

The Russell County Commission  
 Russell County Commission Chambers  
 Meeting Minutes December 9, 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 invocation was given by Reverend Grant Parker.

Commissioner Rod Costello provided the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Administrator LeAnn Horne 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 County Attorney Kenneth Funderburk. LeAnn Horne, County Administrator who kept the minutes of the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Epps motioned to approve the November 25, 2020 Commission meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. Minutes approved by unanimous vote.

**PROCLAMATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

Judy Evans, Chief Registrar, was presented a Proclamation recognizing her retirement from the Board of Registrars from the County Commission, Secretary of State, State Legislators and State Auditor.

Commissioner Lee motioned to approve a Posthumous Proclamation to be drafted in honor of Deputy Ricky Steward. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Commissioner Corbett discussed the expansion of garbage services by opening the landfill on Saturday's from 8am to 1pm for free on the second Saturday of each month.

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

Commissioner Screws motioned to approve the ADECA State Plan for the Homeless. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. Commission approved the Alabama State ADECA Plan for the homeless by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Corbett stated that at a request of LeAnn Horne was to consider a transfer to the position of Director of Sanitation. He stated this transfer is pending on a contract being worked out and brought back to the Commission for approval. Commissioner Reed motioned. Seconded by Commissioner Lee. Unanimous vote to transfer by January 4, 2021 pending contract approval by both parties.

Russell County Board of Education Bond Refunding Resolution was presented. Commissioner Screws motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. The Commission approved by unanimous vote the BOE Resolution recommitting the sales and use tax of 1% pledged by the County Commission.

Commissioner Corbett entertained a motion to increase the Assistant Administrator's salary Tina Thomas by \$6,000. Commissioner Lee motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. Unanimous vote of the Commission to increase the Assistant County Administrator's salary due to the extra duties.

Chairman Corbett presented the Court Ordered Cremation up to \$400.00 ordered by Judge David Johnson. Coroner Sumbry said no family of the deceased could be contacted (from his recollection). Commissioner Lee motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. The cremation was approved by unanimous vote of the Commission.

Chairman Corbett nominated Peggy Martin for the Department of Human Resources Board appointment. Commissioner Lee motioned to approve her appointment. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. The appointment was approved by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Costello presented a sponsorship for the Russell County High school Baseball League. He requested \$300.00 one-time payment per Commissioner for a 3-year sponsorship in form of a motion. Commissioner Screws seconded. Future sponsorships will be considered by the Commission at budget time. Motion passed by unanimous vote of commission.

County Engineer Blakeney requested to purchase a John Deer Tractor. Commissioner Costello motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Epps. The purchase request for the tractor was approved by unanimous vote of the Commission.

County Engineer Blakeney requested to purchase a rotary cutter (12 ft). Commission approved by unanimous vote.

County Engineer Blakeney requested for the Sanitation Landfill Agreement with Waste Away for one year be renewed. Commissioner Screws motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Epps. The contract was approved by unanimous vote of the Commission.

County Administrator requested the following budget amendment due to receipt of grant funds:

Increase Revenue

Grant 41110        \$18,472.75

Increase Expense Lines

51910 Elections	Line 219	\$ 749.25
52300 EMA	Line 219	\$5773.50
51910 Elections	Line 322	\$3150.00
2190 Elections	Line 322	\$6800.00
5190 Elections	Line 219	\$2,000.00

Commissioner Reed motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Lee. Budget Amendment approved by unanimous vote.

County Administrator requested to approve a budget transfer for the Fort Mitchell Fund as follows:

Fort Mitchell Senior Center Fund

Decrease	Line 219	Other Misc	\$4,000
Increase	Line 304	Contract Services	\$3,000
Increase	Line 499	Other	\$1,000

Commissioner Lee motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. Budget transfer approved by unanimous vote.

County Administrator requested the Commission to approve the floating holiday. The holiday itself has been approved; however, the day has not been scheduled. Commissioner Lee motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. The floating holiday was approved for December 31, 2020 (New Year's Eve) by unanimous vote of the Commission.

Under Commission Discussion Commissioner Epps requested for an Economic Development Advisory Committee be appointed. Recommendations for board appointments were discussed.

Commissioner Reed motioned to adjourn meeting.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Administrator

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair