

Public Hearing for
82 McElvey Road Land Abatement
June 28th, 2017
9:30 A.M. EST

The public hearing was called to order.

Special Enforcement Office Bill Friend presented a request clear the property at 82 McElvey Road. Commissioner Corbett asked to give the owners an extension before proceeding with the abatement. The owners were given two extensions. The owners stated that they had estimates for the clean-up of approximately \$9,000. Mr. Friend gave the owner other names of businesses that would do the clean-up for less.

In May, after there had not been any progress toward the clean-up; the owners were contacted again by Mr. Friend to inform them that the abatement would move forward.

Mr. Friend stated that the estimate he received for the abatement is \$3,500 and recommended approval for the abatement.

The owners were present at the public hearing, but did not wish to make a comment.

Commissioner Corbett stated that the Fire Chief of Crawford had contacted him because the structure had burned and items that were at the dwelling were still there and is still a nuisance and they did not have a way to take care of that. He explained that he did not want to proceed down this path and gave extensions for as long as possible giving the owner's time to take care of their property, but neighbors began calling with complaints. He did not want to place a burden on anyone.

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

The public hearing was adjourned.

The Russell County Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 28th, 2017
9:30 A.M. EST

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

The invocation was given by Reverend Jean Keel, Pastor of White Chapel CME.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Lee.

Public Comments:

Eddream Lawrence gave an update of the condition of Samuel Road / Denson Hill Road and submitted a request to include paving Samuel Road / Denson Hill Road in the 2017-2018 budget.

Chair Martin welcomed elected officials, department heads, media and guests. She also thanked the Citizen news for their coverage of the Commission meeting.

Administrator Horne called the roll. Members present were: Gentry Lee, Carl Currington, Peggy Martin, Ronnie Reed, and Chance Corbett. Commissioners Larry Screws and Cattie Epps were absent. Also present was County Attorney Kenneth Funderburk.

A quorum was established.

Chair Martin requested a motion to approve the June 14th, 2017 meeting minutes. Commissioner Currington motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Currington requested a proclamation for De Braun who recently retired from the Department of Human Resources Board. Mrs. Braun served on this board over 40 years. Commissioner Currington asked Former Commissioner Tillman Pugh to present the proclamation to Mrs. Braun, who has worked with her for the last 16 years.

Bill Friend presented his recommendation to abate land at 82 McElvey Road. Commissioner Corbett motioned to approve the abatement. Seconded by Commissioner Lee. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Friend requests a support resolution for application of the Little League International Grant. The amount of the grant is \$250,000 and will go for installation of lights at the Ladonia Complex. There is no match for this grant. The president of the Ladonia Youth League will apply for the grant. Commissioner Currington motioned to approve the support resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Lee. The vote was unanimous. The letter of support is on file in the Commission Office.

EMA Director Bob Franklin gave the bid results for the Courthouse Camera System. He recommended for the Commission to reject all bids. Mr. Franklin has contacted the State Homeland Security Office and looking at the bid results reducing the number of cameras should bring the cost within the budgeted amount and increase the quality of cameras. Commissioner Corbett motioned to reject the bids. Seconded by Commissioner Lee. The vote was unanimous. Commissioner Lee explained the reason that all bids were rejected is because the lowest bid was more than was budgeted for this project.

Mr. Franklin stated that Commissioner Epps has been working with the Fort Mitchell Volunteer Fire Department to develop a playground on the Northeast corner of their property. This is approximately 1 acre. Mr. Franklin requests the Commission to

approve the lease agreement between the Commission and the Ft. Mitchell Fire Department and forward the agreement to the fire department for signatures. Commissioner Lee motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Currington. The vote was unanimous.

Administrator Horne discussed the bid results for the Ladonia Sports Complex Concession Stand. This was only for individuals to submit bids to be able to serve food at that concession site. She met with the vendor that submitted the only bid and reviewed the bid specs. The vendor "April Walker" is willing to work with the Commission and we are willing to work with them getting the concession stand ready for them to take over on October 1st. They will be in compliance with all licenses and Health Department Requirements by that date. Administrator Horne recommended going forward with the person that submitted the bid who did meet all the bid specs, and will meet financial requirements. However, they will monitor the portion that was discussed return to the Commission the percentage as was discussed with them. They are aware if there are changes to the menu prices, etc., the vendor will have to be submit to the Commission first. Commissioner Lee motioned to approve and was seconded by Commissioner Corbett.

Commissioner Currington requested to state in the minutes that there will be no other concessions on the grounds, other that Ms. Walker's, which is the County approved concession at those fields at any time.

Commissioner Lee added that this includes outside the concession stand area.

Commissioner Corbett also let it be known that this vendor will also give the county 19% of the profits and a portion of the power bill. Showing that the Commission is being conscious of cost to run the business and that the county is benefiting the vendor as well as making sure that they are meeting Russell County Health Department regulations.

Administrator Horne stated that is why it was mentioned that the vendor will be monitored and allowed to go through a season and bring the financial reports back to the Commission and at that time we move forward. The concession stand has a power meter in the back room separate from other areas of the complex, which will let us know what the amount of electricity if any should be paid at that time.

Administrator Horne polled the Commission. The vote was unanimous.

Administrator Horne also informed the Commission That Governor Ivey has declared July 3rd and July 4th in celebration of Independence Day to close state and county offices. When the Commission adopted the State holiday schedule that the Commission would adopt whatever the Governor would adopt state wide. This includes Judicial Offices as well.

Attorney Kenneth Funderburk discussed a proposition from Uniti Towers to rent 100 x 100 foot section in Hurtsboro. The Commission's proposal for rent is \$800 per month at 17 terms at 5 years each and goes up 1½ % at each renewal. He requests to authorize himself, Chair Martin or Administrator Horne to sign the letter of intent. Commissioner Lee motioned to approve the letter of intent and authorize Chair Martin to sign the letter. Seconded by Commissioner Currington. The vote was unanimous.

Announcements were made.

Commissioner Lee motioned to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.