

Public Hearing Minutes  
9 Ramsey Road Land Abatement  
May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
9:30 A.M. EDT

Chair Martin called call the public hearing for the abatement of property at 9 Ramsey Road to order.

This property was owned by the late Vernon Pope. Mr. Pope's son began cleaning the property several times, but has never completed the task. At the May 11<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting the property was declared a nuisance and this public hearing was set for the abatement of land. There were no oppositions to the abatement. Therefore, the public hearing was closed.

Public Hearing  
181 A Boswell Road Land Abatement  
May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
9:32 A.M. EDT

Chair Martin called the public hearing for the abatement of property at 181 A Boswell Road

This property is owned by Marshal Dubois, who will not respond to certified letters or contact from the Special Enforcement office concerning the cleanup of his property. There have been numerous complaints about the state of this property. Since Mr. Dubois has not attempted to take care of the problem himself, his property was declared a public nuisance at the May 11<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting and a public hearing date was set for abatement. A notice was posted at the property with the date of the public hearing, but still no response from the owner.

There were no oppositions to the abatement and the public hearing was closed.

RUSSELL COUNTY COMMISSION  
Meeting Minutes  
May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
9:35 A.M. EST

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

The invocation was given by Grant Parker, pastor of Epworth United Methodist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Martin.

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 role 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 Attorney Eric Funderburk and County Administrator LeAnn Horne, who kept the minutes.

A quorum was established.

Chair Martin stated the Revenue Commissioner Naomi Elliott requested to add the Final Settlement report added to the meeting agenda. Commissioner Epps motioned to add the item and was seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

Chair Martin requested a motion to approve minutes of May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Epps motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

Revenue Commissioner Naomi Elliott presented the Final Settlement. She requested to authorize the Chair to sign documents required by the State of Alabama. Commissioner Screws motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The vote was unanimous.

County Engineer Larry Kite requested approval for a Federal Aid Project that utilizes MPO funds that are received in addition to regular Federal Aid Funding. This is a planned and budgeted project for resurfacing of County Road 93 "Wright Road" from the city limits of Phenix City near Hwy 80 to Sandfort Road. Total length of resurfacing is 1.67 miles. Mr. Kite requested approval of the resolution and to authorize the Chair and himself to sign documents. Commissioner Corbett motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Pugh. The vote was unanimous.

Special Enforcement Office Bill Friend discussed the upgrade of the Sheriff's radio system. He was not aware at 2015-2016 budget meeting that the Sheriff would upgrade their system, so he did not include an upgrade for his department. The radios are needed to keep him in contact with the Sheriff's Department. He requested a budget amendment of \$9,000 which would cover 2 hand held radios. Commissioner Pugh motioned to approve and seconded by Commissioner Corbett. Discussion took place concerning vehicle equipment that would be needed for the radios. Suggestions were made about purchasing radios now and including the extra equipment in the 2016-2017 Special Enforcement budget.

County Administrator LeAnn Horne stated that she had reviewed the revenue and suggested a budget amendment. Since the Special Enforcement Department does not have the funds to cover purchase of the radios, she recommended:

Decreasing 431000	Business Privilege License	\$9,000
Increasing 527100 941	Special Enforcement	\$9,000

Commissioner Pugh restated his motion based on the Administrator's recommendation for a budget amendment he would approve purchase of the radios. Seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Friend stated because there were no opposing statements made at the public hearings he requested approval of land abatements for the following properties: 9 Ramsey Road and 181 A Boswell Road. This is not for the removal of dwellings at these locations only for the removal of trash, debris, old appliances, etc. Mr. Friend informed the Commission before the work is performed at these locations, he does contact the owners to give them one last chance to clean up. Commissioner Pugh motioned to approve the abatements of both properties. Seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The vote was unanimous.

Announcements were made by Chair Martin:

- The Courthouse will be closed May 30<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day.
- The Courthouse will be closed June 6<sup>th</sup> for a State Holiday.

Administrator Horne announced that installation of the elevator at the old Seale Courthouse will begin today.

Commissioner Screws announced and thanked the citizens of District 7 for contributing to the annual scholarship funds. There were 6 scholarships given out at \$1,000 each.

The meeting was adjourned.