

The Russell County Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
January 25, 2012  
9:30 A.M. EST.

Public Comments:

Eddream Lawrence, Executive Director of J.O.Y. Behind Bars, Inc requested appropriations for her organization approximately \$300 -\$500 annually per district. She also requested mentors for the children of incarcerated parents.

Brad Wheeler spoke about the neighbor watch program that have been created and changes that have been made to make those neighbor watch programs more effective.

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, Mervin Dudley and Larry Screws. Also present were County Attorney Kenneth Funderburk and County Administrator LeAnn Horne, who kept the minutes.

Chair Martin presented the agenda. Attorney Funderburk withdrew the executive session concerning the Water Authority and Utility Board until the next meeting. Chair Martin requested a motion to approve the agenda with the change. Commissioner Dudley motioned to approve the agenda and was seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

The invocation was given by Steve Williamson, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Crawford.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Martin.

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

Chair Martin requested a motion to approve the January 11, 2012 meeting minutes. Commissioner Epps motioned to approve the minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Dudley. The vote was unanimous.

County Engineer Larry Kite gave a road maintenance and project status report.

Chair Martin presented the Utilities Board appointments and read the rules for the nominations and elections of those appointments. Board members have to be a resident of the county and on the garbage service. Chair Martin called for nominations by districts. Gentry Lee nominated Fletcher Findlater, Chair Martin selected Judy Monk, Commissioner Epps nominated Lambert Glenn and Commissioner Dudley nominated Tommy Pugh for the first board position.

The vote was called: Fletcher Findlater and Lambert Glenn were eliminated with only 1 vote each. Judy Monk received 3 votes and Tommy Pugh received 2 votes. There had to be a majority vote therefore the last vote was taken for the first board position. Tommy Pugh received 3 votes and Judy Monk received 4 votes. Judy Monk received the first slot on the Utility Board position.

The second nomination was taken. Commissioner Lee chose Fletcher Findlater, Commissioner Epps nominated Lambert Glenn and Commissioner Dudley selected Tommy Pugh. The vote was taken: Fletcher Findlater had 1 vote, Lambert Glenn had 4 votes and Tommy Pugh received 2 votes. Lambert Glenn won the second slot on the Utility Board due to the majority vote.

County Attorney recommended that an amendment be made to the 1979 resolution which formed the Utility Board. The Utility Board should be the entity which works with the Water and Sewer Authority to bring recommendations to the Commission for review and approval. The Utility Board is over the solid waste, but the other utilities (water and sewer) are to make reports to the Utilities Board. Commissioner Epps motioned to approve the recommendation of the County Attorney in regards to the Utility Board and the Water and Sewer Authorities. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. District 1 ( Lee) abstained; District 2 (Pugh) voted, yes; District 3 (Martin) voted, yes; District 4 (Reed) voted, yes; District 5 (Epps) voted, yes; District 6 (Dudley) voted, yes; District 7 (Screws) voted, yes. 6 yes votes and 1 abstention; motion passed.

County Engineer Larry Kite was requested to present the proposed County-wide Truck Plan that he submitted for review at the January 11, 2012 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Screws motioned to accept the proposed Truck Route Plan and was seconded by Commissioner Dudley. A public hearing was set for February 6, 2012 work session at 5:00 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Kite also presented an agreement and resolution from ALDOT concerning the HRRR project. There is a 10% match for the County in the amount of \$19,303. He requested approval for the Chair and the County Administrator to sign the agreement and resolution. This project was included in the 2011-2012 budget. Commissioner Dudley motioned to approve the agreement and resolution, also to be signed by the Chair. Seconded by Commissioner Screws. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Kite gave the results of the Annual Materials Bid that was held January 12, 2012. His recommendations for vendor that presented the lowest bids and met the requirements are as follows:

Bid No.	Description	Award to
001-12	Traffic Stripe and Marking	Hornsby Striping Co., Inc.
002-12	Liquid Asphalt	Hunt Refining Co., Inc
003-12	Guardrail	H & L Guardrail
004-12	Lubricants	The McPherson Co.
005-12	Bituminous Surface Treatment	Charles E. Watts, Inc.
006-12	Bituminous Paving	Robinson Paving Co., Inc
007-12	Aggregates	Columbus Quarry, LLC
008-12	Hydro Seeding and Grassing	Parker Grassing, Inc.
009-12	Concrete Pipe (Split Bid)	Co. and Vellano Brothers, Inc Hanson Pipe and Precast Harvey Culvert
010-12	Geotextile and Erosion Control	No Bid
011-12	Corrugated Steel and HDPE Pipe (Split Bid)	Harvey Culvert Co. Vellano Brothers, Inc. Contech Construction Products
012-12	Truck Hauling	J&J Land Development Co. , Inc.
013-12	Motorgrader Blades	Thompson Tractor Co.

Commissioner Lee motioned to approve Mr. Kite's recommendations. Seconded by Commissioner Dudley. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Kite requested approval for routine maintenance cost of the Caterpillar back loader. The maintenance cost is in excess of the \$7,500 threshold set by the Commission. Thompson Tractor Company has estimated the cost to be \$9,361.30. This maintenance should be performed every 1000 to 1500 hours of usage. Since this caterpillar has not had service since 2005 when it had 3300 hours and now has 4700, so the maintenance is much needed.

Commissioner Screws motioned to approve payment for the maintenance and was seconded by Commissioner Epps.

The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Kite publicly congratulated Assistance Engineer Brandon Bundy for passing the Professional Engineering Exam. Mr. Bundy is now a licensed Professional Engineer. Mr. Kite stated based on Mr. Bundy's passing this test, he request a salary adjustment to the recommended Alabama DOT salary schedule from \$52, 918.18 to \$55,327.20. This is within the Engineering's salary line item and will require additional funding for their budget. Commissioner Dudley motioned to approve Mr. Kite's recommendation. Seconded by Commissioner Lee.

Commissioner Screws stated for the record he is in favor of the raise, but he doesn't want any cuts to come for next year's budget based on this raise. The vote was unanimous.

County Administrator LeAnn Horne announced the Russell County Planning Commission has passed a resolution sending the County-wide Comprehensive Plan, that has been in progress for over 1 ½ years with Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, to the Commission for review as well as to set a public hearing for the citizen's review. After the Commission's review and the public hearing, a resolution will be brought back for the Commission's to adopt the Comprehensive Plan.

Administrator Horne also provided a report to each Commissioner on the Valley Partnership as requested by Commissioner Screws. Administrator Horne asked the Commission to review the information given to them and if they have questions she will be happy to bring back any information to that meeting that you like to have considered as well as the report that was requested by Commissioner Screws.

Chair Martin announced the Annual Russell County / Phenix City Chamber of Commerce Dinner will be held January 26<sup>th</sup> at Central High School.

The meeting was adjourned.