

The Russell County Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
August 8, 2018  
9:30 A.M. E.D.T.

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

The invocation was given by Reverend Brady Baird, Summerville United Methodist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag 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 their coverage of the Commission Meeting.

**Public Comments:**

Jennifer Davidson from the Russell County Extension office spoke about their annual report, events and programs that they have put on with the Alabama Extension Office in Russell County.

Administrator Horne called the Commission roll. Members present were Chair Peggy Martin, Vice Chair Carl Currington, Commissioner Gentry Lee, Commissioner Ronnie Reed, Commissioner Chance Corbett, Commissioner Cattie Epps and Commissioner Larry Screws. Also present was County Attorney Kenneth Funderburk and County Administrator Horne who kept the minutes. A quorum was established.

Chair Martin asked for a motion to approve the July 25th, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Currington motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. Administrator Horne polled the Commission. District 1(Lee) voted yes, District 2 (Currington) voted yes; District 3 (Martin) voted yes; District 4 (Reed) voted yes; District 5 (Epps) voted yes; District 6 (Corbett) voted yes; District 7 (Screws) voted yes; The vote was unanimous the motion was approved.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Chair Martin stated on Monday August 8, 2018 at the Commission Work Session Mrs. Pat Johnson the Director of the Fort Mitchell Senior Center gave an update on the Senior Center; number of seniors attending, and services provided.

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

Commissioner Screws asked for his E911 appointment be tabled until the September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Commission Meeting. He has not had the opportunity to touch base with the

current person to see if she still is willing to serve. Chair Martin stated that each District Commissioner has that privilege to appoint.

Commissioner Screws made a motion establishing a memory wall for the employees, so the Commission would not have to keep bringing up where to put portraits for County employees. He would also like for the Chair, the County Administrator and Commissioner Epps to be responsible to develop guidelines and bring it back to the Commission to vote. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. Administrator Horne polled the Commission. District 1(Lee) voted yes, District 2 (Currington) voted yes; District 3 (Martin) voted yes; District 4 (Reed) voted yes; District 5 (Epps) voted yes; District 6 (Corbett) voted yes; District 7 (Screws) voted yes; The vote was unanimous for approval.

Commissioner Currington appointed C.W. Smith to District 2 E911 Board to replace Travis Pugh. The term begins August 8, 2018 and expires August 8, 2022.

Commissioner Currington requested the Commission to approve Attorney Funderburk to write a letter to the Governor, the District of the Highway Department (Vance Beck) and state engineer director concerning Highway 80. It is dangerous because there is no drainage included in the state's recent resurfacing. He would like to include in the letter that there have been numerous complaints and the amount of traffic. Commissioner Currington made the motion. Seconded by Commissioner Corbett. Administrator Horne polled the Commission. District 1(Lee) voted yes, District 2 (Currington) voted yes; District 3 (Martin) voted yes; District 4 (Reed) voted yes; District 5 (Epps) voted yes; District 6 (Corbett) voted yes; District 7 (Screws) voted yes; The vote was unanimous for approval.

Coroner Sumbry presented a court ordered cremation for Shirleen Miles. Payment should go to Colonial Funeral Home and not to exceed \$400. Commissioner Reed motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Corbett. Administrator Horne polled the Commission. District 1(Lee) voted yes, District 2 (Currington) voted yes; District 3 (Martin) voted yes; District 4 (Reed) voted yes; District 5 (Epps) voted yes; District 6 (Corbett) voted yes; District 7 (Screws) voted yes; The vote was unanimous for approval.

County Engineer Shawn Blakeney requested a public hearing to be set to vacate a Right-of-way on South Seale Road. Mr. Phil Hornsby owns all the property adjoining the ROW. County Engineer Blakeney would like to set the public hearing for September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. before the scheduled Commission Meeting. This gives Mr. Hornsby the 30 days required by law to advertise. Once the public hearing is set and there is no conflict, he would request the Commission to do a resolution to vacate the ROW. Commissioner Lee motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. Administrator Horne polled the Commission. District 1(Lee) voted yes, District 2 (Currington) voted yes; District 3 (Martin) voted yes; District 4 (Reed) voted yes; District 5 (Epps) voted yes; District 6 (Corbett) voted yes; District 7 (Screws) voted yes; The vote was unanimous for approval.

County Administrator LeAnn Horne reminded Commissioners and the public that on August 20/22, 2018 the Commission has cancelled the Russell County Commission Meeting due to the State County Commission Annual Conference. Also, discussed Monday evening at the Work

Session being that meeting was cancelled we schedule budget hearings for all the departments as well as the public. She suggested September 10 which is on the work session day at 10:00 A.M. or 1:00 P.M. and September 12 after the Commission Meeting. Commissioner Corbett stated he would like department budget hearings on September 10<sup>th</sup> to start at 10:00 A.M. until completed. On September 12<sup>th</sup> to start directly after the Commission Meeting. County Administrator also stated those that are requesting an appropriation either themselves or a representative as requested or designate be present. Commissioner Lee stated to notify everyone immediately. Commissioner Corbett stated to encourage them to bring paper work to show the Commission what the funds are for. County Administrator stated they are required to submit financials and those who have not submitted a financial statement, or a recent audit have been contacted. Those who have not submitted this information may be reported to the Commissioners prior to the budget meeting.

Human Resource Officer Carolyn Robinson provided a report on the new hires in Russell County.

Announcements were made.

Commissioner Martin moved to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned.