

The Russell County Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
June 26, 2019  
9:30 A.M. EST

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

Reverend Richie Ashburn with Silver Run Baptist Church gave the invocation.

Commissioner Epps led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Martin thanked Cable T.V. of East Alabama and the Citizen of East Alabama for their coverage of the Commission Meetings. She also welcomed Elected Officials, Department Heads, Media and Guests.

County Administrator LeAnn Horne established a quorum. Members present were; Chair Peggy Martin, Vice Chair Cattie Epps, Gentry Lee, Ronnie Reed, Chance Corbett and Larry Screws. Also, present was the County Attorney Kenneth Funderburk. Carl Currington was absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Chair Martin requested approval of the June 12, 2019 Minutes. Chair Martin motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The vote was approved.

**PROCLAMATION:**

Commissioner Epps stated: On the Agenda today, I have placed a Proclamation in celebration of Mrs. Rena Miles who is celebrating her birthday. Today I would like for us to approve that Proclamation that would be given to Mrs. Miles on July 10, 2019 at the next Commission Meeting. I put that in a form of motion. Commissioner Reed seconded.

Commissioner Lee stated: I just have a question. Is this a special birthday? I don't know the lady.

Commissioner Epps stated: It is a special birthday. I think when you live to be 80 plus it becomes special.

County Administrator Horne polled the Commission. The vote was unanimous.

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

Sheriff Heath Taylor stated: We have a few budget transfers from one-line item to another. Obviously, no new money.

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

June 26, 2019

**FY 2018/2019 BUDGET**

**GENERAL FUND 001  
SHERIFF DEPT 52100**

<b>DECREASE</b>	001 52100 219	OTHER MISC	\$3,000.00
<b>DECREASE</b>	001 52100 239	OTHER REPAIRS & MAINT	\$8,000.00
<b>DECREASE</b>	001 52100 250	COMMUNICATIONS	\$10,000.00
<b>DECREASE</b>	001 52100 542	COMM EQUIP	\$8,000.00

<b>INCREASE</b>	001 52100 234	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$26,000.00
<b>INCREASE</b>	001 52100 327	UNIFORMS	\$ 3,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$29,000.00</b>

**JAIL 52200**

<b>DECREASE</b>	001 52200 163	DATA PROCESSING	\$10,000.00
<b>DECREASE</b>	001 52200 218	FOOD FOR INMATES	\$10,000.00
<b>INCREASE</b>	001 52200 306	MEDICAL/DENTAL SER	\$20,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$20,000.00</b>

Commissioner Lee motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The vote was unanimous.

County Administrator Horne stated: As presented to you at Monday Night's Work Session, June 24, 2019 is the new Fuel Authority Agreement between the parties that are involved. I understand The Board of Education will be presented the same contract as well as the City of Phenix City to be approved. My recommendation is to approve it. It has been reviewed by the County Attorney, Kenneth Funderburk. It has also been approved by the Fuel Authority Board. Commissioner motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Lee.

Commissioner Corbett stated: I do have one question. Madam Administrator I read over it. Are there any major changes from the ones we have had in the past?

County Administrator stated: No, it is in more detail to outline the responsibilities of each party/member.

County Administrator polled the Commission. The vote was unanimous.

Revenue Commissioner Naomi Elliot stated: I am here as every year just asking that you accept my report for my Final Settlement and allow the Chair person to sign the documents that need to be signed by the County Commission that need to be sent to the State. Commissioner Corbett motioned to approve. Seconded by Chair Martin. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Corbett stated: As we talked about it at Monday Night's Work Session, we were very happy with the bid results that we put out for the gazebo structure. Although it does come under the \$50,000, we did want to put it out to bid. The amount that came back from the lowest responsible bidder was Hammett Steel. At this time, I would like to make a motion to approve and award the bid to Hammett Steel price of \$41,250 to begin fabrication and delivery of the same. Seconded by Commissioner Lee. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Reed stated: I would like to make a motion to give United to Save Ourselves \$5,000. This is not any new money. This is money that is in my budget, in my District. I just feel like United to Save Ourselves has a good work program for the summer. They are running short of funds and they need our help.

Chair Martin stated: It is students.

Commissioner Reed stated: Yes, some of them are working in the Courthouse. I would like to make this in the form of a motion. Seconded by Commissioner Epps.

Commissioner Corbett stated: My only comment, as I said before, I think this is a great program. I want us as a Commission to put these appropriations on at budget time to do what they were approved to do with that money.

County Administrator Horne polled the Commission. The vote was unanimous.

County Engineer Shawn Blakeney stated: The current contract for the concession stand at Ladonia has expired. The person that was working the concession stand is not interested in renewing the contract. We talked to the League President of Ladonia, he and the Board are willing to take over the concession stand. I have a letter from them with all the Board members signatures saying they promise to comply with all permits necessary to run the concession stand and they know the financial obligation to pay for the electricity to the concession stand. I bring it before the Commission to see what they want to do with it and which way the Commission wants to go with it. Let the Ladonia Sports take it over or try to bid it out.

Commissioner Lee asked the County Attorney Mr. Funderburk, has he looked at the contract?

County Attorney Funderburk stated: Yes, my suggestion is the contract you brought to the Commission when the Youth Sports Club had the concession stand, the person named should not be in charge of facilities. It probably should not be the President. The Commission needs one person they don't open up or contact if the restrooms are dirty that you can call on specifically has that job. They need to name that person. That can be their only job. If something goes wrong, you need to have one person to call to make sure it is taken care of.

Commissioner Corbett asked, can we do that by title?

County Attorney Funderburk stated: You, can but you have to have a name. Make sure they give the Commission a name and be specific in the contract. If they don't do it, I know from history that was the problem. Other than that, I think the contract is fine.

County Administrator Horne stated: If the Commission doesn't mind the County Attorney the League President and me could meet first, review the contract and we review everything. Then bring it back to the Commission at the next meeting.

County Attorney stated: It does involve having insurance.

County Administrator Horne stated: Could we can table it to the next meeting.

County Commissioner Corbett motioned to table until the next meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Lee. The vote was unanimous to table the item.

County Administrator Horne stated: I wanted to mention I am looking for a date to set the County Budget first review in July. I know everybody has conferences and a lot of meetings going on right now it is a very busy time. I was looking at July 12<sup>th</sup> or the following week. If you would, the Department Heads, Commissioners and Elected Officials to please look at those dates during that time period and let me know what the best date is for you. Out of the responses I get I will bring it back to the Commission at the next meeting and we can set the date.

Commissioner Lee: Are you going to be ready that early?

County Administrator Horne stated: Yes, sir.

Commissioner Corbett stated: On July 12, on Friday.

County Administrator Horne stated: That is one date being considered however I learned that is NACO; if not the following week. I'll keep checking schedules.

Commissioner Corbett stated: We are wrapping back up to do the Labor Day Fair at the Seale Courthouse. The flyers should be out on Facebook listed as the Old Seale Russell County Courthouse. We definitely want everyone's involvement and get vendors there. Last year we had about 7,000 people. This is probably one of the bigger things we do in tourism here in the County for sure. We have a good Committee, but we would like to have volunteers.

Commissioner Lee stated: In the past, all of the County Commissioners always went down there to help sell barbeque. Especially on a year like this when it is close to election year.

Human Resource Manager Marcia Cade provided the new County employee report.

Announcements were made.

Commissioner Lee motioned to adjourn. Chair Martin adjourned the meeting.

After careful examination and considerations, the Commission authorized the Administrator to pay the following bills from the perspective funds.

#### June 2019 Checks

<b>General Fund 001</b>				
17911	06-04-19	Intersecure Tech Inc	41250 018	\$149.00
17912	06-06-19	Russell County Volunteer Fire Department Association	3040	\$3,450.00
17913	06-06-19	Phenix-Girard Bank (Russell County Payroll Account)	51100 122 51300 122 51550 122 51600 122 51970 122 52100 122 52200 122 52710 122	\$2,425.00 \$1,876.00 \$1,407.00 \$3,319.00 \$2,337.00 \$8,622.00 \$8,109.00 \$974.00
17914	06-13-19	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$167,320.82
17915	06-13-19	Phenix-Girard Bank (Russell County Payroll Account) Sal. 06/01/19-06/14/19	3030	\$425,906.55
17916	06-14-19	Ft. Mitchell National Cemetery Support Committee	57200 530	\$500.00
17917	06-14-19	Russell County Historical Commission	41250 018	\$3,000.00
17918	06-20-19	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$5,655.90
17919	06-24-19	Tucson Atlantic Consulting	41250 018	\$1,500.00
17920	06-27-19	Phenix-Girard Bank (Russell County Payroll Account) Sal. 06/15/19-06/28/19	3030	\$323,361.69
17921	06-28-19	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$223,691.83
<b>Contingent Fund 002</b>				
286	06-14-19	Russell County High School FBLA	51100 499	\$500.00
<b>Ft. Mitchell Senior Center</b>				
1235	06-28-19	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$390.00
<b>Masonic Lodge Fund 104</b>				
1129	06-14-19	Pine Hollow Landfill	51100 499	\$320.00
1130	06-21-19	Deborah Boswell	51100 499	\$229.30
1131	06-25-19	Trugreen	51100 499	\$92.70
<b>Gasoline Tax 111 Fund</b>				
13600	06-06-19	Phenix-Girard Bank (Russell County Payroll Account)	53100 122	\$14,270.00
13601	06-13-19	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$46,361.97
13602	06-13-19	Phenix-Girard (Russell County Payroll Account)	3030	\$94,797.13

		Sal. 06/01/19-06/14/19)		
13603	06-20-19	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$428.94
13604	06-20-19	Local Government Health Ins. Bd.	53100 122	\$481.00
13605	06-26-19	Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Alabama	53100 122	\$167.60
13606	06-26-19	Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Alabama	53100 122	\$32.00
13607	06-27-19	Phenix-Girard Bank (Russell County Payroll Account) Sal. 06/15/19-06/28/19	3030	\$75,393.78
13608	06-28-19	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$18,756.04
		<b>Road &amp; Bridge 112</b>		
1348	06-04-19	Richard Thomas	51100 307	\$675.00
1349	06-04-19	Kevin Hennessey	51100 307	\$555.00
1350	06-04-19	Yekevius Shorter	51100 307	\$900.00
1351	06-13-19	Operation Fund P.G. Bank	3020	\$4,365.11
1352	06-13-19	US Bank	62116 299 62123 299 62125 299	\$134,253.13 \$58,314.38 \$80,330.00
1353	06-19-19	Reaves Restoration	51100 499	\$120.00
1354	06-20-19	Operation Fund P.G. Bank	3020	\$441.60
1355	06-26-19	MGM Remodeling & Electrical	51100 307	\$2,265.00
1356	06-28-19	Operation Fund P.G. Bank	3020	\$19,864.01
		<b>RRR Gasoline Tax 117</b>		
1200	06-20-19	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$50,643.43
1201	06-28-19	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$234,466.43
		<b>Reappraisal 120</b>		
2241	06-06-19	Phenix-Girard Bank (Russell County Payroll Account)	51985 122	\$938.00
2242	06-13-19	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$3,3592.53
2243	06-13-19	Phenix-Girard Bank (Russell County Payroll Account) Sal. 06/01/19-06/14/19	3030	\$24,748.86
2244	06-20-19	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$855.90
2245	06-27-19	Phenix-Girard Bank (Russell County Payroll Account) Sal. 06/15/19-06/28/19	3030	\$20,585.37
2246	06-28-19	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$2,218.89
		<b>Juvenile Drug Court Fund 195</b>		
1262	06-03-19	Tommy Powell	56900 199	\$895.71
1263	06-17-19	Tommy Powell	56900 199	\$895.71
		<b>Garbage Fund 511</b>		
1614	06-06-19	Phenix-Girard Bank (Russell County Payroll Account)	54100 122	\$1,399.00
1615	06-13-19	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$23,902.06
1616	06-13-19	Phenix-Girard Bank (Russell County Payroll) Sal. 05/25/19-06/07/19	3030	\$73,127.42
1617	06-20-19	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$307.01
1618	06-24-19	Postmaster	54100 252	\$2,618.59
1619	06-27-19	Phenix-Girard Bank (Russell County Payroll Account) Sal. 06/08/19-06/21/19	3030	\$53,260.15
1620	06-28-19	Operations Fund P.G. Bank of P.C.	3020	\$65,451.44
61043	06-07-19	James Hunsinger	3040	\$12.00

61044	06-07-19	Janice Lee Crain	3040	\$10.00
61045	06-07-19	Nellie Smith	3040	\$12.00
61046	06-07-19	Sara Smith Gilbert	3040	\$17.50
61047	06-07-19	John C. Williams	3040	\$14.00
61048	06-07-19	Jordan Chick	3040	\$18.00
61049	06-07-19	Lee Torgerson	3040	\$164.00
61050	06-07-19	Lashunda T. Jackson	3040	\$57.00
		<b>Donation Fund 750</b>		
477	06-14-19	Lower Russell County Youth	51100 499	\$1,000.00
		<b>Law Library Fund 755</b>		
1068	06-04-19	AJCEF	51100 499	\$203.00
1069	06-04-19	AJCEF	51100 499	\$500.00
1070	06-04-19	AJCEF	51100 499	\$500.00
1071	06-04-19	AACJ	51100 499	\$400.00
1072	06-04-19	RELAX INC DBA LEXIS	51100 410	\$838.10
1073	06-19-19	Harris Fowler Insurance	51100 499	\$317.00
1074	06-25-19	Malone Office Environment	51100 499	\$180.93
		<b>Worthless Check 761</b>		
517	06-06-19	Worthless Check Unit Office of District Attorney	51260 365 51260 362	\$1,933.92 \$3,591.54
		<b>Motor Vehicle Special Fund 782</b>		
533	06-12-19	Rev Comm MH Fund	45290 710	\$46.00
		<b>Land Redemption Fund 786</b>		
769	06-05-19	Naomi Elliott, Rev. Comm	3040	2,556.52
770	06-19-19	Naomi Elliott, Rev. Comm	3040	\$27,052.61
		<b>Juvenile Service Fund 787</b>		
2263	06-14-19	Verizon	52600 499	\$130.62
		<b>County Tobacco Fund 797</b>		
494	06-25-19	Russell County Volunteer Fire Department Association	3040	\$30,086.95
495	06-25-19	Project Greene Light	3040	\$791.75
496	06-25-19	Task Force for Senior Citizens	3040	\$791.75

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Administrator Chair