

The Russell County Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2011
9:30 A.M. EST

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

A quorum was established.

Chair Martin added the Veteran's Day Resolution to the agenda. She requested a motion to approve the agenda with the added resolution. Commissioner Dudley motioned to approve meeting agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

The Invocation was given by Judd Stinson, Pastor of the Summerville Methodist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Epps.

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

Chair Martin requested a motion to approve the October 26th, 2011 meeting minutes. Commissioner Epps motioned to approve the minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Dudley. The vote was unanimous.

The National Farm City Week will be celebrated the week of November 18th through November 24, 2011. A breakfast will be held at the Central Activity Center in honor of the week on November 16th at 7:30. Commissioner Lee motioned to approve the proclamation and was seconded by Commissioner Dudley. The vote was unanimous. The Farm City Week Proclamation was presented to Extension Office Director Ted Gilbert, Betty Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Batchelder.

Homeland Security / EMA Director William Alexander recognized EMA employee Jan Boswell for completing required courses which qualify her as a Certified Local Emergency Manager. The Commission also presented Ms. Boswell with a certificate of recognition for her accomplishment.

Chair Martin read the Veterans Day Resolution and asked the public to thank our Veterans and their families for sacrifices they have made for our county. Commissioner Dudley motioned to approve the resolution and was seconded by

Commissioner Lee. The vote was unanimous. Chair Martin also reminded the public the Courthouse will be closed Friday November 11, 2011 for Veterans Day and also the City of Phenix City will have a Veteran's Day Parade Saturday, November 12 at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Reed gave an E-911 Board Activity report.

County Administrator Horne was asked to present the Business Privilege and Store License Renewal Extension for Probate Judge Harden who was not present at the meeting. For the purposes of applying Alabama's Business Privilege License or Store License Laws as related to the annual issuance or renewal during the month of October 2011, the deadline has been extended through November 30, 2011 without payment of penalty for business owners. Commissioner Lee motioned to approve the order of the Alabama Commissioner of Revenue. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

Administrator Horne requested a budget transfer and creation of a new line item for the Maintenance Department uniform rentals as follows:

General Fund 001			
Maintenance Department -51970			
Decrease 001 51970 327	Uniforms		\$750.00
Decrease 001 51970 307	Other Prof Service		\$3,750.00
Increase 001 51970 228	Uniform Rental		\$4,500.00
	Total		\$4,500.00

Commissioner Dudley motioned to approve the Administrator's request. Seconded by Commissioners Reed. The vote was unanimous.

Administrator Horne also requested to transfer funds from the recreational line to the Park & Recreational Department's fuel and lubricant and to the communication lines as follows:

Park & Recreational Department -575200			
Decrease 001 59219 700	Recreation		\$4,000.00
Increase 001 57200 212	Fuel & Lubricants		\$3,000.00
Increase 001 57200 250	Communications		\$1,000.00
	Total		\$4,000.00

Commissioner Dudley motioned to approve the transfer and was seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

Attorney Robert Lane recommended going into executive session to discuss a request from the Crisis Center of Russell County. Commissioner Dudley motioned to move into executive session as recommended by Attorney Robert Lane. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

Before the Commission retired to executive session, Administrator Horne gave a report concerning the clearing of the Coulter Building. The building has been utilized for storage for the Judicial Offices and other departments for many years. Due to both the Judicial Renovation & Courthouse Renovations it is a mess with extra items. The maintenance crews are cleaning and organizing.

Commissioner Epps thanked those citizens and department heads that attended the Town Hall Meeting held October 27th in Fort Mitchell.

The Commission moved into executive session with the Russell County Crisis Center Board Members.

Chair Martin requested a motion to reconvene the Commission meeting. Commissioner Lee motioned to reconvene and was seconded by Commissioner Dudley. The vote was unanimous.

Attorney Lane recommended for the County enter into a temporary 6 month lease with the Russell County Crisis Center on an existing county building for a price determined by the Commission. The County Attorney is to draft the lease agreement in conjunction with the County Administrator, which he felt, is appropriate for this emergency situation.

Commissioner Lee added the lease amount to be \$1.00 per month.

Commissioner Dudley motioned to accept the recommendation and was seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

Chair Martin adjourned the meeting.