

The Russell County Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
January 25, 2017  
9:30 A.M. EST

An adjourned meeting of the Russell County Commission was called to order, by Chair Peggy Martin.

The invocation was given by Rev. Steve Pace, Associate Pastor of Summerville Baptist

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Reed.

Chair Martin thanked the Cable T.V. of East Alabama and the Citizen of East Alabama for their coverage of the Commission meeting. She also welcomed elected officials, department heads, media and guests.

The Commission roll was called. Members present were: Gentry Lee, Carl Currington, Peggy Martin, Ronnie Reed, Cattie Epps, Chance Corbett and Larry Screws. Also present was the County Attorney Kenneth Funderburk and County Assistant Administrator Vickie Perry, who kept the minutes.

A quorum was established.

A public comment was made by Planning Commission Chair David Ellis, who encouraged the Commission to review Russell County's County-wide Comprehensive Plan. He stated the Planning Commission is in the process of updating the plan and asked the Commission to give their opinions or recommendations concerning current information for the updates. The plan revision will be brought back to the Commission again for another review.

Chair Martin requested a motion to approve the January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting minutes. Commissioner Corbett motioned to approve the minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Currington. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Corbett presented a resolution to amend legislation for the Gasoline Excise Tax. In 1969 the County gave up a portion of this tax to the City, who at the time needed money for road maintenance. Now that the City no longer needs this funding the Commission would like that portion returned to maintain County roads.

If today's resolution is approved it will be sent to the Legislative Delegation requesting them to repeal Act 859 and give the money back to Russell County. Commissioner Corbett motioned to approve the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Epps. The vote was unanimous.

County Engineer Shawn Blakeney provided the results of their Annual Materials Bid and recommended rewarding the bids to the following vendors:

Bid No.	Split Bid	Award to
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001-17 Striping		Ozark Striping
002-17 Traffic Striping	X	Hunt Refining and Ergon
004-17 Bituminous Paving	X	East Alabama Paving Robinson Paving
004A – 17 Bituminous Paving Public Work		East Alabama
005-17 Grassing		Parker Grassing
006-17 Aluminized Pipe HDPE Pipe	X	Harvey Culvert and Thompson Supply
007-17- Aggregate	X	Columbus Quarry, Vulcan Materials Martin Marietta
008-17 Concrete Pipe	X	Forterra Pipe Foley Products
009-17 Truck Hauling	X	Hilton Cooper Construction M&M Trucking
010-17 Motorgrader Blades	X	Thompson Tractor Tractor & Equipment
011- 17 CRF Maltene Based Restorative Seal		Corrective Asphalt
012-17 Crushed Concrete	X	Global Solutions M & M Trucking

Commissioner Epps motioned to approved and was seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

EMA Director Bob Franklin stated that the Georgia Power Company is proposing in the next 25 to 30 years to build a Nuclear Power Plant in Stewart County, Georgia. As part of that project the Ten Mile Emergency Planning Zone falls into Russell County. The plan has defined boundaries by road ways and areas. Mr. Franklin recommended approving the resolution adopting the Ten Mile Planning Zone. Commissioner Screws motioned to approve and was seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Currington motioned to have Administrator Horne create an RFP for Economic Development Consultants and to contact consultants to come before the Commission to present and allow the Commission to review the RFPs. ACCA Director Sonny Brasfield named 4 counties in Alabama that will grow within the next few years; Russell County was listed as one of the four with an estimated 62% growth. Seconded by Commissioner Epps. The vote was unanimous.

Special Enforcement Officer Bill Friend presented the RDS Business License Discovery/ Recovery Contract. The agreement allows RDS to search for businesses which must purchase Russell County business licenses which his department has not found. RDS requested 50% of monies collected for the county license, but the contract has been adjusted to reflect payment of 35% of fees collected. Also instead of the contract being inforce for 3 years, it has been changed for yearly approval of the Commission. Commissioner Lee motioned to approve the contract. Seconded by Commissioner Screws. The vote was unanimous.

Parks and Recreation Director Bill Taylor requested to renew the contract for the Seale Complex with the adjustment of extending the contract from 5 months to 12 months; retroactive January 1, 2017 thru December 1, 2017. Commissioner Screws motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Reed.

Commissioner Corbett asked Attorney Funderburk if the contract is legally sound.

Attorney Funderburk said it was not and that he thinks both the Seale and Ladonia contracts should be redrawn and tabled until the next meeting.

Commissioner Lee motioned to table the Seale and Ladonia Sports contracts until the next meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Currington motioned to allow the adults use of the Ladonia Complex on Sundays since there only have 2 more Sundays before their schedule end. Seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The vote was unanimous.

Assistant Administrator Vickie Perry requested to approve a budget amendment as follows:

Road & Bridge Fund 112			
Increase 112 35500 000	Fund Balance		\$70,842.74
Increase 112 51100 510	Land		\$70,842.74
		Total	\$70,842.74

Commissioner Lee stated that since Administrator Horne was at a ACMA Board Meeting she asked him to present her request for authorizing consultant, Frank McCanham, to review insurance benefits. He has agreed to review county benefits at \$50.00 per hour and thought it may take approximately 15 hours for the study. Commissioner Lee motioned to approve Administrator Horne's request to hire Frank McCanham for this project. Seconded by Commissioner Epps. The vote was unanimous.

County Attorney Funderburk discussed ratifying the purchase of the old Raiford Office located on 14<sup>th</sup> Street. Commissioner Currington motioned to ratify the purchase and was seconded by Commissioner Reed. A total of six Commissioners voted to approve. Commissioner Corbett abstained since he was absent at the meeting when it was discussed. The motion passed.

Attorney Funderburk recommended going into executive session to discuss a proposed land purchase. He informed the Commission they would not need to take action today. Commissioner Screws motioned to move into executive session. Seconded by Commissioner Currington. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Screws motioned to reconvene the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Lee. The vote was unanimous. No action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned.