

**Russell County Commission
Russell County Commission Chambers
Meeting Minutes June 8, 2022
9:30 A.M. EST**

An adjourned meeting of the Russell County Commission was called to order by Chairman Chance Corbett.

The invocation was given by Reverend Richie Ashburn with Silver Run Baptist Church.

Chairman Corbett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mike and Candy Martin spoke about Southern Pines, a rental unit development they are wanting to place on their property purchased on Highway 80 and inquiring about the next step for approval.

Chairman Corbett thanked BEAM Cable TV for broadcasting our meeting live for the public on Facebook, and The Citizen of East Alabama for covering the meetings. He welcomed the elected officials, department heads, media, and guests.

County Administrator Paulette Colbert called roll of the Commission. Members present were Commissioner Ronnie Reed, Commissioner Larry Screws, Commissioner Cattie Epps, Commissioner Rod Costello, Commissioner Gentry Lee, Commissioner Scott Chambers, and Chairman Chance Corbett. Also present was County Attorney Hope Hicks, and County Administrator Paulette Colbert who kept the minutes.

A quorum was established by the County Administrator Paulette Colbert.

Chairman Corbett stated the agenda needed to be approved due to not having a work session on Monday night due to the holiday closing. Chairman Corbett requested to add Planning Commission Zoning Study Recommendation under business with Planning Commission Chairman David Ellis. Commissioner Costello requested to add under discussion about the upcoming Juneteenth holiday June 20th observance and having a work session that day. Commissioner Epps moved to approve the agenda with requested additions. Seconded by Commissioner Chambers. All Commissioners were in favor by saying aye. Motion passed and the agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Corbett asked for approval of the minutes of May 25, 2022, Commission meeting. Commissioner Costello moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Epps. All Commissioners were in favor by saying aye. Motion passed.

PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

There were no proclamations, resolutions, or presentations to be made.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Chairman Corbett presented Enrichment Services Program CEO, Mrs. Belva Dorsey who shared updates of the services that the Enrichment Services Program provides in Russell County.

Chairman Corbett updated the Commission on the Russell County Historical Commissions' Uchee Methodist Church project.

Chairman Corbett presented Commissioner Costello who spoke about having a meeting on Monday, June 20th, with Tom Bartlett who will share a presentation on sewage for Fort Mitchell. Chairman Corbett proposed a special called meeting with the Economic Development Advisory Committee with possibly all the Commissioners attending since they will be representing the community, on Monday, June 20th at 3 pm ET. Mrs. Colbert will send out notification as well as notifying media partners since this will be an open meeting.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Chairman Corbett presented Revenue Commissioner Naomi Elliott who presented the below 2021/2022 Final Settlement Report and requested the Commission Chair to sign the required documents to send to the State of Alabama. Commissioner Lee moved the requested recommendation. Seconded by Commissioner Costello. All Commissioners were in favor by saying aye. Motion passed.

NAOMI ELLIOTT RUSSELL COUNTY REVENUE COMMISSIONER		2021/2022 TAX YEAR
CHARGES		\$26,966,559.44
SUPPLEMENT		\$109,782.02
INTEREST		\$28,312.13
ESCAPES		\$3,786.84
TOTAL CHARGES		\$27,108,440.43
ERRORS		\$171,088.89
LITIGATIONS		\$5,221.65
INSOLVENT		\$54.56
LANDS SOLD TO STATE		\$392.94
REFUNDS		\$2,735.84
PRO RATED WITHHOLDINGS		\$1,133,099.32
COMMISSIONS		\$921,936.86
REMITTANCES		\$24,873,910.37
TOTAL CREDITS		\$27,108,440.43
MANUFACTURED HOMES COUNTY GENERAL FUND		\$24,317.25
CO GENERAL FUND 8 MILL AD VALOREM		\$4,201,526.94
COMMISSION TO GEN FUND		\$91,919.06
FEES TO GEN FUND		\$20,095.00
TOTAL TO GENERAL FUND		\$4,337,858.25
CO ROAD & BRIDGE FUND 4 MILL AD VALOREM		\$2,058,076.16
MANUFACTURED HOMES ACT NO. 2015 VOL. FIRE DEPT		\$51,950.00
AD VALOREM ACT NO. 2015 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT		\$488,300.00
TOTAL ACT NO. 2015 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT		\$540,250.00

Chairman Corbett presented Revenue Commissioner Naomi Elliott who requested the below listing of equipment to be declared obsolete. Commissioner Costello moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Lee seconded. All Commissioners were in favor by saying aye. Motion passed.



Naomi Elliott
Revenue Commissioner Russell County
334-298-7011

May 27, 2022

Request that the following items be declared obsolete.

Computers	County inventory #
S&W #	
011155	192 168 57 160
009679	-----
001156	192 168 57 150
008824	-----
009905	192 168 57 192
009678	192 168 57 151
008825	192 168 57 153
009248	-----
008809	192 168 57 159
009247	-----
007115	-----
008135	-----
1 Computer with ID# only	217000EM000159642104
MONITORS	8 TOTAL (no county inventory numbers)
Tally T6215 Line Printer	192 168 57 186
1 Martin Yale Buster	Serial# 175 37 Model# 970A

NAOMI ELLIOTT, REVENUE COMMISSIONER

Chairman Corbett recognized Commissioner Reed who discussed making an appointment to the East Alabama Mental Health Board. Commissioner Lee moved to postpone this to the next Commission meeting on June 22nd. Commissioner Costello seconded the motion. All Commissioners were in favor by saying aye. Motion passed.

Chairman Corbett proposed postponing setting a date on redistricting and postponing setting a date for an ARPA meeting until the next June 22nd Commission meeting. Commissioner Lee moved to postpone both items. Commissioner Costello seconded. All Commissioners were in favor by saying aye. Motion passed.

Chairman Corbett recognized Commissioner Costello who presented Mr. Ben McGarr with Lee-Russell Council of Governments who shared information on an Electric Vehicle Charging Station Grant. Mr. McGarr spoke about this grant that is under the infrastructure project from ADECA for two direct current fast charging stations to be located at the courthouse, and two direct current fast charging stations to be located at the Judicial Center the current price is \$169,000 for two charging stations and the grant comes with a 20% match. He stated the cost of materials and supplies will go towards the match, and labor cannot be used as match. Due to the guidelines of the grant and because they are multiple sites, he will have to treat them as two separate grants. He stated that each grant will have to be approved separately, one for the courthouse and one for the Judicial Center. Mr. McGarr requested permission for the Chair to sign the grant applications after he has everything prepared and ready with the deadline being Friday by midnight. Commissioner Lee moved to accept the request. Commissioner Costello seconded. All Commissioners were in favor by saying aye. Motion passed.

Chairman Corbett recognized Planning Commission Chairman David Ellis who made a recommendation to allow him to get a price for professional help from Goodwyn Mills and Cawood with updating the Comprehensive Plan and including zoning in the plan. They are the same company that did the Comprehensive Plan back in 2012. Commissioner Epps moved to accept the recommendation. Seconded by Commissioner Chambers. All Commissioners were in favor by saying aye. Motion passed.

COUNTY ENGINEER:

Assistant County Engineer Ray Martin requested awarding the bid for the Upshaw Flats resurfacing project to East Alabama Paving in the amount of \$518,268.78 (part of the CRAF project rebuild). Mr. Martin requested permission for approval for the Chairman and administrator to sign the contract documents. Commissioner Screws moved to approve the request. Seconded by Commissioner Chambers. All Commissioners were in favor by saying aye. Motion passed.

Assistant County Engineer Ray Martin requested to solicit bids for resurfacing Wende Road (CRAF). He stated they will send out bid invitations and advertise on the ACCA website, according to the Rebuild Alabama guidelines. They will start the advertisement running on ACCA website on June 29th, accept bids on July 20th at 2 pm at the Commissioner Chambers, and bring it back to the Commission on July 27th. Commissioner Screws moved to accept the request. Seconded by Commissioner Chambers. All Commissioners were in favor by saying aye. Motion passed.

Assistant County Engineer Ray Martin requested to solicit bids for resurfacing Zion Hill from the Federal Aid Exchange Fund out of the Rebuild Alabama Act. They will start the advertising on June 29th, accept bids on July 20th at 2 pm at the Commissioner Chambers, and bring it back to the Commission on July 27th. Commissioner Screws moved to accept the request. Seconded by Commissioner Epps. All Commissioners were in favor by saying aye. Motion passed.

For the Parks & Recreation Department, Assistant County Engineer Ray Martin requested to purchase equipment and canopy for the Crawford Walking Trail, a pre-budgeted item, for a total amount of \$26,833.89. Commissioner Costello moved to accept the request. Seconded by Commissioner Chambers. All Commissioners were in favor by saying aye. Motion passed.

SANITATION:

Chairman Corbett recognized Sanitation Director Ward Dudley with the following budget transfer request:

SANITATION BUDGET TRANSFER LISTING**INCREASE**

<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
252 POSTAGE	\$ 4,000.00
172 LANDFILL DUMPING	\$57,000.00
212 FUEL & LUBRICANT	\$80,000.00
234 MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$28,000.00
611 PRINCIPAL	<u>\$37,115.00</u>
TOTAL	\$206,115.00

DECREASE

<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
113 SALARY & WAGES	\$50,000.00
122 HEALTH INSURANCE	\$50,000.00
211 OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$10,000.00
214 MINOR EQUIPMENT (\$300-\$500)	\$15,000.00
219 MISC. SUPPLIES	\$10,000.00
304 CONTRACT SERVICES	\$53,827.00
612 INTEREST	<u>\$17,288.00</u>
TOTAL	\$206,115.00

Commissioner Screws moved to approve the budget transfers request. Seconded by Commissioner Costello. All Commissioners were in favor by saying aye. Motion passed.

ADMINISTRATOR:

County Administrator Paulette Colbert had nothing to present.

HUMAN RESOURCES: *Information was in Commissioner's packets.*

CORONAVIRUS RESCUE ACT FUND:

Nothing was reported under the Coronavirus Rescue Act Fund area.

COUNTY ATTORNEY:

Attorney Hope Hicks stated that she is expecting to receive a check from United Way for the Rental Assistance money that was not distributed and stated the Commission will have to decide what they want to do with the money. The Commission will have to hold a public hearing regarding this, and then make a request to ADECA. Commissioner Costello moved to schedule a public hearing for 9:30 am, before the June 22nd Commission meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Chambers. All Commissioners were in favor by saying aye. Motion passed.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION:

No discussion was made.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Announcements were made.

Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Chambers. All Commissioners were in favor by saying aye. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.