

**Russell County Commission
Russell County Commission Chambers
Meeting Minutes August 10, 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 Pastor Don Abrams from Trinity UMC Church.

Commissioner Chambers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Russell County Extension Coordinator Jennifer Davidson shared a 2021-2022 annual report presentation.

Chairman Corbett thanked BEAM Cable TV for broadcasting the 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 that the agenda was approved at the work session on Monday night, August 8, 2022.

Chairman Corbett presented two items to add to the agenda that were timely and needed to be added at the last minute and stated that a unanimous vote by the Commission will be needed. One is the Probate Judge has a budget transfer, and the other is the Parks and Rec. is a purchase approval that is already budgeted. Commissioner Lee moved to accept the agenda additions. Seconded by Commissioner Costello. All Commissioners were in favor by saying aye. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Corbett asked for approval of the minutes of July 27, 2022, Commission meeting. Commissioner Costello moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Chambers. All Commissioners were in favor by saying aye. Motion passed.

PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Chairman Corbett presented the proclamation to Trinity United Methodist Church honoring 150 years of service in Russell County in Phenix City that will be presented at a later date. County Administrator Paulette Colbert read the following:

**Russell County Commission
PROCLAMATION
HONORING
Trinity United Methodist Church
150th Anniversary**

WHEREAS, the Russell County Commission wishes to recognize Trinity United Methodist Church who has been praising and glorifying God since 1872; and

WHEREAS, Trinity United Methodist Church will celebrate 150 years service in Russell County, Alabama on August 28, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Trinity United Methodist Church believes in the mission to “make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world”; and

WHEREAS, the members of Trinity United Methodist Church give of themselves unselfishly by covenanting to be in ministry to all the world through their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness; and

WHEREAS, Trinity United Methodist Church dedicates itself anew to the Worship of God and service, and witness; and

WHEREAS, it is altogether fitting that we should join together to congratulate Trinity United Methodist Church on their 150 years of service and dedication to our community and pray that they will continue to be a source of guidance and spiritual inspiration, not only to their congregation, but also to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, The Russell County Commission, does hereby proclaim today as a day to recognize the service and ministry of,

“Trinity United Methodist Church”

and to offer congratulations as they celebrate their anniversary.

This Proclamation is adopted and approved this 10th day of August, 2022.

Commissioner Lee motioned to approve the proclamation. Seconded by Commissioner Chambers. All Commissioners were in favor by saying aye. Motion passed and proclamation was approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

There were no discussion items.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Chairman Corbett recognized Commissioner Reed moved to appropriate \$1,000 of his project money to the Human Society of Phenix City that was donated to him by Commissioner Lee. Seconded by Commissioner Lee. Chairman Corbett stated it brings the total donation by all Commissioners combined to \$7,000. All Commissioners were in favor by saying aye. Motion passed.

Chairman Corbett recognized Tag Commissioner Carrie Bowman who requested the following budget transfer request \$3,000 from Line Item 211 (Office Supplies) to Line Item 252 (Postage). Commissioner Costello moved to accept the request. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. All Commissioners were in favor by saying aye. Motion passed.

Chairman Corbett recognized EMA Director David Martin who presented a notification of purchase requests for over \$15,000 from the CDBG grant for (2) LED trailer-mounted solar signs that were quoted off state contract MA T171 for the purchase amount of \$38,300.75, and the other purchase is for (4) SCBA's with the total purchase amount of \$33,810 which is an approved contract through ADECA and the state examiners off the NPP.gov contract.

Chairman Corbett recognized EMA Director David Martin who requested to send bids for (2) mobile LED light towers from the CDBG grant to be advertised on August 18th, 25th, and possibly September 1st, opening on September 9th at 10 am in the Commission Chambers, and present the award at the September 14th Commission meeting. Commissioner Lee moved to approve the purchase request. Seconded by Commissioner Chambers. County Administrator Paulette Colbert called vote of the Commission as follows: District 4: Commissioner Reed, yes; District 7: Commissioner Screws, yes; District 5: Commissioner Epps, yes; District 3: Commissioner Costello, yes; District 1: Commissioner Lee, yes; District 2: Commissioner Chambers, yes; and District 6: Commissioner Corbett, yes. The Commission passed the motion unanimously.

Chairman Corbett recognized Commissioner Lee presented Mr. Mike Elliott with the Phenix City Art Council who spoke about his classes and the need of money. Commissioner Lee moved to allocation \$2,000 from his special project funds to the Phenix City Art Council. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. All Commissioners were in favor by saying aye. Motion passed.

Chairman Corbett recognized Commissioner Screws who requested to redirect his project money from the prior meeting. Commissioner Screws stated at the last meeting he directed his final portion his project money was to go to EMA to help with some projects, and he moved to redirect that project money to go to both the Cottonton and Pittsview fire departments, with the understanding that the EMA Direction Martin will help with the dividing of the money, and anything he sees fit to work with them on. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion. Chairman Chance Corbett verified it would go to the Russell County Volunteer Firefighters Association. Commissioner Screws agreed and that the amount was \$2,800. All Commissioners were in favor by saying aye. Motion passed.

Chairman Corbett recognized Probate Judge Harden who presented a budget transfer request from Line Item 586 (Data Processing Software) to go to Line Item 211 (Office Supplies) in the amount of \$3,000. Commissioner Costello moved to approve the request. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. All Commissioners were in favor by saying aye. Motion passed.

Chairman Corbett recognized County Engineer & Parks and Rec. Director Shawn Blakeney who requested to purchase approval from Georgia Wholesale Fence in Ladonia for a fence around the pavilion to separate it from Woodland Drive in the amount of \$26,100, for a fence and two gates. He said they can start on it next week and he has the money in his budget. Commissioner Lee moved to accept the request. Seconded by Commissioner Chambers. Mr. Blakeney stated that this is off their annual bid. All Commissioners were in favor by saying aye. Motion passed.

COUNTY ENGINEER:

County Engineer Shawn Blakeney requested to award, bid, and sign contract for Wendy Road. He stated they opened the bid in the chambers on July 20th for Wendy Road (which is a CRAF project to Rebuild Alabama County Funds). He requested to award the bid to East Alabama Asphalt Paving Company for the road 2.87 miles long, and to allow the administrator and the Chair to sign the contracts for the amount of \$498,652.88. Commissioner Screws moved to approve the request. Seconded by Commissioner Epps. All Commissioners were in favor by saying aye. Motion passed.

County Engineer Shawn Blakeney requested to award, bid, and sign contract for Zion Hill Road. He stated they opened the bid on July 20th in the chambers, and he requested to award the bid to East Alabama Asphalt Paving Company for Zion Hill Road 5.97 miles long, and to allow the Commissioner Chair and the administrator to sign the contracts for the award of \$949,086.65. Commissioner Screws moved to approve the request. Seconded by Commissioner Chambers. All Commissioners were in favor by saying aye. Motion passed.

County Engineer Shawn Blakeney presented the annual fiscal year 2022/2023 Transportation Plan as part of the Gas Tax Act from several years ago, and he has to get it approved by the end of August. He stated they will use Rebuild Alabama funds for Padgetts Road (3.45 miles) estimated cost \$586,500, Rabbit Road (3.2 miles) estimated cost \$544,340 from Rebuild Alabama funds, and Gammage Road (1.87 miles) which will be under Federal Aid Exchange Fund for an estimated cost \$350,000. Commissioner Screws moved to approve the plan. Seconded by Commissioner Costello. All Commissioners were in favor by saying aye. Motion passed. See Transportation plan below.



FY 2023 County Transportation Plan

Russell County



Date Approved by the Russell County Commission: August 10, 2022

Data Provided by the Russell County Commissioner (if Applicable)

Key Index	Project	Road Reference	Begin		End		Road Improvement Project	Bridge Improvement Project	Project Length (miles)	Direction of Work	Total Project Estimated Cost	Estimated Amount Planned To Be Utilized Under Competitive Bid	Estimated Amount Planned To Be Utilized Under PAVES	County Related Amount (Listed and Not Separately for projects involving both CMAQs and FAYE)	CMAQ Amount	FAYE Amount		
			Lt.	Long	Lt.	Long												
1	PAVING ST-000-02	Palmyra Road	32-2370	46-2377	32-0413	45-1777	X		3.45	Resurfacing and Traffic Signal Timing Study	\$28,110.00			CMAQ	\$28,110.00	\$0.00		
2	PAVING ST-070-02	Palmyra Road	22-1942	42-3122	32-2230	45-5175	X	3.20	Resurfacing and Traffic Signal Timing Study	\$54,140.00			CMAQ	\$54,140.00	\$0.00			
3	PAVING ST-000-02	Georgetown Road	32-1818	48-8931	32-0387	45-1593	X	1.87	Resurfacing and Traffic Signal Timing Study	\$126,000.00			FAYE	\$0.00	\$126,000.00			
Totals Page Totals:											332	Total CMAQ Estimated Cost	\$1,462,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Total CMAQ/FAYE Remaining Estimated	\$0.00	\$25,000.00

Note: Any annotations to the CIP shall show the same priorities and priorities as the original approval process.

Remarks:

CIP Number: 00000000

SANITATION:

Sanitation Director Ward Dudley requested permission to surplus the below items and to be sold at auction:

RUSSELL COUNTY SANITATION SURPLUS ITEMS AUGUST 10, 2022

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| 1. S-14 2012 Kenworth Garbage Truck
VIN # 2NKHLN9X6CM316161 | 3. S-16 2013 Kenworth Garbage Truck
VIN # 2NKHLN9X4DM351928 | 5. S-12 2011 Kenworth Garbage Truck
VIN # 2NKHLN9X4CM316160 |
| 2. S-17 2013 Kenworth Garbage Truck
VIN # 2NKHLN9X3DM361804 | 4. 19 1999 Ford Debris Truck
VIN # 1FDPK74P6MVA16488 | 6. Bandit Chipper
Serial Number 15872 |

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

ADMINISTRATOR:

County Administrator Paulette Colbert presented District 7's E911 appointment will be expiring on September 26th. Commissioner Screws stated that she (Ms. Brenda Sanks) has agreed to continue to

serve, so he requested allow her to continue to serve. Since it is a reappointment of an existing member, it did not require a vote.

County Administrator Paulette Colbert requested the following budget amendment to cover the cost to insure the COVID Command Center, and splitting the cost between the Sheriff Department and the Emergency Management Agency as follows:

In Sheriff's Department:	In Emergency Management Agency Department:
Decrease line item 001-52100-239	Decrease line item 001-52300-214
Other Repairs and Maint. \$2,240.87	Minor Equipment \$2,240.86
Add line item 001-52100-272	Add line item 001-52300-272
Insurance on Motor Vehicles \$2,240.87	Insurance on Motor Vehicles \$2,240.86

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

County Administrator Paulette Colbert requested a called Commission meeting with the budget as the Business Item for the next year's fiscal year to be held on Wednesday, August 17th at 9:00 am ET to be held in the Commission Chambers. Commissioner Lee moved to approve the request. Seconded by Commissioner Screws. All Commissioners were in favor by saying aye. Motion passed.

CORONAVIRUS RESCUE ACT FUND:

There was nothing to present in the Coronavirus Rescue Act Fund area.

COUNTY ATTORNEY:

Attorney Hope Hicks had nothing to present.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Epps discussed adding a project budget agenda item to be added to the next meeting. Commissioner Screws mentioned adding the shooting range addition to the next meeting also.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Announcements were made.

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