

The Russell County Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
9:30 A.M. EST.

Public Comments:

Special Enforcement Officers Bill Friend and Gary Leeds presented a plaque from the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 14 for the Commission's support.

Phenix City Art Council President Dales Raines announced Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, an Art Show and Sale, will be held to raise money for repairs to the Art Center.

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, Chance Corbett and Larry Screws. Also present was the County Attorney Kenneth Funderburk and County Administrator LeAnn Horne who kept the minutes.

A quorum was established.

The invocation was given by Raymond Cochran, Pastor of Franchise Missionary Baptist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Pugh.

Chair Martin stated at 9:00 a.m. this morning, prior to the Commission meeting, a press conference was held to discuss the ATRIP projects that would take place in the county.

Chair Martin requested a motion to approve both the September 23<sup>rd</sup> and September 25<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Commissioner Epps motioned to approve both meeting minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

Administrator Horne stated Judge Loftin requested the Commission to approve a proclamation for the Alabama State Bar Pro Bono Celebration. The resolution will be presented to the Bar Association during the week of October 20-26, 2013. Commissioner Screws motioned to approve the proclamation. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

Assistant Engineer Shawn Blakeney requested approval for the renewal of the Scrap Tire Contract with ADEM. The program was designed to keep the county roadsides clear of discarded tires. \$330,778.25 has been collected for the county due to this program through the work of The Engineering Department. The Russell County Sanitation Department also began collecting discarded tires this past year, bringing the total paid to the county \$46,795.00. ADEM has begun offering this contract as a three

year contract for payment up to \$300,000. Commissioner Screws motioned to approve the contract. Seconded by Commissioner Epps. The vote was unanimous.

Administrator Horne presented the 457 Retirement Plan. She recommended the Commission adopt the resolution offering the plan. Due to a county policy established in 2003 which requires during the month of November, vendors who want to provide benefits to employees can come during that month, but before a plan can be payroll deducted a 20% participation of the employment body is required. Administrator Horne asked that this be noted in the event that the required 20% is not reached that this null and voids the contract. Commissioner Lee motioned to approve and was seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

Administrator Horne also discussed renewal of the three year RDS contract for collection of rental, lodging and sales tax. There are no changes within the contract or rates that have been noticed. Commissioner Epps motioned to approve the RDS contract and was seconded by Commissioner Screws. The vote was unanimous.

Chair Martin announced the 14<sup>th</sup> Street Walking Bridge will be dedicated today at 10:30 a.m. to the late & former Mayor Frank Martin.

The Courthouse will be closed October 14<sup>th</sup>, for Columbus Day.

Commissioner Epps invited the public to the Annual African Methodist Episcopal Church Conference been held at the Gaines Chapel AME on Dillingham Street.

Chair Martin adjourned the meeting.