

The Russell County Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 11^h, 2016
9:30 A.M. EST

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

The invocation was given by Tommy Poole Interim Director of the Russell County Baptist Association.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Pugh.

A public comment was made by Wanda Lamb, who agreed with a recommendation given by Sheriff Taylor at the last Commission meeting concerning establishing a county juvenile detention center. She also thanked the engineer's office and Commissioner Corbett who were instrumental in getting Old Seale Highway paved.

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.

The Commission roll call 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 Assistant Administrator Vickie Perry, who kept the minutes and County Attorney Kenneth Funderburk.

A quorum was established.

Chair Martin requested a motion to approve minutes of April 27, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Pugh motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. Commissioners Lee, Pugh, Reed, Corbett and Screws voted to approve the minutes. Chair Martin and Commissioner Epps abstained due to their absence at that meeting. The motion passed.

Sheriff Taylor requested to surplus 3 vehicles. 2 vehicles were brought with Commission funds sale of which will be refunded to the general fund into vehicle repair and maintenance. Money from the sale of the Harley Davidson will be returned to the drug fund by court order. Commissioner Pugh motioned to approve surplus the items and was seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The vote was unanimous.

The District 6 Planning Commission appointment is held by Wanda Lamb. The term for this position will end this month. A letter was sent by the Planning Commission Chair David Ellis who which stated that Mrs. Lamb attends every meeting and would like to continue to serve. With this information, Commissioner Corbett reappointed Wanda Lamb to serve another 6 years on the Planning Commission.

County Engineer Larry Kite called the Commission Office to request that the MPO Transportation Agreement be taken off the agenda, since he was unable to attend today's meeting. Commissioner Pugh motioned to table the item until next meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Epps. The vote was unanimous.

Special Enforcement Officer Bill Friend presented 2 land abatements. The first is for 9 Ramsey Road, owned by the late Vernon Pope. Mr. Pope's son began cleaning the property several times, but has never completed the task.

The second abatement is 181 A Boswell Road, owned by Marshal Dubois, who will not respond to certified letters or contact from the Special Enforcement office.

Mr. Friend requested the Commission to declare these properties a public nuisance and that a public hearing be set for May 25th prior to the regular Commission meeting. Commissioner Pugh motioned to approve Mr. Friend's request. Seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Pugh highlighted a discussion from the Monday's night work session pertaining to sales tax within police jurisdiction. He motioned to have RDS "Revenue Discovery Systems" to come to the next Commission meeting to discuss problems with how sales tax are being collected in different areas of the county inside the P.J., and how collection of sales tax will change because of Senate Bill 218, which will change the police jurisdiction in the Ladonia area. Seconded by Commissioner Screws. The vote was unanimous.

County Attorney Kenneth Funderburk recommended going into an executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Commissioner Pugh motioned to move into executive session. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

Chair Martin made several announcements before going into executive session.

The Commission returned from executive session. Commissioner Epps motioned to reconvene the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

Attorney Funderburk stated that last year the Commission authorized Sheriff Taylor to review the requirement of medical services at the Sheriff's office/Jail. There is a list of requirements that must be met by any medical provider at the Jail. Therefore, Attorney Funderburk recommended that any contract that the Sheriff enters would be in compliance with medical services would be in compliance with general terms set out in the face of this agreement and brought back to the Commission.

Commissioner Lee requested Attorney Funderburk to read the contract for the purpose of being placed on record.

Agreement

This agreement is executed for the purpose of defining the professional relationship between _____ M.D. and the Prentiss L. Griffith Detention Facility.

Dr. _____ agrees to serve as medical director for the Detention Facility and to provide on-site physician services, as scheduled by the Detention Facility Nurse. In consideration of these services, Dr. _____ will be paid THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS per inmate physician visit, with a minimum charge of ONE HUNDRED FIVE DOLLARS for on-site services (\$35. X 3 inmate physician visits).

Dr. _____ further agrees to supervise the Departments Nurse and review medical/health care documents relating to legal proceedings as needed, and to render his professional opinion relative to said legal proceedings to Detention Facility supervisory staff or counsel upon request. In consideration of these services, Dr. _____ will be paid ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

In the event Dr. _____'s personal testimony is required either through deposition or in open court, he will be paid ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS per hour in consideration of said personal testimony.

Dr. _____ is expressly instructed and agrees that all information regarding the medical condition and/or health status of any detainee of the Detention Facility is strictly confidential and will not be discussed with anyone other than Detention Facility medical or supervisory staff, except on a "need to know" basis.

This agreement may be canceled by either party upon sixty (60) days written notice to the other party, or immediately upon written mutual consent of both parties.

Attorney Funderburk recommended approving the contract. Commissioner Reed motioned to approve the Attorney's recommendation. Seconded by Commissioner Epps. The vote was unanimous.

Chair Martin requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Reed and Lee motioned to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned.