteer Fire Department Association	3040	\$197,300.00
18236	12-21-20	Revenue Commissioner MH - Synovus	3040	\$492.00
18237	12-21-20	Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Alabama	52100 122	\$1,447.43
18238	12-22-20	Payroll Fund PG Bank	3030	\$355,411.54
18239	12-28-20	Card Services	41250 018	\$397.66
18240	12-28-20	Card Services	41250 018	\$533.60
18241	12-29-20	Operations Fund, P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$15,912.34
18242	12-30-20	Payroll Fund PGB	51100	\$3,518.00
			51300	\$2,460.00
			51550	\$700.00
			51600	\$2,110.00
			51910	\$56.00
			51970	\$1,700.00
			52100	\$8,212.00
			52200	\$8,715.00
			52300	\$53.00
			52400	\$17.00
			52710	\$1,804.00
			57200	<u>\$68.00</u>
				<u>\$29,413.00</u>
		Contingent Fund 002		
		Ft. Mitchell Senior Center 103		
1249	12-10-20	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$930.00
		Masonic Lodge Fund 104		
1205	12-02-20	Trugreen	51100 499	\$92.70
1206	12-07-20	Shanna Trash	51100 499	\$175.00
1207	12-10-20	Operations Fund, P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$243.23
1208	12-29-20	Operations Fund, P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$232.63
1209	12-29-20	Shanna Thrash	21100 499	\$302.64

		Court Cost Fund 105		
305	12-15-20	Road and Bridge Fund	62121 299	\$60,000.00
		Gasoline Tax 111 Fund		
13784	11-30-20	Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Alabama	53100 122	\$176.50
13485	12-09-20	Payroll Fund PG Bank	3030	\$98,224.20
13786	12-10-20	Operations Fund, P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$59,874.70
13787	12-15-20	Rebuild Alabama PGB	3040	\$74,436.53
13788	12-17-20	Operations Fund, P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$4,054.64
13789	12-21-20	United Healthcare	53100 122	\$552.00
13790	12-22-20	Payroll Fund PG Bank	3030	\$76,629.74
13791	12-29-20	Operations Fund, P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$422.43
13794	12-30-20	Payroll Fund PG Bank	3030	\$7,955.00
		Road & Bridge 112		
1457	12-01-20	VOID CHECK		
1458	12-02-20	General Fund, P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$56.17
1459	12-10-20	Operations Fund, P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$2,370.40
1460	12-09-20	US Bank	62125 299	\$430,621.00
			62116 299	\$326,403.13
			62123 299	\$220,814.38
1461	12-15-20	ACCA SCSIF	51100 125	\$1,735.42
1462	12-17-20	Operations Fund, P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$2,762.50
1463	12-17-20	Stopwatch Urgent Care Centers	51100 307	\$305.00
1464	12-29-20	Operations Fund, P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$14,919.57
		Capital Imp. Fund 116		
322	12-29-20	Operations Fund, P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$14,357.00
		RRR Gasoline Tax 117		
1221	12-10-20	Operations Fund, P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$33,829.27
1222	12-17-20	Operations Fund, P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$25,300.86
		Mineral Fund 119		
		Reappraisal 120		
2361	12-30-20	Payroll Fund PGB	51985	\$627.00
		Juvenile Drug 195		
1299	12-01-20	Tommy Powell	56900 199	\$895.71

1300	12-16-20	Tommy Powell	56900 199	\$895.71
		Rebuild Alabama Fund 220		
		Sanitation Fund 511		
1745	12-9-20	Payroll Fund PGB	3030	\$81,488.82
1746	12-10-20	Operations Fund PGB	3020	\$24,736.57
1747	12-17-20	Payroll Fund PGB	3030	\$27,144.48
1748	12-21-20	Postmaster	54100 252	\$2,680.32
1749	12-22-20	Payroll Fund PGB	3030	\$54,529.00
1750	12-29-20	Payroll Fund PGB	3030	\$236.06
1751	12-30-20	Payroll Fund PGB	3030	\$2,200.00
61247	12-02-20	Alicia A. Mathes	45411 740	\$10.00
61248	12-02-20	Robert Pierce	45411 740	\$17.50
61249	12-02-20	Williams Leverett	45411 740	\$12.00
61250	12-02-20	Sonie Clayton	45411 740	\$10.00
61251	12-02-20	Gary R. Leeds	45411 740	\$17.50
61252	12-02-20	Eleanor Bussiere	45411 740	\$12.00
61253	12-02-20	Suzanne Bess	45411 740	\$12.00
61254	12-02-20	Brandon Greer	45411 740	\$275.00
61255	12-02-20	Kathryn Smith	45411 740	\$17.50
61256	12-02-20	Quintin Ray Terry	45411 740	\$16.00
61257	12-02-20	Paul N. Enfinger	45411 740	\$17.50
61258	12-02-20	William and Erica Lemcke	45411 740	\$7.50
61259	12-07-20	Jimmie Murray	45411 740	\$40.00
61260	12-30-20	Murad Merchant c/o Snack Attack	45411 740	\$72.00
61261	12-30-20	Marvin Minton	45411 740	\$17.50
61262	12-30-20	Theodore Johnson	45111 740	\$17.50
61263	12-30-20	Christan Stevens	45111 740	\$17.50
61264	12-30-20	Robert Lathrop	45111 740	\$17.50
61265	12-30-20	Charles Livingston, Jr	45111 740	\$14.00
61266	12-30-20	Tamara L Archie	45111 740	\$16.00
61267	12-30-20	Faye J Calderon	45111 740	\$20.00
61268	12-30-20	William E Caro	45111 740	\$10.00
61269	12-30-20	Thomas Frank Gierczak	45111 740	\$14.00
61270	12-30-20	Kenneth Lamb	45111 740	\$10.00
61271	12-30-20	Julie Brooke Stewart	45111 740	\$17.50

		Garbage Escrow Fund 513		
		Donation Fund 750		
494	12-02-20	General Fund, P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$395.09
495	12-17-20	Operations Fund, P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$30.71
496	12-29-20	Operations Fund, P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$892.71
		Law Library 755		
1127	12-01-20	VOID CHECK		
1128	12-07-20	RELX, Inc dba Lexis Nexis	51100 499	\$462.00
1129	12-15-20	AACJ	51100 499	\$400.00
1130	12-15-20	Alabama District Judges Assn	51100 499	\$400.00
		Worthless Check 761		
535	12-07-20	Worthless Check Unit	51260 362	\$1,756.12
			51260 365	\$614.65
		MV TECHNOLOGY		
		Revenue Commissioner Manufactured Fund 781		
		Motor Vehicle Special Fund 782		
		Land Redemption Fund 786		
		Juvenile Service Fund 787		
2305	12-15-20	Verizon	52600 499	\$122.80
		County Tobacco Fund 797		
548	12-18-20	Russell County Volunteer Fire Dept Assn	3040	\$25,191.64
549	12-18-20	Project Greene Light	3040	\$662.94
550	12-18-20	Task Force for Senior Citizens	3040	\$662.94
		County Beer Tax 798		

Attest: _____
County Administrator

Signed: _____
Chair