

The Russell County Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
June 13, 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 Reverend T. Grant Parker, Epworth United Methodist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag was led by Commissioner Gentry Lee.

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.

Administrator Horne called the Commission roll. Members present were Chair Peggy Martin, Vice Chair Carl Currington, Commissioner Gentry Lee, Commissioner Ronnie Reed, Commissioner Chance Corbett and Commissioner Larry Screws. County Commissioner Cattie Epps was absent. Also present was Attorney Robert Lane and County Administrator Horne who kept the minutes. A quorum was established.

Chair Martin asked for a motion to approve the May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Corbett motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Currington. County Administrator Horne polled the Commission.

**Proclamation and Resolutions:**

Commissioner Chance Corbett presented a Proclamation to Staff Sergeant Gregory Thomas for serving Russell County, Alabama for 25 years with distinction and honor while keeping the citizens of Russell County safe.

Commissioner Corbett made a motion to approve a Proclamation for Staff Sergeant Gregory Thomas. Seconded by Commissioner Currington. County Administrator Horne polled the Commission. The vote was unanimous.

Chair Martin presented Carson Storey & Justus Armstrong a resolution for Interstate 14.

Commissioner Corbett motioned to approve the Resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Currington. County Administrator Horne polled the Commission. The vote was unanimous.

## **Business Items:**

County Engineer Shawn Blakeney requesting approval to award bid #016-18 for the Infield Groomer for Parks & Recreation to ABI Attachments for \$17,720. They also bid out to Beshears and Jerry Pate's Turf. Neither of them bid on the groomer.

Commissioner Screws motioned to approve the request for the bid. Seconded by Commissioner Corbett. County Administrator Horne polled the Commission. The vote was unanimous.

County Engineer Shawn Blakeney requested funding agreement for the railroad project on Bradley Road out Hwy 24 to put cross arms down. This agreement was signed a year or so ago. They have needed the Engineering Department to expand the pipes. The new agreement just states everything involved. It is a 90-10 split; the total project is \$184,273. The Counties portion would be \$18,427.30. The Engineering Department would turn in a reimbursement for the work that was done which is estimated between \$4000 to \$5000 and the Alabama Department of Transportation would reimburse the County for the work.

Commissioner Corbett made a motion to approve the railroad project. Seconded by Commissioner Currington. County Administrator Horne polled the Commission. The vote was unanimous.

Revenue Commissioner Naomi Elliott request that the Commission accept the Revenue's Office Final Settlement Report with the insolvent's, errors and supplements and authorize the Chair Person to sign the required documents?

Commissioner Corbett made a motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Currington. County Administrator Horne polled the Commission. The vote was unanimous.

The next item on the agenda is Placement of Portrait for Della Gordon. The picture policy states that all seven Commissioner's have to be present to vote. Commissioner Epps is absent. Commissioner Corbett motioned to table the item for the next meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Screws. County Administrator Horne polled the Commission. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Lee asked that if the policy requires all seven commissioners to be present to vote. Does this mean that if all seven are not in attendance and one Commissioner abstains then it doesn't pass? Attorney Lane stated that is correct. Commissioner Lee stated the Commission needs to change the wording and leave out the word vote.

If it is proper at this time Commissioner Lee would like to make a motion, the word vote be struck from the policy. Commissioner Reed seconded. County Administrator Horne polled the Commission. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Screws stated they are planning to put a walking trail at the old elementary school in Hurtsboro. The concern was the trail be placed on school land to make sure that it didn't hit any private property. The map that he has supplied to the Commissioner's of the trail is showing it is in the Russell County Board of Education property. We will also ask the Russell County Engineer to survey to make sure this is correct. Commissioner Screws made a motion to approve the Hurtsboro Walking Trail. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. County Administrator Horne polled the Commission. The vote was unanimous.

County Administrator LeAnn Horne requested to table the Enforcement Officer Position until the next Commission Meeting. Commissioner Martin motioned to table to the next Commission Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Corbett. County Administrator Horne polled the Commission. The vote was unanimous.

County Administrator requested approval of Resolution to be signed by the Chairman of the Commission for the 2018 "Back to School" Sales Tax Holiday for July 20-22, 2018. Commissioner Corbett made a motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Currington. County Administrator Horne polled the Commission. The vote was unanimous.

Human Resource Officer has submitted new hires and open positions in the packets.

Announcements were made.

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