

The Russell County Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
January 11, 2012  
9:30 A.M. EST

An adjourned meeting of the Russell County Commission was called to order. Members present were: Chair Peggy Martin, Vice Chair Cattie Epps, Gentry Lee, Tillman Pugh, Ronnie Reed and Larry Screws. Mervin Dudley was absent. Also present was Attorney Robert Lane and The County Administrator LeAnn Horne , who kept the minutes.

A quorum was established.

Chair Martin requested a motion approving the meeting agenda. Commissioner Epps motioned to approve the meeting agenda and was seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

Alan Griffith, Pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church gave the invocation.

Commissioner Pugh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Martin welcomed elected officials, department heads, media and visitors.

Chair Martin requested a motion to approve the December 14, 2011 meeting minutes. Commissioner Epps motioned to approve the minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

Chair Martin also requested a motion approving the December 28, 2011 meeting minutes. Commissioner Reed motioned to approve the minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Epps. The vote was unanimous.

Sheriff Taylor gave a status report on the Jail addition.

County Engineer Larry Kite gave a proposed county-wide truck plan and distributed maps marking county roads that are acceptable for truck traffic. After much discussion Mr. Kite was asked to come back in 2 weeks after the Commission had time to review and make adjustments to the routes and schedule a public hearing for the Truck Route Plan.

Valerie McLain, Director of the Russell County Crisis Center discussed the lease for the county building her office will locate to. There were a few minor changes to the lease wording. Commissioner Lee motioned to approve the lease agreement and was seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. McLain also requested an emergency appropriation. Commissioner Reed motioned to increase the appropriation to \$3,750 to match the City's appropriation. Seconded by Commissioner Screws. Chair Martin explained this is a one time emergency increase. The vote was unanimous.

County Engineer Larry Kite was asked at the previous Commission meeting to look into lowering the speed limit on Copeland Drive. He stated that a study was made and his recommendation was to lower the speed limit from 40 mph to 30 mph and post accordingly. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Lee to lower the speed limit to 25 mph on Copeland Drive. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

Announcements:

The Courthouse will be closed January 16<sup>th</sup> for a state holiday.

A ribbon cutting for the Ft. Mitchell Clinic will be held January 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned.