

The Russell County Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
May 26, 2010  
9:30 A.M. EDT

A public comment was made by Reverend Aaron Miller in support of Jimmie Lee Long and Hovet Dixon.

An adjourned meeting of the Russell County Commission 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 were the County Attorney Kenneth Funderburk and Assistant Administrator Vickie Perry who kept the minutes.

A quorum was established.

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

The invocation was given by Chair Martin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Screws.

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

Chair Martin requested an approval of the May 12, 2010 meeting minutes. Commissioner Lee motioned to approve the minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Dudley. The vote was unanimous.

Vice- Chair Lee motioned, excerpts from the April 28, 2010 meeting that had not been included in the minutes be added to the official minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Dudley. The vote was unanimous. Commissioner Lee added, if Commissioners are making statements and they want those statements to be included in the minutes and is not dealing with a regular motion or voting or so forth, please say" for the record" so the minute takers will know that is intended to be placed in the official minutes.

Chair Martin presented proclamations to the American Legion Auxiliary to the Post 135 Auxiliary. Commissioner Lee motioned to approve the proclamation and was seconded by Commissioner Dudley. The vote was unanimous.

Brian Roberson, President of the Ladonia Youth Football League, gave an update of the growth and progress of the Ladonia Sports Complex.

Special Enforcement Bill Friend requested court dates for two individuals, who are noncompliant with nuisance laws. County Attorney Funderburk also recommended going forward with the necessary actions on the two nuisance cases. Commissioner Lee motioned to proceed with the recommendations. Seconded by Commissioner Pugh. The vote was unanimous.

Sheriff Boswell stated the electronics system at the Prentiss L. Griffith Detention Facility is in need of an upgrade. This upgrade was to be included at the time of the Jail Expansion Project, but due to the delay of the project and the electronics upgrade is now a necessity. The electronics of the jail are the control center, which operate the locking door system, lights and fire alarms. This 15 year old system is a Texas Instrument product and is no longer in business. It has become increasingly difficult to find parts for repair. Johnson Controls, the jail's current vendor, was asked for a proposal and suggested plan for the upgrade and has been distributed to each Commissioner for review. The suggested cost of this project is \$278,668.60. Due to the expense of this project, Sheriff Boswell recommended to let the upgrade for bids; bringing back the bid proposals for the Commission's approval. He also requested to allow Mike Rutland, architect for the Jail Expansion Project, to draw up specifications for the system at the cost of \$25,000. The Sheriff added, a letter has been sent to the City requesting support of the project, as requested by the Commission. Commissioner Lee motioned to approve the Sheriff's request. Seconded by Commissioner Dudley.

Commissioner Pugh stated for the record, I don't see any reason at this point or think that the City would not probably be willing to come on board. This is a procedure that we have as a courtesy to the City to let them know and is part of the contract that we have with the City on the maintenance and up keep of the jail. Due to the safety issue of the electronics, I think that even by us going ahead at this time, the city would probably be willing to participate in that expense whether they come on board or not.

Commissioner Lee added, this improvement of maintenance is not only on the County portion, but the City portion also.

The Commission was polled. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Sheriff Boswell presented the results of the Jail Food and Supply Bid and recommended the Commission approve those vendors listed in yellow on the tabulation sheets. Commissioner Dudley motioned to approve the recommendation of Sheriff Boswell. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

Sheriff Boswell stated due to constant management of personnel, the transfer of employees to jobs best suited for their personalities and talents, therefore he requested changes in the salary schedules as follows:

Sgt. Susie Burkes			
From Sheriff's Payroll		10/10 Salary	\$44,168.75
To Jail's Payroll		10/10 Salary	\$44,168.75
Sgt. Michael San Nicolas			
From Jail's Payroll		9/2 Salary	\$31,697.79
To Sheriff's Payroll	Deputy	8/6 Salary	\$32,432.54
Deputy Bill Babcock			
From Sheriff's Payroll		8/10 Salary	\$36,503.11
To Sheriff's Payroll	Sergeant	8/10 Salary	\$38,100.35

Commissioner Lee motioned to approve the salary schedule changes. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was approved.

County Engineer Larry Kite gave his findings on a requested speed study for Mayflower Drive. Mr. Kite recommended the speed be reduced from the current 35 mph to 30 mph. Commissioner Screws motioned to approve the recommendation and was seconded by Commissioner Dudley. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Kite presented the results from the May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010 bid for a used road sweeper. The low bidder meeting specification was Joe Money Machinery in the amount of \$28,200. Commissioner Dudley motioned to approve the bid award and was seconded by Commissioner Screws. The vote was unanimous.

Board of Registrar Jimmy Adams requested a budget transfer as follows:

Decrease 252	Postage	\$1,000.00
Increase 251	Telephone	\$1,000.00
	Total	\$1,000.00

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

Coroner Sumbry requested a budget transfer as follows:

Decrease 214	Minor Equip.	\$2,000.00
Increase 251	Telephone	\$2,000.00
	Total	\$2,000.00

Commissioner Lee motioned to approve and was seconded by Commissioner Dudley. The Vote was unanimous.

Public Building Authority appointment was tabled until the next Commission Meeting.

June 7, 2010 is observed as a State holiday; therefore the Courthouse will be closed. Since the work session falls on this holiday, Commissioner Lee motioned

to cancel the work session. Seconded by Commissioner Dudley. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Dudley thanked everyone for remembering, he and his family in their thoughts and prayers, after the passing of his Mother, Willie Dudley.

Commissioner Martin announced the Courthouse will be closed May 31, 2010 for Memorial Day.

Judge Harden reminded that June 1, is Election Day.

County Attorney Kenneth Funderburk recommended going into executive session for an update on litigation. Commissioner Dudley motioned to go into executive session. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Lee asked if Mr. Funderburk if he anticipates actions to be taken concerning the executive session. Mr. Funderburk since this was only an update, recommendations would not be made. Commissioner Lee motioned since actions will not be required, the he motioned to adjourn the meeting from the session after it terminates. Seconded by Commissioner Dudley.

Commissioner Screws was concerned after hearing the litigation update; a vote may need to take place.

Commissioner Lee withdrew his motion.

The vote to convene into executive session was unanimous.

Commissioner Lee motioned to reconvene the Commission Meeting.

County Attorney Funderburk stated there are no recommendations concerning the executive session.

Commissioner Lee motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned.