

The Russell County Land Abatement
3790 Sandfort Road, Phenix City
February 10, 2016
9:30 A.M. EST.

Chair Martin called the public hearing to order.

The floor was opened for discussion of for the land abatement for 3790 Sandfort Road, Phenix City. There were no speakers for or against the abatement.

The public hearing was closed.

The Russell County Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 10th, 2016
9:32 A.M. EST

Commissioner Reed hosted a short awards ceremony for 2016 Black History Achievement Awards.

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

The invocation was given by Dr. Robert Dickerson, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Screws.

Pastor Johnnie Robinson introduced an intern, Henry Edwards, who is a citizen of Russell County, and Associate Pastor from Pastor's Robinson's Church, Higher Outreach.

Chair Martin thanked Cable T.V. of East Alabama and The Citizen of East Alabama for covering the Commission Meeting. She also welcomed elected officials, department heads, media and guest.

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

A quorum was established.

Chair Martin requested a motion to approve the January 27th, 2016 meeting minutes. Commissioner Screws motioned to approve the minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Lee. The vote was unanimous.

Administrator Horne read a resolution naming the recently completed Ambulance / Sheriff Substation project the Russell County Public Safety Building. Commissioner Corbett motioned to approve the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Lee. Administrator Horne thanked Bill Friend and his staff for supervision and follow through on the ambulance building project and to Hosey-Lancour Construction, LLC. The location of the building is near the Russell County High, Middle School and the Russell County Sports Complex. The Commission was polled; the vote was unanimous.

Extension Office Director, Jennifer Davidson, introduced 3 new employees, Geni Dean, Elaine Harper and Kathy Dunlevy. She also discussed upcoming educational workshops offered at the Extension Office.

Benches and fencing for a soccer field in the City were discussed at length at the Monday night's work session. Commissioner Corbett motioned to allocate \$7,500 to the Phenix City Board of Education for help with the soccer field next to the Phenix City Intermediate School and attach a letter to the Phenix City Board of Education requesting all of the money to be spent on the soccer field project. Seconded by Commissioner Screws. Commissioner Lee explained that money given to this project comes from an approved appropriation request from Commissioner Reed's District, but given back by the recipient. Commissioner Reed thought this was a good use of that money. The Commission was polled; the vote was unanimous.

Revenue Commissioner Naomi Elliott requested the Commission approve a resolution setting the Ad Valorem rate for 2016. Commissioner Lee motioned to approve and was seconded by Commissioner Epps. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Corbett gave a brief history of trying to fund installation of an elevator in the Old Seale Courthouse. The building is rented for events such as wedding, banquets, etc. The steep staircases are challenging for elderly citizens and those with disabilities attending functions that take place in the large area on the second floor. Commissioner Corbett made a motion to have the County Administrator to send out bid invitations for a 2,500 lb. elevator. All questions and site visit requests to be received by February 29, 2016 and bids opened March 4, 2016 by 4:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers. Seconded by Commissioner Screws. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Lee reported that due to resignation of the District 1 Planning Commission appointee, he appointed Ronald Lunsford to complete the remaining term that ends April 2021.

Sheriff Heath Taylor requested approval to send for bids for the annual Sheriff's Department / Jail uniforms and to be opened on March 16th, 2016. Commissioner Lee motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

Special Enforcement Officer Bill Friend presented land abatement for 3790 Sandfort Road, Phenix City. He stated that since there were no objections at the public hearing held prior to the Commission meeting he requested that the Commission declare this

property a public nuisance by resolution and order the land abatement. Commissioner Lee motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Screws. The vote was unanimous.

Administrator Horne presented an annual Business License Discovery/Recovery contract from RDS for collection of business license for prior year collections. RDS will receive 35% of revenue that they collect. Administrator Horne added that RDS does not receive payment unless they collect some revenue. Commissioner Screws motioned to approve the contract. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

Announcements were made.

Commissioner Lee motioned to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.