

The Russell County Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
September 11, 2019  
9:30 A.M. EST

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

Reverend Alan Griffith with Emanuel Baptist Church gave the invocation.

Chair Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Martin recognized and thanked two of the Voters Registrars, Dr. Brindlea Griffith and Curt Lewis.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Becky Saunders with Liberty Learning Foundation reported what the Foundation was about. The Foundation donates teaching tools and trains teachers. The Foundation creates and carries out grand learning experiences that teach, inspire and empower our Next Great Americans.

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.

Assistant County Administrator Vickie Perry called roll. Members present were; Chair Peggy Martin, Vice Chair Cattie Epps, Commissioner Gentry Lee and Commissioner Chance Corbett. Also, present was the County Attorney Kenneth Funderburk. A quorum was established. Commissioner Carl Currington, Commissioner Ronnie Reed and Commissioner Larry Screws were absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Chair Martin requested approval of the August 28, 2019 minutes.

Commissioner Corbett motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Martin. The voted was approved.

**PROCLAMATION & RESOLUTIONS:**

Commissioner Epps stated: On the agenda there are two Proclamations to be approved. Tuskegee-Morehouse Football Classic and Tristan Rock-Rolison. The Commission agreed to vote on them together.

Commissioner Epps motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The vote was approved.

Commissioner Corbett stated: I would really like to get our Proclamations in a standard form. This one was so hard to read with the pictures on it. You could barely read the signatures with the pictures on it. I would like to get a standard Proclamation with our Seal on it to make it a little easier read and looks more official. Maybe we can look at that in the future.

Chair Martin stated: That is a good suggestion and we will consider that.

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

Building Inspector Bubba Roberts stated: You have in front of you a copy of the resolution that relates to the building permit fees and the letter of explanation.

Commissioner Corbett motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Lee.

Commissioner Epps stated: The building permit fees are under discussion. Are we going to motion to move it to business?

Commissioner Corbett stated: Commissioner Corbett made a motion if it is a unanimous vote then it is approved.

Commissioner Epps stated: I just wanted to make sure we have that for the record.

The vote was approved.

Operations Manager of Sanitation Randy Smith stated: I am standing in for Sanitation Director Wanda Hardie. We are requesting a budget transfer to purchase a new motor for a Kenworth garbage truck and send out bids to be opened on September 24, 2019, 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Chamber and ask for approval on September 25, 2019 at the Commission Meeting.

### **BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

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#### **FY 2018/2019 BUDGET**

#### **GARBAGE FUND 511**

#### **GARBAGE 54100**

<b>DECREASE</b>	511 54100 211	OTHER MISC SUP	\$10,000.00
<b>DECREASE</b>	511 54100 219	MISC SUPPLIES	\$10,000.00
<b>DECREASE</b>	511 54100 233	OFFICE EQUIP REP	\$3,000.00
<b>DECREASE</b>	511 54100 307	OTHER PROF SER	\$1,000.00
<b>DECREASE</b>	511 54100 252	POSTAGE	\$5,000.00
<b>DECREASE</b>	511 54100 241	ELECTRICITY	\$2,000.00
<b>DECREASE</b>	511 54100 212	FUEL & LUB	\$2,000.00
<b>INCREASE</b>	511 541000 234	MOTOR VEH REP	\$33,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$33,000.00</b>

Commissioner Lee stated: I just want to make it clear this is not new money in their budget it is money that is being transferred.

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

Chair Martin stated: County Engineer Shawn Blakeley ask that we delete the next item to reallocate money for Cutrate Road.

County Engineer Shawn Blakley stated: I will be bringing it back to the next Commission Meeting. I have to get with the State to see how much money we do have to allocate.

County Engineer Shawn Blakeney stated: Rutherford Road bid was opened at the end of last month and the lowest bid was \$1,769,822.80. The Counties portion of that would be \$353,964.56. That was a budgeted item. We should be getting the funding agreement in the next 3 or 4 days. I need to get the funding agreement approved so when it does come in, we can get Chair Martin to sign it and we can send the check off. The sooner we get the check off the sooner we can get the project done.

Commissioner Lee motioned to approve. Commissioner Epps seconded. The vote was approved.

Chair Martin stated: I have good news for my District 3. The Cutrate Road Bridge bid is going to be set for September 27, 2019.

Commissioner Epps stated: 911 will always have a remembrance in all of our hearts because most of us remember where we were. Eighteen years ago, we were in a Commission Meeting. At that time the Chair handled the news and information in such grace and professional way. That person was Gentry Lee. I will always remember how he handled that at that time. Gentry I just want to say Thank You.

Announcements were made.

Chair Martin motioned to adjourn.

The Meeting was adjourned.

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