

The Russell County Public Hearings
Land Abatements
January 28, 2015

Chair Martin call to order the following public hearings for land abatements for the following properties:

- 1 Sommerset Drive
- 47 Davis Circle
- 4302 Heritage Court

There were no public comments concerning these abatements.

Commissioner Pugh asked Special Enforcement Officer Bill Friend to address the Commission concerning the abatements.

Mr. Friend stated the three pieces of property were declared public nuisances at the January 14th Commission Meeting. 1 Sommerset Drive came before the Commission, August 27th, 2014 and declared a nuisance, so liens have already been placed on the property for the last clean-up. On January 5th, 2015, a mortgage company did come forth, paid the taxes on the property and placed it in another name. The original abatement was against Mr. Shannon and that realty company. Mr. Friend was unsure if the abatement would have to be reposted since that took place.

Commissioner Pugh said since it was properly abated and the lien was placed on that property, whoever bought 1 Sommerset Drive, also bought the liability. He did not see a problem.

Attorney Funderburk asked if Mr. Friend sent the notice based on the public record.

Mr. Friend acknowledged that he did.

Attorney Funderburk replied then that is all that we have to do.

Commissioner Pugh stated that since the properties are in his district he would like to go ahead and abate them, even if the Commission approves to give the new owner time. He doesn't want to see the 1 Sommerset Drive come back for abatement again. Commissioner Pugh then motioned to place them on the agenda as business items to take action. Seconded by Commissioner Corbett, the vote was unanimous.

The public hearings were adjourned.

The Russell County Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2015
9:30 A.M. EST.

Chair Martin called an adjourned meeting of the Russell County Commission to order.

The invocation was given by Chair Martin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Epps.

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

The Commission roll was called, members present were: Chair Peggy Martin, Vice Chair Cattie Epps, Gentry Lee, Tillman Pugh, Ronnie Reed, Chance Corbett and Larry Screws. Also present were Attorney Kenneth Funderburk and County Administrator LeAnn Horne, who kept the minutes.

A quorum was established.

Chair Martin requested a motion to approve the January 14th, 2015 Commission Meeting minutes. Commissioner Corbett motioned to approve the minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Epps. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Corbett and Chair Martin presented Citizen's Academy Graduates with a Challenge Coin and Certificates of Completion. Academy Participants began classes during August 2014, and attended scheduled sessions each month to learn what each county department's duties are and how County Government works. The Citizens Academy Program won an award from the National Association of County Commissions in 2014.

Commissioner Reed presented Sgt. Calvin Perry a Certificate of Recognition for his retirement from the Sheriff Departments as a Correction Officer. He served the County for 12 years.

Hecht Burdeshaw Architect Scott Holmes discussed his solution to the required sprinkler system in the Ambulance Building Project. The plans for the building should be complete in a couple of weeks.

Chief Appraiser Heath Crowe requested approval to purchase a new server from S&W Computers for the Mapper/Appraisal Office and the Revenue Commission Office. The cost for the 2012 Windows server is \$15,000 and is budgeted for in the 2014-2015

Budget. Commissioner Lee motioned to approve and was seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

County Engineer Larry Kite discussed Ironwood Lane and a request he received from a citizen for maintenance of this road. After investigation he discovered Ironwood Lane is a private road and there are no records of this ever being a county maintained road. On a Commission approved 1996 map, an abandoned road nearby had been maintained, but it did not include any portion of Ironwood Lane. Commissioner Pugh has requested that the 1996 map be brought up to date. There have been several changes since that map was approved. Commissioner Pugh made a motion for the County Engineer to update the map including current roads that have been accepted through contractors and other obligations, which have not been updated. A complete up-to-date map is to be scheduled for public hearings, so any deficiencies on the map between the old map and the new map can be discussed. The old map is to be attached to the new map once it has been adopted, so there is a clear understanding on where we have been and where we are going with it and what roads the County maintains. Seconded by Commissioner Screws. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Kite stated that this will be a priority for the engineers, though they have already found there will be a lot of research and cannot give a time frame for the project's completion, but this will be provided to the Commission as soon as possible.

Mr. Kite requested to remove his request for the purchase of a motorgrader, so they can look at this request closer. Commissioner Pugh motioned to table this item and was seconded by Commissioner Screws. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Kite requested to purchase of a 35 -Ton Lowboy Trailer off the County Association Joint Bid from Gulf Coast Truck & Equipment in the amount of \$36,620 to replace a 1994 Lowboy trailer. This purchase was budgeted for in the 2014-2015 budget. Commissioner Screws motioned to approve the purchase. Seconded by Commissioners Epps and Corbett. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Kite also asked for approval to declare the following equipment as surplus for sale :

- 3 – 2008 Mack Dump Trucks
- 1 – 1994 Lowboy Equipment Trailer
- 2 – 1999 Cat Motorgraders

J.M. Woods Auction Company has guaranteed the surplus equipment at minimum will sell for \$397,000.00, but could possibly sale for more. This surplus will also include miscellaneous scrap metal worth approximately \$500. Commissioner Screws motioned to approve the surplus items and was seconded by Commissioner Epps. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Kite gave recommendations for the Annual Materials Bid opened January 15th, 2015 as follows:

001-15	Traffic Striping	Ozark Striping Co.
002-15	Liquid Asphalt Split Bid	Hunt's, Ergon and Southeast Emulsions
003-15	Guardrail	H&L Guardrail
006-15	Bituminous Paving Split Bid	Robinson Paving and East Alabama Paving
007-15	Aggregates Split Bid	Columbus Quarry and Southeast Materials
008-15	Grassing	Parker Grassing
009-15	Reinforced Concrete Pipe	Hanson Pipe
011-15	Aluminized and HDPE Pipe	Thompson Supply- HDPE Pipe No Bids received on Aluminized Pipe
012-15	Truck Hauling	M&M Trucking
013-15	Motor Grader Blades	Thompson Cat
014-15	Uniform Rental Service Bid	G & K Services

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

Commissioner Pugh motioned to accept the recommendation of Special Enforcement Officer Bill Friend to abate the listed three properties:

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Seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The vote was unanimous.

Administrator Horne presented a liability waiver for the Recreational Complexes. A notation was made to add "Commission" to the document. She stated that the liability waiver is needed and at this time there are not any certificates on file, which were requested years ago. Those need to be updated, as well as any liability waiver forms. Commissioner Screws motioned to approve and was seconded by Commissioner Reed. Commissioner Pugh stated that as he reviewed the document he did not see it stated that a certificate of insurance was required. He said it would behoove the Commission to keep a certificate of insurance on file. That way if they do not keep their insurance up, their carrier would be obligated to notify us, they are not in compliance. Administrator Horne agreed and she will make sure that is added to the document. Commissioner Screws amended his motion to include providing the certificate of insurance. Administrator Horne polled the Commission; the vote was unanimous.

Announcements:

Commissioner Screws announced that a scholarship fund has been started for District 7 for the High School students. The Scholarship is set up to help those students who are less fortunate and will not gain access to scholarships for higher education. They are

really excited about it and hope the first year will be successful. If anyone would like to participate in the program they can contact Beyond Expectations, who are handling the program and are a 501C, which makes any contributions tax deductible.

The Annual Dinner for Russell / Phenix City Chamber of Commerce will be held Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are required.

It was announced that Senator Richard Shelby will be here February 18 at the Chamber of Commerce for a breakfast.

Commissioner Epps motioned to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.