

The Russell County Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2015
9:30 A.M. EST

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

The invocation was given by Ernest Snead, Pastor of Faithful Missionary Baptist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Epps.

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 roll was called. Members present were: Chair Peggy Martin, Vice Chair Cattie Epps, Gentry Lee, Tillman Pugh, Ronnie Reed, Commissioner Corbett and Larry Screws. Also present were Attorney Kenneth Funderburk and Assistant County Administrator Vickie Perry, who kept the minutes.

A quorum was established

Chair Martin requested a motion to approve meeting minutes for July 14 and July 22, 2015. Commissioner Pugh motioned to approve the minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

A Posthumous Proclamation was presented by Commissioner Corbett to the family of Willie Carl Jenkins, Jr., who helped establish the Crawford Volunteer Fire Department. He also served as Russell County Deputy Coroner, appointed as County Coroner by Governor Guy Hunt, as well as, owned and operated an ambulance service in the area for several years.

Probate Judge Harden discussed the redistricting of District 6 after the 2010 Census, which placed one of District 6's voting precincts (Troy University / CVCC) into another district. Citizens that normally voted at the Troy University/CVCC were moved to the Crawford Precinct which is an inconvenience to those voters. Judge Harden recommended the Commission approving moving district lines around the CVCC precinct, which is east of College Drive / Hwy 431 back into District 6. Commissioner Screws motioned to move the area around between College Drive and Hwy 431 into District 6, so those voters can go back to the same poll prior to the redistricting. Seconded by Commissioner Epps. The vote was unanimous.

Judge Harden reminded that in 2014 the Legislature was requested to pass a bill giving the Commission the authority to designate any place as a voting center for the purpose

of this box at CVCC. Commissioner Screws has approximately 100 people who vote at this box as well. The Bill was advertised, introduced and went to Committee where it died. Other counties have identical bills for voting centers that have passed. Judge Harden requested the Commission to authorize re-advertising in effort to have this Bill re-introduced during the special session in September. If the bill does not make it into the special session, then it is ready to go into the regular session in February 2016. Commissioner Screws motioned to have the County Administrator and Judge Harden to move forward on advertising legislation for the voting center. Seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The vote was unanimous.

Special Enforcement Officer Bill Friend introduced a letter from the Russell County Health Department requesting approval for a certificate of exception. Approval will enable Fort Mitchell resident, Kristopher A. Crary, exemption from the monthly solid waste fee of \$19.00 and to transport his garbage to Georgia. Mr. Crary's letter stated that he does not accumulate enough garbage to pay the garbage fee, due to recycling most of his trash and transporting what is left to Georgia. If this exception is passed the Health Department and the Solid Waste Officer will have to monitor Mr. Crary weekly to make sure he is following regulations, if not, action will be taken against Mr. Crary. Commissioner Corbett motioned to approve the exception so discussion could take place. Seconded by Commissioner Epps. Much discussion took place and was brought out that monitoring Mr. Crary's disposal of the waste each week would be impractical for the county as well as being illegally taken across state lines as he stated he would do. Also, solid waste management is mandated to each county by the State of Alabama and each resident has to pay the fee in order to keep the service functioning. Chair Martin requested Assistant Administrator Perry to poll the Commission. The Commission unanimously denied the exception request.

Sanitation Director Carl Currington requested a budget amendment as follows:

GARBAGE FUND 511

GARBAGE-54100

DECREASE	511 54100 172	LANDFILL	\$45,600.00
DECREASE	511 54100 212	FUEL & LUBRICANTS	\$21,000.00
		TOTAL	\$66, 600.00

INCREASE	511 54100 211	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 1,000.00
INCREASE	511 54100 215	TIRES & TUBES	\$10,000.00
INCREASE	511 54100 219	OTHER MISC SUPPLIES	\$ 5,000.00
INCREASE	511 54100 234	MOTOR VEHICLE REPAI	\$20,000.00
INCREASE	511 54100 304	CONTRACT SERVICES	\$19,000.00
INCREASE	511 54100 316	WRECKER SERVICE	\$ 1,000.00
INCREASE	511 54100 611	PRINCIPAL	\$10,000.00
INCREASE	511 54100 612	INTEREST	\$ 600.00
		TOTAL	\$66,600.00

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

County Attorney Kenneth Funderburk presented a revised contract for the Parks and Recreation Director. The revisions were: the contract is for one year and the salary amount will remain at \$45,000, which was within the job description's advertised amount. Commissioner Lee motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

The Personnel Report was included in the Commissioner's packet for review.

Chair Martin made announcements.

Commissioner Lee motioned to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.