

The Russell County Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
9:30 A.M. EDT

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

The invocation was given by Reverend Lawrence Jefferson, Pastor of Phillips Temple CME Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Ronnie Reed.

A public comment was made by Planning Commission Chair, David Ellis, concerning the County-wide Comprehensive Master Plan that the Planning Commission recently updated. State Legislation makes this charge the responsibility of Planning Commissions. The last plan was adopted in 2012. In 2014 the Planning Commission began to update the master plan giving it to the Commission in 2015 for review. The Commission tabled the master plan and has not brought it back for changes, discussion or approval. Mr. Ellis discussed the amount of hard work it took for the update and to ask if the Commission would like for the Planning Commission to continue the updates or would they like contract a company for a large sum of money to recreate a County-wide Master Plan a few years down the road. The Commission suggested for the Planning Commission to update Master Plan again and send all changes /updates to the Commission when the updates are completed.

David Ellis also discussed the police jurisdiction in the Ladonia area. He did not want to live in the City and that is the reason for moving to the county, but is being forced to do so because Phenix City moved the PJ into the county. He and other residents in his area are unhappy about the extension because, they are now a part of the city. Now they are paying City taxes, and do not have representation in the City. Mr. Ellis asked what he and other citizens can do to have the PJ moved back to the City limits. The only benefit to the having the PJ in the area is for Police protection. Discussion took place about writing Legislators concerning this issue.

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

A quorum was established.

Chair Martin requested a motion to approve the meeting agenda. The executive session listed under the Attorney's items was discussed. It was agreed to take the executive session off the agenda. Commissioner Lee motioned to approve the agenda with the change. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

Chair Martin requested a motion to approve the May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting minutes. Commissioner Lee motioned to approve the minutes and seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The vote was unanimous.

Coroner Sumbry presented a court ordered cremation for Lisa Lee Williams. Judge Bellamy has ordered the Commission to pay Colonial Funeral Home a reasonable fee not to exceed \$400 for the cremation. Commissioner Pugh motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Lee. The vote was unanimous.

Personnel Review Board members are appointed by each District Commissioner. Several members' terms were expired and were needed to be replaced or reappointed as follows:

District 2	Paul Godwin - reappointed
District 3	Bobby Cook – new appointment
District 4	Kalfee Parker – new appointment
District 5	Willie McCoy – reappointed
District 6	Marcia Johnson – new appointment

County Administrator LeAnn Horne presented a resolution to approve the 2016 Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday. This event takes place the August 5<sup>th</sup> through August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Commissioner Corbett motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Pugh. The vote was unanimous.

Human Resource Director Carolyn Robinson provided a personnel report in the Commissioner's meeting packet.

Announcements were made.

Commissioner Corbett motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Reed.

The meeting was adjourned.