

The Russell County Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
May 9, 2012  
9:30 A.M. EDT

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, Mervin Dudley 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 requested a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Commissioner Dudley motioned to approve and was seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

The invocation was given by Robert Dickerson, Pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Reed.

Chair Martin requested a motion to approve the April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012 meeting minutes. Commissioner Dudley motioned to approve the minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

The Alabama Scenic River Trails Resolution of Support was presented by Fred Crouch and David Quinney. (Resolution on file in Commission office) Commissioner Lee motioned to approve. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

LeAnn Horne presented a requisition on behalf of Dr. Ahmed. Ms. Horne stated at the request of the Commission an invoice for the project approved at the last meeting has been provided by Dr. Ahmed. The project was approved for \$60,000. The invoices submitted by Dr. Ahmed total \$62,500. Ms. Horne asked if the Commission would like to move forward with the \$60,000 or the \$62,500 amount that was submitted due to an increase in engineering expenses. From a report given at the work session the project is 95% complete. At the suggestion of the engineer and Mr. McGill, we should retain \$3,000 until the erosion control problems are corrected.

Commissioner Lee stated the motion to approve this was made by Commissioner Epps for \$60,000 and any amount over that would be paid by the owner.

Commissioner Screws motioned to hold to the \$60,000 previously approved for the project and withhold 5% of that amount until the project is complete. Commissioner Epps seconded the motion.

Kenneth Funderburk stated \$57,000 will be paid now and remaining \$3,000 at completion of project and approval by ADEM.

Commissioner Screws amended the motion adding to pay \$57,000 now and the remaining \$3,000 or 5% upon completion and approval from ADEM. Commissioner Epps seconded the motion. The motion carried by majority vote. Commissioner Dudley abstained.

Probate Judge Alford Harden provided a list of computer and equipment surplus that has been replaced or transferred to other departments. Judge Harden requested the remaining items be donated to local schools.

Commissioner Epps motioned to approve. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Bob Franklin requested a budget amendment for EMA. Mr. Franklin stated the EMA department purchased a Rapid Cast Radio approximately four years ago. A group of participants agreed at that time to share the cost of operating the system. The City of Phenix City sent a check in the amount of \$3,400 to the Department of Homeland Security. We request approval to apply that amount to Line Item #304 in our budget where we will in turn issue Rapid Cast a check for that same amount.

Commissioner Lee motioned to approve. Commissioner Dudley seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Sheriff Heath Taylor presented a request for a 010 Lounge Retail Liquor –Class 1 License for the Crimson Barrel located at 588 Hwy 165, Ft. Mitchell. Background checks of the owners Phillip Moore, who resides at 37-B Pinecrest Drive in Seale and Lindsey Wilson who lives at 40 Pinecrest Drive in Seale, were performed and found no reason to contest the license application. Commissioner Epps motioned to approve the license. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

LeAnn Horne stated The Alabama Department of Revenue submitted a Resolution requesting Commission approval for tax relief for 2012 Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday that will be observed July 6-July 8, 2012. This will give citizens State Tax relief on purchases of certain weather preparedness items. Local Sales Tax may apply.

Commissioner Dudley motioned to approve. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned.