

The Russell County Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 24th, 2015
9:30 A.M. EST

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Pugh.

Chair Martin welcomed elected officials, department heads, media and guests. She also thanked Cable T.V. of East Alabama and the Citizen News for coverage of the Commission meeting.

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

A quorum was established

Chair Martin requested a motion to approve the June 10th, 2015 meeting minutes. Commissioner Pugh motioned to approve the minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Epps. The vote was unanimous.

Coroner Sumbry presented three (3) court ordered cremations: Edward T. Jernigan, Charles T. Byrd, and Donald Burger. The court has ordered that Colonial Funeral Home be paid a reasonable amount not to exceed \$400 for each cremations. Commissioner Screws motioned to approve payment for the three (3) cremations. Seconded by Commissioners Pugh and Reed. The vote was unanimous.

The East Alabama Mental Health Board term for Cedric Darty will expire this month. Commissioner Screws contacted Mr. Darty and is willing to continue service on this board. Commissioner Screws motioned to reappoint Mr. Darty for another 6 year term and was seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

Wiregrass Resource Conservation & Development Council members terms are expiring. Commissioner Epps holds one of the two Russell County appointments has agreed to continue serving for two (2) more years if the Commission wishes. Commissioner Lee motioned to reappoint Commissioner Epps. Seconded by Commissioner Screws. The vote was unanimous.

Special Enforcement Officer Bill Friend recommended that the property at 2 Rampart Street, Fort Mitchell be declared a public nuisance due to trash piles that have been placed outside in different areas of the property. Owners, Joe and Hattie Mahogany, are deceased and attempts to contact family members have been unsuccessful. An estimate for the clean-up is \$250.00. Mr. Friend requested approval of a resolution declaring the property a public nuisance and to schedule a public hearing date of July 8th for the land abatement. Commissioner Epps motioned to approve Mr. Friend's request and was seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

Administrator Horne presented a request from the Phenix City Exchange Club to repay half of the cost for reroofing buildings at the Horse Park/ Polling Location. Commission's portion of the roofing is \$7,000. With the Commission's approval Administrator Horne would like to take the funds from Public Buildings/Road and Bridge line 307. Commissioner Screws motioned to approve the request. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

Sheriff Taylor requested approval for a budget amendment to fund 2 capital projects at the jail. He would like to build a maintenance building on jail property and to replace all locks in one of the two male pods. He requests the transfer as follows:

GENERAL FUND 001
SHERIFF-52100

Decrease	001 52100 212	Fuel & Lubricants	\$9,500.00
Decrease	001 52100 223	Copy Machine Rental	\$1,000.00
Increase	001 52100 219	Other Miscellaneous	\$5,000.00
Increase	001 52100 260	Travel	\$3,000.00
Increase	001 52100 327	Uniforms	\$2,500.00
		Total	\$10,500.00

JAIL-52200

Decrease	001 52200 212	Fuel & Lubricants	\$10,000.00
Decrease	001 52200 218	Food for Inmates	\$90,000.00
Decrease	001 52200 223	Copy Machine Rental	\$ 3,000.00
Decrease	001 52200 242	Gas & Water	\$20,000.00
Decrease	001 52200 304	Contract Services	\$20,000.00
Decrease	001 52200 327	Uniforms	\$ 7,000.00
Increase	001 52200 530	Imp Other than Bldg.	\$150,000.00
		Total	\$150,000.00

ANIMAL CONTROL-55400			
Decrease	001 55400 212	Fuel	\$4,000.00
Increase	001 55400 219	Other Miscellaneous	\$4,000.00
		Total	\$4,000.00

Commissioner Epps motioned to approve the budget amendment and was seconded by Commissioner Reed, The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Pugh discussed the history of the Coulter Building. At Monday night's work session he talked about entrusting this building to a non-profit group named "The Phenix City Museum". Commissioner Pugh motioned to allow the County Attorney to draft a contract to lease the Coulter Building for Commission's review and approve. Seconded by Commissioner Lee.

Commissioner Lee requested that the contract be a long term lease with an automatic extension for at least one time, and the lease include that the group the Phenix City Museum assume all responsibility for maintenance, etc. of the Coulter Building. This would be as if they own, although Russell County would still own the building.

Commissioner Pugh stated he did not have a problem with that.

Commissioner Lee recommended a fifty year lease for \$1.00 a year with an automatic 50 years renewal.

Attorney Funderburk informed the Commission that the lease cannot go beyond 99 years. Since the automatic renewal tagged those together he suggested doing an automatic 40 year renewal.

Administrator Horne polled the Commission. The vote was unanimous.

Attorney Funderburk presented the Russell County Sports Complex Agreement with changes the Commission requested at Monday night's work session. Company was taken out and replaced with "(Insert League Name)". Page 2 paragraph 13 line iii the amount of insurance is established by the county. Page 2 paragraph 10 concerns third parties, whatever activity that is not using the field has to be approved by the County. All county complexes are inclusive to this contract.

Commissioner Screws asked if the Commission can review the insurance before a contract is signed.

Attorney Funderburk said it has to come back to the Commission for approval. The Commission will establish the required amounts for each complex. At that time if the Commission notes to make exceptions this can be listed and approved by the Commission,

Administrator Horne polled the Commission. The vote was unanimous.

Sheriff Taylor requested that this statement be on record concerning his budget amendment. Both of the Capital projects are to be billed 1/3 of each to the City.

Commissioner Pugh motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned.