

The Russell County Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 24th, 2009
9:30 A.M. EDT.

An adjourned meeting of the Russell County Commission was called to order. Commissioners present were: Chairman Mervin Dudley, Vice-chair Peggy Martin, Gentry Lee, Tillman Pugh, Ronnie Reed and Cattie Epps. Larry Screws was absent due to a medical reason. Also present were County Attorney Kenneth Funderburk and County Administrator LeAnn Horne, who kept the minutes.

A quorum was established.

Chairman Dudley requested moving the Homeland Security/EMA topic after the uniform bid results. Commissioner Martin motioned to approve the agenda and was seconded by Commissioner Reed.

The invocation was given by Judd Stinson, Pastor of the Summerville United Methodist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Epps.

Chairman Dudley welcomed elected officials, department heads, media and guests.

Chairman Dudley requested approval of the June 10, 2009 meeting minutes. Commissioner Epps motioned to approve the minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. There were 5 votes for approval. Commissioner Martin abstained from the vote due to her absence at that meeting. The motion carried.

Commissioner Epps requested to table the proclamation for Caroline Mitchell Howard until the next meeting. Information supplied for the proclamation needed further review. It was stated by the Chairman, a motion was unnecessary and item will be brought back at the next Commission Meeting.

East Alabama Mental Health appointments are needed to replace members: Marcia Johnson and Danny Ricks, who are unable to serve. Board terms are for six years. The floor was opened for nominations. Commissioner Lee nominated Linda Godwin, a retired nurse. Commissioner Pugh nominated Isaiah Sumbry. There were no other nominations; Commissioner Lee motioned to accept the two names presented. Seconded by Commissioner Pugh. The vote was unanimous.

J.W. Brannen Chief Mapping / Appraisal, discussed the recent computer and printer upgrade in his office. Mr. Brannen requested placing the surplus computer and printer into the Legislative Office for use. Commissioner Martin motioned to

approve Mr. Brannen's request. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

Lieutenant Heath Taylor presented the results of the Sheriff's Department uniform bid. Terry's in Birmingham won the class "A" dress uniforms and McCain's in Birmingham won the tactical uniform bid as low bidders. Lt. Taylor recommended bid awards for these two companies. Commissioner Epps motioned to accept the recommendation and was seconded by Commissioner Martin. The vote was unanimous.

Homeland Security/ EMA Director William Alexander discussed a grant award given by the Alabama Department of Homeland Security of \$234, 600 to Region 4 of Alabama. Russell County is included in this region. The grant was divided up between the eight counties of Region 4 for use as a regional project. These countries met and decided to let bids on surveillance cameras, which had been priced at \$58,700. After the bid process, camera costs were \$37,100 leaving enough money for the purchase of two additional cameras. Mr. Alexander petitioned to receive one of the cameras. The purchase is 100 percent refundable through the Alabama Department of Homeland Security. He requested funds to be transferred as follows:

Homeland Security/ EMA Grant Budget Amendment					
Increase	001	44741	810	State Grants	\$37,100.00
Increase	001	52300	541	Equipment & Furniture	\$37,100.00
				Total	\$37,100.00

Commissioner Martin motioned to approve the budget amendment. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Commissioner Lee motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Reed.

The meeting was adjourned.