

The Russell County Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
March 9, 2011  
9:30 A.M. EDT

Public Speakers: TEARS Administrator Coordinator Kasey Marin discussed a program and donation of shoes for the soul program relating to a Tobacco Free Alabama campaign.

An adjourned meeting of the Russell County Commission was called to order. Members present were: Chair Peggy Martin, Vice Chair Gentry Lee, Tillman Pugh, Ronnie Reed, Mervin Dudley and Larry Screws. Commissioner Epps was absent due to attending the NACO Conference.

Quorum Established by County Administrator

Chair Martin requested approval of the agenda with the deletion of the Ad Valorem Tax Abatement Agreement for the 165 Partners. Commissioner Dudley motioned to approve agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. Unanimous vote to approve agenda.

Chair Martin requested a motion to approve the February 23, 2011 meeting minutes; motion to approve by Commissioner Dudley. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. Commissioner Dudley noted one change; in first paragraph, "participant" should be the correct word. Minutes were approved by unanimous vote with the one word change.

Commissioner Pugh motioned to approve the draft for the Landfill Monitoring Resolution. Commissioner Lee seconded. County Administrator LeAnn Horne read the resolution to the public. The resolution was approved by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Lee motioned to approve that a letter of support be sent to Governor Bentley on behalf of the County Commission requesting that he encourage the Alabama Department of Environmental Management to inspect landfills here in Russell County on a timely basis. Commissioner Screws also added that the emissions of toxic gases be monitored as well. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. Approved by unanimous vote of the Commission.

Commissioner Lee motioned to approve bid to Superior Roofing to provide the roof construction for the Historic Seale Courthouse. The 30 year roofing selection was recommended. The estimate provided for the job is \$ 13,774 and that is under the bid law amount of \$15,000. The funds for the roof were provided for in the 2010-2011 budget. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

County Engineer Larry Kite provided the bid results for the used Skid Loader that was opened on March 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00pm. He reported only one bid was provided. Mr. Kite recommended awarding the bid to Thompson Tractor for \$ 21,145. This was a substantial amount less than what was approved in the budget. Commissioner Lee motioned to approve the engineer's recommendation. Commissioner Reed seconded. The vote was unanimous to approve and award the bid to Thompson Tractor.

A Court Ordered Cremation was presented for approval. The order is for David W. Thompson to Colonial Funeral Home not to exceed \$400. The Commission requested that the Coroner report to the Commission details of any proposed cremation prior to submitting it to the Judge for Order. The Probate Judge explained this was a badly decomposed body that required immediate action; however, I will forward any information that he may receive to the Commission in a timely manner. Commissioner Lee motioned to approve. Commissioner Reed seconded. The vote to approve the Court Order was unanimous.

County Attorney Kenneth Funderburk recommended going into executive session to discuss legal matters concerning the Sheriff and his departments. Motion to move into executive session was made by Commissioner Reed. Seconded by Commissioner Lee. Unanimous vote to convene into executive session.

Announcements made prior to executive session:

Time will change back to daylight savings time March 13.

P.A.L.S. will sponsor Don't Drop It on Alabama Clean-Up, April 16<sup>th</sup>- 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Phenix City-Russell County Chamber of Commerce will host The Drop –Out Forum at 6:30 pm. on March 15 at Central High School.

Opening Day at the Russell County Sports Complex is April 2 at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Lee motioned to reconvene from Executive Session. Seconded by Commissioner Dudley. County Attorney Kenneth Funderburk referred to the Operating Agreement between the City of Phenix City and Russell County Commission regarding the County Jail. Section 6 of the agreement states: All capital expenditures for the facility will be paid by using the formula of two-thirds (2/3) participation by the County and one-third (1/3) participation by the city. It is further understood and agreed between the parties that before any capital future expenditures project is undertaken there will be a joint meeting between the County and City representatives to define the project, but in no event should the City have the authority to refuse to participate in the project if it is shown by the needs of the Sheriff of Russell County to be a necessary request for him to carry out his duties and responsibilities as Sheriff.

Commissioner Lee motioned to appoint a Jail Committee to meet with the City of Phenix City to define the jail needs. He recommended: Sheriff, Chairman and

the County Administrator. After discussion, Commissioner Lee motioned to amend his original motion to allow the Chair to appoint other members as necessary. Seconded by Commissioner Dudley. Commissioner Pugh mentioned that the Chair would not have to come back to the Commission to add people to the Jail Committee. Commissioner Reed stated: He was ahead on this subject and had already talked with the City Officials. That the City Officials had suggested committee members and he had informed Chair Martin of this information prior to the meeting today. The Jail Committee was approved by unanimous vote of the Commission.

Commissioner Lee motioned to adjourn.