

The Russell County Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2010
9:30 A.M. EDT

Citizen Wanda Lamb requested the Commission to consider allocating a portion of the money from the Lodging Tax for maintaining the Russell County Sport Complex as was recently approved for the Ft. Mitchell Park for maintenance. She requested to amend recent resolution to include the Russell County Sports Complex.

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

A quorum was established.

Chair Martin requested an approval for the March 24, 2010 meeting agenda. Commissioner Dudley motioned to approve the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

The invocation was given by Jimmie Hobbs, Pastor of Bethany Baptist Church.

Commissioner Pugh led the Pledge of Alliegiance.

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

Chair Martin requested a motion to approve the March 10, 2010 meeting minutes. Commissioner Dudley motioned to approve the minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

April has been designated as National Government Month stated Chair Martin. A resolution was presented to the Commission for approval. Commissioner Lee motioned to approve the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous. (Resolution on file in Commission Office)

Chair Martin presented a Proclamation of Recognition to Jason Robertson and Betty Tisdale, who among other achievements, was responsible for the rescue of 200 Vietnamese Orphans. Jason Robertson was one of the children airlifted to Columbus, Georgia and has organized a reunion for those brought to this area by Mrs. Tisdale. Commissioner Lee motioned to approve the proclamation by acclamation if there were no descending votes. The proclamation was accepted with no descending acclamations.

Commissioner Epps made a motion to send a letter of Support to the Alabama State Alumni Chapter. She explained the annual convention would be held April 16 & 17, 2010 at the Double Tree Hotel, in Columbus, Georgia. The Commission was asked to submit a letter of appreciation for the convention bulletin. Commissioner Lee seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Sheriff Boswell requested budget transfers to complete two ADECA grants which allowed for the purchase of in-car cameras for their patrol vehicles. These grants total \$50,074.50; ADECA's reimbursement of this purchase was \$38,313. Sheriff Boswell requested for the difference to be transferred from the Sheriff's Department's budget into the Commission's budget to cover the difference (\$4,199.20). Commissioner Dudley motioned to approve the transaction and was seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

Russell County's Chief Mapper/Appraiser J.W. Brannen announced he plans to retire, April 30, 2010. He thanked the Commission for their support during his 30 years of service to Russell County. Commissioners Martin, Reed and Lee also thanked Mr. Brannen for his loyalty and dedication to the County throughout his tenure with the Mapping /Appraisal Department and commended him on a job well done.

The Delta Grant Proposal was presented by County Engineer Larry Kite and Barbara Scott of Lee/Russell Council of Governments. Previously, approval was received for the submittal of a grant application to Delta for a GIS System. A resolution was presented stating the County will pledge the required 20% match (\$11,951) toward the completion of this project and agree that any cost overruns associated with the project will be taken care of by Russell County. Barbara Scott stated, this is only a pre-application to define those counties who will be eligible for a full application. Awarding of this grant will be in the next fiscal year, 2010-2011. Commissioner Lee motioned to approve the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Dudley. The vote was unanimous.

Barbara Scott presented a resolution for the Emergency Shelter Grant stating the Commission's role is the sponsorship of the House of Restoration and The House of Restoration will be committed to match the grant with \$200,000 in cash and in-kind services. Commissioner Lee motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioners Dudley and Reed. The vote was unanimous.

County Engineer Larry Kite requested approval of a budget transfer his department needs due to an underestimate of the annual insurance premium for equipment. The transfer requested is as follows:

Decrease	111-53100-307	Other Professional Services	\$527.00
Increase	111-53100-272	Insurance	\$527.00
		Total	\$527.00

Commissioner Dudley motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

Larry Kite also requested approval of the Opelika Road Resurfacing Agreement with the Department of Transportation for ARRA stimulus funds received for the resurfacing of this road. There is no county match required for these funds which total to \$259,820. The project is due to be let March 26, 2010. The project area begins at the Cutrate Road Bridge to South of Stafford Road. Commissioner Dudley motioned to approve the agreement and was seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

Chair Martin presented a response letter from the Phenix City Council to a request made by the Commission scheduling a joint work session for discussion of the Russell County Jail Addition Project. The Council asked for this meeting to be held April 15, 2010 at 10:00 A.M. EDT at the Central Activity Center. This venue will accommodate citizens and media who would also like to attend. Commissioner Dudley motioned to approve the work session date and venue. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

County Administrator LeAnn Horne requested budget transfer as follows:

GENERAL FUND 001			
NUSIANCE INSPECTION-52711			
INCREASE	001 43100 710	BUSINESS LICENSE	\$1,400.00
INCREASE	001 52711 250	COMMUNICATIONS	\$1,000.00
INCREASE	001 52711 252	POSTAGE	\$400.00
		TOTAL	\$1,400.00

Commissioner Lee motioned to approve the budget transfers. Judge Harden stated this budget amendment is needed because only one Enforcement Officer was funded and the Commission approved two for this year per an earlier request. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Horne stated the Commission has received a workman's compensation notice from the recent audit. We are requested to pay an invoice of \$59,047.87 which will require a transfer as follows:

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND 112			
COMMISSION-51100			
DECREASE	112 51100 524	ADDITIONS & RENOVATIONS	\$60,000.00
INCREASE	112 51100 125	WORKMAN'S COMP	\$60,000.00
		TOTAL	\$60,000.00

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

Ms. Horne noted two invoices were received from the Circuit Clerks Office for re-keying of locks as well as having the vault's combination changed. The Circuit Clerk did not want to use the same keys and combination that the Tag Commissioner utilized. This is not a budgeted item, nor did this request have prior approval and/or knowledge. Both invoices total \$267. Commissioner Lee requested again, for all judicial purchases to have the Commission's prior approval. Commissioner Reed motioned to approve payment of these invoices. Seconded by Commissioner Dudley. District 1(Lee) voted, yes; District 2 (Pugh) abstained, District 3 (Martin) voted, yes; District 4 (Reed) voted, yes; District 5 (Epps) voted, yes ; District 6 (Dudley) voted, yes ; District 7 (Screws) was absent. The motioned passed.

The County Attorney Kenneth Funderburk recommended going into executive session regarding an announcement concerning commerce by the Valley Partnership. Commissioner Reed made the motion to go into executive session. Seconded by Commissioner Lee. The vote was unanimous.

Before the Commission moved into executive session announcements were made:

Commissioner Epps reminded the Commission they were to be in Montgomery March 31 – April 1, 2010 for County Legislative Days.

Commissioner Martin announced Opening Day at the Russell Sports Complex will be April 10, 2010 at 9:00 A.M.

The Commission returned from executive session. Commissioner Lee motioned to reconvene the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Dudley. The vote was unanimously approved.

There were no items for discussion after the executive session, stated the County Attorney. Commissioner Lee motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

March 2010			
General Fund 001			
03-04-10	16588	Phenix-Girard Bank	\$271,686.61
		Russell County Payroll	
		Salary 2/20/10 to 3/05/10	
03-04-10	16589	Gasoline Fund Regions Bank	62102 299 \$200,000.00
03-10-10	16590	State Employees Insurance Board	52100 122 \$374.00
03-12-10	16591	Operations Fund Regions Bank	3020 \$206,845.54
03-18-10	16592	Phenix-Girard	\$214,133.33
		Russell County Payroll	
		Salary 03/06/10 to 03/19/10	
03-18-10	16593	Gasoline Fund Regions Bank	62102 299 \$200,000.00
03-19-10	16594	Phenix-Girard Bank	3030 \$7,663.00
		Russell County Payroll (Retiree's Health)	
03-22-10	16595	Wachovia Bank	62104 299 \$33,240.00
03-26-10	16596	Operations Fund Regions Bank	3020 \$47,660.61
03-29-10	16597	Lee/Russell Council of Governments	44741 810 \$704.00
Contingent Fund 002			
03-18-10	254	City of Phenix City	51100 253 \$350.00
Ft. Mitchell Senior Center 103			
03-05-10	1020	Knox Pest Control	51100 499 \$38.00
Gas Tax 111			
03-04-10	12759	Phenix-Girard Bank	\$87,370.68
		Russell County Payroll	
		Salary 2/20/10 to 03/05/10	
03-12-10	12760	Operations Fund Regions Bank	3020 \$285,694.81
03-18-10	12761	Phenix-Girard Bank	\$70,429.22
		Russell County Payroll	
		Salary 03/06/10 to 03/18/10	
03-18-10	12762	Postmaster	53100 252 \$100.00
03-18-10	12763	Phenix-Girard Bank	3030 \$6,215.00
		Russell County Payroll Acct. (Retiree's Health)	
03-26-10	12764	Operations Funs Regions Bank	3020 \$10,811.46
Road & Bridge Fund 112			
03-12-10	691	Operations Fund Regions Bank	3020 \$9,939.99
03-18-10	692	Gasoline Fund Regions Bank	62109 299 \$70,000.00
03-18-10	693	Valley Partnership	51100 303 \$11,735.50
03-26-10	694	Operations Fund Regions Bank	3020 \$63,914.92
RRR Gasoline Fund 117			
03-12-10	1034	Operations Fund Regions Bank	3020 \$23,027.51
03-26-10	1035	Operations Bank Regions Bank	3020 \$250,670.98
Reappraisal Fund 120			
03-04-10	1623	Phenix-Girard Bank	\$23,888.40
		Russell County Payroll	
		Salary 2/20/10 to 3/05/10	
03-12-10	1624	Operations Fund Regions Bank	3020 \$3,374.03
Pistol Permits 740			
03-10-10	1370	Alabama Sheriff's Reserve Association	52100 499 \$100.00
03-10-10	1371	The Exchange Club	52100 499 \$100.00
03-10-10	1372	Alabama Card System	52100 499 \$247.15
		Training	
03-26-10	1373	Girlfriends	52100 499 \$190.00
03-26-10	1374	Thomas F. Boswell	52100 499 \$1,170.00
Law Library 755			
03-18-10	588	Michael Bellamy	51100 499 \$140.00
Worthless Check Fund 761			
03-01-10	402	Worthless Check Unit Office of D.A.	\$8,991.43
		52160 365	
		51260 362	\$3,147.00
			\$5,884.43

		Probate Judge Fee Fund 783		
03-04-10	0572	Dell Computer Corp	51300 499	\$2,103.64
03-14-10	0573	TechDepot	51300 214	\$918.83
		Juvenile Service Fund 787		
03-29-10	2007	Shred-it USA. Inc	52600 499	\$255.00
		Tobacco Fund 797		
03-24-10	152	Russell County Volunteer Fire Dept. Association	3040	\$14,430.42
03-24-10	153	P.C. / R.C. Council for Neglected & Abused Children	3040	\$379.75
03-24-10	154	Task Force for Senior Citizens	3040	\$379.75

Attest: _____
County Administrator

Signed: _____
Chair