

The Russell County Commission
Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2013
9:30 A.M. EST

Public Comments:

Justin Trimback requested the Commission's support for the installation of a traffic signal for the intersection of College Drive and Hwy 431 for a business which would like to open a new store at that intersection.

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 County Attorney Kenneth Funderburk and County Administrator LeAnn Horne who kept the minutes.

A quorum was established.

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

The invocation was given by Daniel Lloyd, Minister of Youth at Summerville Baptist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Screws.

Chair Martin requested a motion to approve the November 27th, 2013 meeting minutes. Commissioner Screws motioned to approve the minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The vote was unanimous.

A resolution was approved for Judge George Green who is retiring from the Russell County Circuit Court seat. Commissioner Corbett motioned to approve the resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Pugh. The vote was unanimous.

Special Enforcement Officer Bill Friend gave an update on the nuisance complaint located on Faye Drive.

Mr. Friend also discussed abatement for 35 Terrace Drive. He gave details concerning the property's condition and requested the Commission pass a resolution declaring that a nuisance exists at 35 Terrace Drive. Mr. Friend will posted the required signage and set a public hearing date of January 8th, 2014 prior to the Commission meeting scheduled for that morning. Commissioner Pugh stated that based on the recommendation of Mr. Friend he motioned that the property be abated. Seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The vote was unanimous.

County Engineer Larry Kite requested approval to solicit sealed bids for Engineering's Annual Materials and Services. He would like for the bid opening held January 9, 2014

at 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers. Commissioner Lee motioned to approve and was seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Kite presented a revised resolution for a Federal Aide resurfacing project for Huguley Road from U.S. Highway 80 to County Road 32 (Padgetts Road) approximately 4.29 miles and to approve the Chair to sign all necessary documents. There is a 20% county match for this project which was approved in the 2013-2014 budget. Commissioner Corbett motioned to approve and was seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

County Administrator Horne presented the 2014 Holiday schedule which is the same schedule as the State has approved. Commissioner Lee mentioned the Mardi Gras date which is listed on the schedule and is observed only in Baldwin and Mobile Counties. Administrator Horne stated that it was discussed and approved last year. After discussion it was decided that day would be used as a floater and be applied as needed. Commissioner Lee motioned to approve the schedule with the amendment and was seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The vote was unanimous.

Administrator Horne discussed the 2014 Commission Meeting Schedule. Commissioner Pugh had mentioned to only have the first meeting in December since the second meeting falls so close to Christmas Holiday. She asked if there were not more discussion or changes, she requested approval. Commissioner Screws motioned to approve the schedule. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. Administrator Horne also mentioned that the work sessions scheduled for January 20th and May 26th fall on holidays that the courthouse will be closed. She stated that it has been customary to cancel work sessions and just have the regular scheduled Commission Meetings. If that is acceptable, then we will go forward. The vote was unanimous.

County Attorney Kenneth Funderburk recommended approving a lease for the Masonic Lodge located in Crawford on Hwy 80. The agreement approves the Commission paying \$500 a year to the lessee for 25 years. Commissioner Corbett motioned to approve the lease. Seconded by Commissioner Lee. The vote was unanimous.

Announcements were made by Chair Martin:

The Annual Christmas Dance will be held at the Old Seale Courthouse, December 14th at 8:00 p.m.

The Annual Bi-city Christmas Parade will be held December 14th and will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Chair Martin adjourned the meeting.