

The Russell County Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
December 9th, 2015  
9:30 A.M. EDT

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

The invocation was given by Chair Martin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Reed.

Chair Martin welcomed elected officials, department heads, media and guests. She also thanked Cable T.V. of East Alabama and the Citizen News for their coverage of the Commission meeting.

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

Chair Martin requested a motion to approve the November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting minutes. Commissioner Pugh motioned to approve and was seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

Chair Martin presented a proclamation to retiring Trelle Cavallaro for 32 years of service with the Russell County Extension Office.

County Engineer Larry Kite requested approval of the ALADOT Funding agreement for Project No. ST-057-888-004, RCP 57-009-15, for resurfacing County Road 49 from the Hurtsboro City Limits to Main Street and authorizing Chair Martin and Administrator Horne to sign documents. The project estimate is \$263,857.32. The breakdown of cost is as follows:

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| State of Alabama Public Road and Bridge Funds | \$131,928.66 |
| Russell County Funds                          | \$115,928.66 |
| City of Hurtsboro Funds                       | \$16,000.00  |
| Total   | \$263,857.32 |

Commissioner Screws motioned to approve Mr. Kite's request and was seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Pugh announced that information was received from the Phenix City Museum Committee, which is a non-profit organization. He and Commissioner Corbett have been working with this committee to get wording of the Coulter Building Agreement corrected so this project can go forward. Because of previous minor changes in the agreement that the Commission has not had time to go over, Attorney Funderburk agreed this could be reviewed since there is an executive session today.

Administrator LeAnn Horne requested approval to submit a resolution of participation to the State of Alabama for the 2016 Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday. The tax free holiday will begin Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 12:00 a.m. and end Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at midnight. This allows taxpayers to be tax exempt on certain items that may be needed during severe weather. The State of Alabama must receive our acknowledgement of participation by January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Commissioner Corbett motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Epps. The vote was unanimous.

Administrator Horne presented the 2016 Russell Commission Meeting Schedule. Commissioner Epps motioned to approve the meeting schedule and was seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

Administrator Horne said due to the confusion of the Thanksgiving Holiday, she reminded the Commission and public that the Russell County Sanitation Department will run a normal garbage pick-up schedule during the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Dumpsters will be placed in different locations as provided for the Thanksgiving Holidays. Commissioner Pugh requested that at the next meeting a status report of the new 96 gallon cans program be made.

County Attorney Kenneth Funderburk recommended going into executive session to discuss 3 issues, a personnel matter, the Coulter Building deed and concerns about the building. Commissioner Corbett motioned to go into an executive session. Seconded by Commissioner Screws. The vote was unanimous.

Chair Martin and Commissioner Corbett made announcements before moving into the executive session.

Chair Martin requested a motion to reconvene the Commission Meeting. Commissioner Lee motioned to reconvene and was seconded by Commissioner Pugh. The vote was unanimous. Roll was called for the Commission, all had returned, except Commissioner Corbett.

Attorney Funderburk recommended approval of action taken by Sheriff Taylor, who is negotiating the contract and that he bring back the report to the December 23<sup>rd</sup> Commission Meeting. Commissioner Pugh motioned to accept Attorney Funderburk's recommendation. Seconded by Commissioner Screws. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Pugh motioned to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.