

The Russell County Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
May 23, 2018  
9:30 A.M. E.D.T.

An Adjourned meeting of the Russell County Commission was called to order by Chair Peggy Martin.

The invocation was given by Chaplain Pam Gay—Fort Benning Post Chapel

The Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag was led by Commissioner Larry Screws.

**Public Comments:**

Sandra Jackson, Field Representative for Senator Doug Jones introduced herself to the community. She wanted to let everyone know they were available for any issues they may have, and she is going to attend events in the area.

Chair Martin welcomed elected officials, department heads, media and guests. She also thanked Cable T.V. of East Alabama and The Citizen News for their coverage of the Commission Meeting.

Assistant County Administrator Vicky Perry called the Commission roll. Members present were Peggy Martin, Carl Currington Ronnie Reed, Cattie Epps, Chance Corbett and Larry Screws. Also present was Attorney Kenneth Funderburk.

A quorum was established.

Commissioner Currington motioned to approve the May 9, 2018 meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. Assistant County Administrator Vicky Perry polled the Commission; the vote was unanimous.

**Proclamation and Resolutions:**

Commissioner Chance Corbett presented a Proclamation to Lt. Ricky Steward for serving Russell County, Alabama for 34 years as a dedicated public servant. While performing his duties Ricky was placed in and bravely overcame several dangerous situations that not only threatened his own safety but his life and the lives of civilians, other deputies and police officers. Ricky mentored and led many different deputies who looked to him for split second advice and guidance during some dangerous and sensitive situations. Ricky is coming back to Russell County part time. He will be the officer assigned to the Russell County Courthouse.

Commissioner Corbett made a motion for a Proclamation to be done for Staff Sergeant Greg Thomas, who is retiring from the Sheriff's Department June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. The

Proclamation will be presented on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Seconded by Chair Martin. Assistant County Administrator Vicky Perry polled the Commission. The vote was unanimous.

**Business Items:**

Chair Martin asked to cancel the scheduled Work Session Meeting Monday August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and Wednesday's Commission Meeting August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 due to the Commissioners going to the ACCA Annual Conference August 20<sup>th</sup> through August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Commissioner Corbett made a motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Currington. Assistant County Administrator Vicky Perry polled the Commission. The vote was unanimous.

County Engineer Shawn Blakeney requested to Solicit Bids for an ABI 0 turn Infield Groomer for Parks & Recreation. Parks and Recreation has seven fields to maintain on a weekly basis. The old Toro machines drag the top half inch of the dirt around. This wasn't a budgeted item, but engineering purchased only one pickup truck this year and is replacing another budgeted pick up truck with the Groomer Equipment. The bids will be sent out May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and opening bids at the Court House June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Shawn will come to the June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Commission Meeting to award the bids. Commissioner Screws motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Corbett. Assistant County Administrator Vicky Perry polled the Commission. The vote was unanimous.

Sanitation Director Wanda Hardie requested a budget amendment in the amount of \$80,538.15 to purchase and sign contract for a 2016 garbage truck. This will be to replace the garbage truck that was involved in an accident on Highway 431 in April 2018. The Russell County Sanitation received a settlement from the City of Phenix City, Alabama in the amount of \$86,177.66 for the totaled truck. There was one payment left on the truck in the amount of \$25,565.81. Commissioner Epps made a motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Currington. Assistant County Administrator Vicky Perry polled the Commission. The vote was unanimous.

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

May 23, 2018

**FY 2017/2018 BUDGET**

**SANITATION FUND 511**

<b>INCREASE</b>	511 35500 000	FUND BALANCE	\$80,538.15
<b>INCREASE</b>	511 54100 550	MOTOR VEHICLE	\$80,538.15
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$80,538.15</b>

Emergency Management Director Bob Franklin requested to bid storm shelters. The Emergency Management Department was awarded a FEMA Grant #4251 to install five

community storm shelters in Ladonia, Seale, Fort Mitchell, Hurtsboro and the Crawford area. He wants to send out the bids May 24, 2018 and have a bid opening on June 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. in the Commission Conference room. Commissioner Screws made a motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Epps. Assistant County Administrator Vicky Perry polled the Commission. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Screws asked the Hurtsboro Walking Trail to be added to the June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Commission Meeting.

Announcements were made.

Chair Martin asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Screws motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Currington. The meeting was adjourned.