

Public Hearing Land Abatement
Meeting Minutes
April 9th, 2014
9:30 A.M. EDT

Chair Martin called to order the Russell County Public Hearing for 20 Magnolia Drive land abatement.

There were no comments.

Commissioner Lee motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Pugh. The vote was unanimous.

Chair Martin adjourned the meeting.

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Chair Martin welcomed elected officials, department heads, media and guests. She also thanked Cable T.V. of East Alabama for production of the Commission meeting for the public's view.

Public Comments:

C.C. Lamb discussed the Seale Underpass and ownership of the property.

Wanda Lamb also discussed the Seale Underpass.

Hurtsboro Mayor Michael Wells requested for Russell County to take over the maintenance of the truck route that will run through the City of Hurtsboro.

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

A quorum was established.

The invocation was given by Steve Pace, Associate Pastor of Summerville Baptist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Reed.

Chair Martin requested a motion to approve the March 26th, 2014 meeting minutes. Commissioner Screws motioned to approve the minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Lee. District 1(Lee) abstained due to his absence at the meeting ;District 2 (Pugh) 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) voted, yes. Six (6) yes votes and one (1) abstention, the meeting minutes were approved.

Chair Martin presented a proclamation for National Government Month. Commissioner Epps motioned to approve the proclamation. Second by Commissioner Screws. The vote was unanimous.

A proclamation was created for the late Ben F. Bowden Jr. Administrator Horne read the proclamation which will be sent to Mr. Bowden's family. Commissioner Lee motioned to approve the proclamation. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

Ft. Mitchell Water Manager David Ellis received a certificate of recognition from the Commission for winning the Alabama's Rural Operator of the Year Award.

Administrator Horne announced a position on the Public Building Authority is expiring. The position is currently held by Bill Dudley, who wishes to continue in that position. Commissioner Lee motioned to reappoint Mr. Dudley and was seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

County Engineer Larry Kite requested to declare a list engineering items as surplus property and listed on Govdeals.com. It is estimated items listed could bring a total of \$14,000. If there are no reasonable bids, Mr. Kite asked for authorization to sale as scrap. Commissioner Screws motioned to approve Mr. Kite's request. Seconded by Commissioner Epps. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Kite was asked by Phenix City Engineering Department to add to the meeting agenda, the 14th Street ROW Clarification. The Phenix City Engineers and Alabama Power Representative Bill Norris were not present at the meeting; therefore, he requested that topic be removed from the agenda. Commissioner Lee motioned to remove the item and was seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Corbett made a motion to send out bids for the drying-in project at the Masonic Lodge as discussed at the Monday night work session. The bids will be for repairs to the siding, structural damages, prepping the windows and painting the outside areas. He would like for the bids to be opened April 30th, at 4:00 p.m. EDT and bring the bid results and a recommendation to the May 14th, 2014, Commission Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Pugh. The vote was unanimous.

Special Enforcement Officer Bill Friend presented the land abatement for 20 Magnolia Drive. There were no objections to the land abatement at the public hearing held prior to the meeting. Therefore, Mr. Friend requested final approval for the removal of the dwelling located on the property and the services amount is to be added to this year's

property tax. Commissioner Pugh motioned to approve the abatement and was seconded by Commissioner Screws. The vote was unanimous.

The County Attorney discussed the purpose and procedures of public hearings.

Chair Martin announced:

- May 17th from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. is “Russell County Be Ready Day” for emergency preparedness awareness at the Piggly Wiggly parking lot on the 280 By-pass.
- Trail Ride to Benefit Masonic Lodge Renovations will be held May 3rd at the Patterson Plantation in Ft. Mitchell.

Commissioner Corbett stated the Widest Yard Sale will be April 18th & 19th along Hwy 80 West.

Commissioner Lee motioned to adjourn the Commission Meeting.

Meeting adjourned.