

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

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

Reverend Ralph Wooten with First United Methodist Church gave the invocation.

Commissioner Epps led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jennifer Davidson from the Russell County Extension Office reported to the Commission some of the things the Russell County Extension Office has offered to the County. The Extension Office works on ways to make the citizens life's better.

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 established a quorum. Members present were; Chair Martin, Gentry Lee, Carl Currington, Ronnie Reed, Vice Chair Cattie Epps, Chance Corbett and Larry Screws. Also, present was the County Attorney Kenneth Funderburk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

County Administrator Horne requested Chair Martin to table the minutes for further review. Chair Martin moved the minutes be tabled. Commissioner Reed seconded. The vote was unanimous.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Commissioner Corbett stated they had a very good presentation on Monday night. He asked if Ms. Haley Raney would come forward before he made a motion.

Haley Raney presented on behalf of the East Alabama Chamber of Commerce class of 2019. She stated they have to have a leadership project before they finish. The Chamber has already started some renovations and volunteer work on the Child Advocacy Center. The Chamber decided to bring something to Phenix City that would stay and leave a legacy. They came up with a mural idea. Large scale murals are really popular all over the country. They bring visitors and tourists in. They want to take pictures with it. We wanted something that was a phoenix bird. What they have now is a call for artist. We have an artist competition and we will select an artist by the end of March. The artist will receive \$2,000 for their work and they will also oversee the sketch and they will oversee the community painting day. They have a big community buy in and have a paint by numbers and the community is invested in the drawing as well. She is asking today for permission to place this on the Russell County Courthouse retaining wall. Commissioner Corbett made a motion to allow the 2019 East Alabama Chamber of Commerce class to utilize the retaining wall behind the courthouse. Commissioner Lee seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Corbett reported on the Seale Courthouse Restroom Renovation Expansion bid. He stated there are rentals every weekend in this building and the last time the restrooms were ever touched was back in the late 70's or early 80's. These restrooms are not ADA accessible and really need to be upgraded as well. We bid out this project, only one bid was received. We did advertise the bids as stated by the law and opened them in public. The one bid we received was from Hosey-Lancour which is a contractor the county is very familiar with and is used on several other projects. The bid was for \$85,000. There were a couple other comments added in the bid as far as an AC. We are not going to do them at this time. That will be something we will try to do in house. Commissioner Corbett made a motion to accept the bid. Seconded by

Commissioner Lee. Commissioner Lee stated the Courthouse Association has the funds at least most of them. It depends on the septic tank. Commissioner Corbett stated the funding is there. It is not coming from any budget in the county. This is money that has been budgeted or raised by the Russell County Courthouse Association. The mention of the septic system within this project but not within this bid we plan on upgrading the septic system which also has not been touched since the 70's. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Corbett stated the Crawford Walking Trail has come along very well. They are in the process of putting in the lights which was from a grant it received. There are some spots that are missing pecan trees. We put in for a grant with Alabama Power Foundation for what they call a Good Roots Grant. Commissioner Corbett stated, they were awarded that grant. There is a requirement on the agreement for a signature by a Russell County Commissioner. Commissioner Corbett made a motion to get the signature for the grant to get the trees put in the ground. Seconded by Commissioner Lee. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Lee stated, in our previous meeting this item (Albert Patterson Statue) was tabled until this meeting. Commissioner Lee moved to approve \$20,000 from the tourism fund to be used with the \$15,000 from the Alabama Department of Tourism to fund the Albert Patterson statue. The county funds will not be used if the state funds are not procured. Seconded by Commissioner Corbett. Commissioner Lee stated, before there is a vote or a discussion, he would like Victor Cross the Russell County Tourism Director to tell the Commission his views or ask questions.

Victor Cross stated, he thought this is a fantastic idea personally. The timing of it right now is very vital that we get it done by December so that it would be up for the Bicentennial. It is going to be a catalyst for other things. We have seen that on every Inner-City trip. The mural is awesome that is going to be done. He would like to put on record that he would like to block off two spaces to put the colors down in front of the mural. Victor stated, he thought it was an excellent idea and would encourage the Commission to approve it. Chair Martin called for the vote. District 1, Lee voted yes; District 2, Currington voted yes; District 3, Martin voted yes; District 4, Reed voted yes; District 5, Epps voted yes; District 6 Corbett voted yes; District 7, Screws abstained. The vote was approved.

Assistant County Engineer Ray Martin stated the Highway Department is requesting to purchase from the Alabama Joint Bid Program a budgeted item from this year of a Track-Mounted Excavator. The approximate cost is \$99,793. Commissioner Corbett motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Epps. The vote was unanimous.

Assistant County Engineer Ray Martin is requesting to surplus a 1994 Low Boy truck and trailer. They will be sold at the J.M. Wood auction the first week of March. Commissioner Epps made a motion to accept the recommendation. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. Commissioner Screws asked if this was the truck and trailer that was stolen? Ray stated, no sir they have already replaced the low boy truck last year and the trailer was replaced three years ago.

County Administrator LeAnn Horne recommended to the Commissioner's to adopt the CFR Uniform Guidance Federal Procurement Policy that was presented Monday evening. As I explained, this a requirement from the State of Alabama Examiners. It outlines the procedure in which we can receive and expend federal grants and/or loans. Commissioner Epps motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Epps thanked West Rock for their generous donation for a playground of \$10,000 which is going to be used for a basketball court.

Commissioner Corbett thanked Cable TV of East Alabama for their willingness to run cable tv, internet and phone service to the Historical Commission Visitors Center.

Chair Martin stated that Russell County has Presidents of their organization. Madam Administrator Horne is President of the Alabama City County Management Association. The Sheriff, Heath Taylor was sworn in as President of the Alabama Sheriff's Association. Judge Alford Harden is President of the Alabama Probate Judge's Association and Bob Franklin is the President of the Alabama, EMA Director, Emergency Management Association. It is a first for Russell County.

Announcements were made.

Commissioner Epps motioned to adjourn the meeting.

After careful examination and considerations, the Commission authorized the Administrator4 to pay the following bills from the perspective funds.

February 2019 Checks

General Fund 001				
17843	02-04-19	Intersecure Tech Inc.	41520 018	\$499.00
17844	02-04-19	Victor Cross	41250 018	\$482.56
17845	02-07-19	Russell County Volunteer Fire Department Association	3040	\$70,653.53
17846	02-07-19	Gasoline Fund PG Bank	41250 018	\$2,731.16
17847	02-07-19	Phenix-Girard Bank (Russell County Payroll Account) Sal. 01/26/19-02/08/19	3030	\$410,718.88
17848	02-08-19	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	144,799.87
17849	02-08-19	Intersecure Tech Inc.	41250 018	\$149.00
17850	02-11-19	Gasoline Fund PG Bank	62102 299	\$100,000.00
17851	02-11-19	Tucson Atlantic Consulting	41250 018	\$406.32
17852	02-11-19	Victor Cross	41250 018	\$193.72
17853	02-12-19	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$41,427.07
17854	02-19-19	Tucson Atlantic Consulting	41250 018	\$1,500.00
17855	02-20-19	EDAA	41250 018	\$525.00
17856	02-20-19	Fort Benning MWR Fund	41250 018	\$19,615.00
17857	02-21-19	Phenix-Girard Bank (Russell County Payroll Account) Sal. 02/09/19-02/22/19	3030	\$322,915.05
17858	02-21-19	Luanne Heslin	52400 239	\$650.00
17859	02-22-19	Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Alabama	52100 122	\$1,206.28
17860	02-27-19	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$171,765.46
17861	02-27-19	Phenix-Girard Bank (Russell County Payroll Account)	51100 122 51300 122 51550 122 51600 122 51970 122 52100 122 52200 122	\$1,912.00 \$1,876.00 \$1,407.00 2,858.00 \$1,876.00 \$8,161.00 \$6,265.00
CONTINGENT FUND 002				
284	02-15-19	CVCC Foundation	51100 499	\$500.00
Ft. Mitchell Senior Center 103				
1228	02-08-19	Masonic Lodge Fund	47210 000	\$125.00
1229	02-11-19	Masonic Lodge Fund	47210 000	\$125.00
1230	02-27-19	Operation Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$420.00
Masonic Lodge Fund 104				

1104	02-04-19	Trugreen	51100 499	\$92.70
1105	02-08-19	Home Depot	51100 499	\$369.75
1106	02-08-19	Gloria Jenkins	51100 499	\$148.24
1107	02-08-19	Lenny Grant	51100 499	\$65.00
1108	02-08-19	Haden Home Repair	51100 499	\$1,400.00
1109	02-19-19	Pine Hollow Inc.	51100 499	\$56.78
		Gasoline Tax 111 Fund		
13560	02-07-19	Phenix-Girard Bank (Russell County Payroll Account) Sal. 01/26/19-02/08/19	3030	\$101,124.64
13561	02-08-19	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$20,316.30
13562	02-12-19	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$2,657.99
13563	02-21-19	Phenix-Girard Bank (Russell County Payroll Account) Sal. 02/09/19-02/22/19	3030	\$76,559.15
13564	02-22-19	Blue Cross & Blue Shield of AL	53100 122	\$32.00
13565	02-22-19	Blue Cross & Blue Shield of AL	53100 122	\$167.60
13566	02-22-19	Local Government Health Insurance Board	53100 122	\$481.00
13567	02-22-19	Larry W. Kite, Jr.	53100 122	\$620.50
13568	02-27-19	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$10,436.30
13569	02-27-19	Phenix-Girard Bank (Russell County Payroll Account)	53100 122	\$13,817.00
		Road & Bridge 112		
1324	02-08-19	Yekevius Shorter	51100 307	\$480.00
1325	02-08-19	Richard Thomas	51100 307	\$570.00
1326	02-08-19	Kevin Hennessey	51100 307	\$375.00
1327	02-08-19	Operation Fund P.G. Bank	3020	\$1,566.50
1328	02-27-19	Operation Fund P.G. Bank	3020	\$3,066.86
		RRR Gasoline Tax 117		
1194	02-08-19	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$16,549.21
1195	02-27-19	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$228,722.94
		Reappraisal 120		
2216	02-07-19	Phenix-Girard Bank (Russell County Payroll Account) Sal. 01/26/19-02/08/19	3030	\$24,748.39
2217	02-08-19	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$830.45
2218	02-12-19	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$1,654.58
2219	02-21-19	Phenix-Girard Bank (Russell County Payroll Account) Sal. 02/09/19-02/22/19	3030	\$20,584.89
2220	02-27-19	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$7,366.16
2221	02-27-19	Phenix-Girard Bank (Russell County Payroll Account)	51985 122	\$938.00
		Juvenile Drug Court Fund 195		
1254	02-01-19	Tommy Powell	56900 199	\$895.71
1255	02-15-19	Tommy Powell	56900 199	\$895.71
		Garbage Fund 511		
1583	02-07-19	Phenix-Girard Bank (Russell County Payroll Account) Sal. 01/19/19-02/01/19)	3030	\$73,061.02
1584	02-08-19	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$23,053.78
1585	02-12-19	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$375.63
1586	02-15-19	Anna Zuback	54100 304	\$462.50

1587	02-21-19	Phenix-Girard Bank (Russell County Payroll Account) Sal. 02/02/19-02/15/19	3030	\$54,055.45
1588	02-25-19	Postmaster	54100 252	\$2,571.30
1589	02-27-19	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$57,003.20
1590	02-27-19	Phenix-Girard Bank (Russell County Payroll Account)	54100 122	\$938.00
61020	02-04-19	Larry H. Lewis, Sr.	3040	\$10.00
61021	02-04-19	Alama Otwell	3040	\$12.00
61022	02-04-19	Patricia D. Woodworth	3040	\$14.00
		PAYROLL FUND 710		
		See Check Register		
		OPERATIONS FUND 718		
		See Check Register		
		DONATION FUND 750		
469	02-01-19	Micheil Cole	51100 499	\$10.63
470	02-11-19	J.T.M. Corporation	51100 499	\$176.00
471	02-21-19	Girlfriends	51100 499	\$208.95
		Law Library Fund 755		
1057	02-08-19	RELX Inc DBA LENISNEXIS	51100 499	\$419.05
1058	02-11-19	Alabama Judicial College Education Fund	51100 499	\$150.00
1059	02-21-19	Berney Office Solutions	51100 499	\$3.67
1060	02-21-19	Connie Marshall	51100 499	\$437.10
		Worthless Check 761		
513	02-08-19	Worthless Check Unit Office of District Attorney	51260 365 51260 362	\$2,014.94 \$3,742.02
		Land Redemption Fund 786		
756	02-20-19	Naomi Elliott, Rev. Commissioner	3040	\$18.42
		Juvenile Service Fund 787		
2255	02-01-19	Walmart	52600 499	\$1,392.64
2256	02-11-19	Verizon	52600 499	\$130.90
		County Tobacco Fund 797		
480	02-25-19	Russell County Volunteer Fire Department Association	3040	\$20,651.20
481	02-25-19	Project Greene Light	3040	\$543.44
482	02-25-19	Task Force For Senior Citizens	3040	\$543.44

Attest: _____ Signed: _____
County Administrator Chair