

The Russell County Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 13th, 2016
9:30 A.M. EST

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

The invocation was given by Dr. Robert Dickerson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Reed.

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 guests.

A public comment was made by Thomas Latham, who discussed repairs that needed to be made on Lockhart Lane and Ridge Road.

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

A quorum was established.

Chair Martin requested a motion to approve 3 sets of minutes: March 14th, March 23rd, and April 8th, 2016. Commissioner Screws motioned to approve the March 14th minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Screws motioned to approve the March 23, 2016 meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Epps. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Lee motioned to approve the April 8th, 2016 minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Epps. District 1 (Lee) voted, yes; District 2 (Pugh) abstained; District 3 (Martin) voted, yes; District 4 (Reed) abstained; District 5 (Epps) voted, yes; District 6 (Corbett) abstained; District 7 (Screws) voted, yes. 4 yes and 3 abstentions the minutes passed.

Chair Martin presented a proclamation for County Day of Recognition for National Service to Bridget Woodyard and Lani Richardson.

Chair Martin also presented a proclamation for National Library Week to the Friends of the Phenix City/Russell County Library.

John Hansen & Associates discussed bringing new businesses to the Russell County and moving the county forward.

Probate Judge Harden submitted a list of computer items he would like to surplus. Commissioner Screws motioned to approve the items. Seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The vote was unanimous. Judge Harden added items that still function are offered to local schools or entities that may need them. Items that are beyond repair are scrapped.

Sheriff Taylor gave results of the annual uniform bid held March 31st. Only one company submitted a bid: Maneuver Center Supply of Columbus, Ga. The Sheriff recommended to awarding the bid to this company. Commissioner Pugh motioned to approve giving the Sheriff the authority to negotiate prices for uniforms, since there was only one bid. Seconded by Commission Corbett, The vote was unanimous.

Senior Registrar, Jimmy Adams requested approval for the Agreement and Resolution for the National Registration Act. This agreement authorizes the Secretary of State's Office to act as the county's agent for purposes of paying postage required for the mailing of NVRA voter notices. These notices are for voter file maintenance as required by Code of Alabama 1975, section 17-4-30. Commissioner Pugh motioned to approve the agreement and resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Screws. The vote was unanimous.

County Engineer Larry Kite discussed unforeseen expenses due to the December 2015 flood and its continuing repairs. The Commission added \$165,000 to the Engineering budget for repairs, but still need more for contract truck hauling. An additional \$52,000 would take Engineering through the rest of the 2015-2016 budget year. FEMA is sending a check for almost \$300,000 to help with damages caused by the flood. Mr. Kite requests that when the FEMA check is received to return \$165,000 to the General Fund and apply \$52,000 to line item 111 304 Contract Services and remainder of the FEMA money to go into 111 213 Materials and Supplies. Commissioner Pugh motioned to approve Mr. Kite's request and was seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Kite requested approval for an agreement for Federal Aid Resurfacing Project - County Road 33, (Huguley Road). The agreement provides 80% Federal aid funding with 20% matching County funds. This is a regular Federal aid project, not an ATRIP project. Resurfacing will begin at County Road 65 (Haddock Road) to County Road 32 (Padgetts Road). This project is 1.75 miles of resurfacing. Mr. Kite requested approval of the resolution to initiate the project. Commissioner Corbett motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Pugh. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Kite also presented an agreement with ADEM for reimbursement to pick up and dispose of scrap tires on county right of ways. Reimbursements cannot exceed \$125,000. Mr. Kite noted that the Sanitation Department also participates in this program. Commissioner Corbett motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Pugh. The vote was unanimous.

County Administrator LeAnn Horne requested approval of the County Levies for Alcohol Licensing. Code of Alabama Sec. 28-3A-4 requires the Alcoholic Beverage Control

Board to collect all county license fees for all new applications and renewals of liquor license. The amount the County receives has not changed and is at the maximum level. Commissioner Screws motioned to approve the fee amounts and was seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The vote was unanimous.

Administrator Horne announced that the Courthouse will be closed in observance of a State Holiday, on Monday April 25th, which is a scheduled Commission work session. The procedure of the Commission has been going directly into the Regular County Commission Meeting on Wednesday morning without the work session. Commissioner Lee motioned to approve dispensing with the work session. Seconded by Commissioner Pugh. The vote was unanimous.

County Attorney Kenneth Funderburk presented a letter recommending going into executive session to discuss an audit report, which is public record and also verbal instructions and information that was provided by the Alabama State Auditor, which is not. This information could lead to no action or could lead to legal action, therefore, he recommended going into executive session since there was not a way to separate the issues. Commissioner Screws motioned to move into executive session. Seconded by Commissioner Epps. The vote was unanimous.

Human Resource Director Carolyn Robinson provided a personnel report in the Commissioner's meeting packet.

Announcements were made before going into executive session.

The Commission returned from executive session. Commissioner Lee motioned to reconvene the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. Commissioners Lee, Pugh, Martin, Reed and Epps voted to reconvene. Commissioners Corbett and Screws did not return to the meeting.

No action was taken. Commissioner Pugh motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Reed.

The meeting was adjourned.