

The Russell County Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
June 23, 2010  
9:30 A.M. EST

Public Comments: Earl Span requested the Commission to revoke the business license of a city convenience store that sold beer to a minor. The teen while under the influence caused an accident that killed his nephew.

Steve Stroud spoke on the behalf of Hovet Dixon and Jimmie Lee Long.

An adjourned meeting of the Russell County Commission was called to order. Members present were: Chair Peggy Martin, Vice Chair Gentry Lee, Tillman Pugh, Ronnie Reed, Cattie Epps, Mervin Dudley and Larry Screws. Also present were 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 Epps motioned to add a grant application request under business items. Seconded by Vice Chair Lee. The vote to approve the addition to the minutes was unanimous.

Commissioner Lee motioned to approve the agenda as amended and was seconded by Commissioner Dudley. The vote was unanimous.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Pugh.

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

Chair Martin requested a motion to approve the June 9, 2010 meeting minutes. Commissioner Reed motioned to approve the minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Dudley. District 1 ( Lee) voted, yes; District 2 (Pugh)voted, yes; District 3 (Martin) voted, yes; District 4 (Reed) voted, yes; District 5 (Epps) voted, yes; District 6 (Dudley) abstained from the vote due to his absence at that meeting; District 7 (Screws) voted, yes. The motion stands.

The County Engineer Larry Kite presented the road report:

- Owens Road Widening Project will resume paving in a few weeks
- Harris Road Surfacing has been completed
- Bethel Road clearing has begun
- Project Plans for this fiscal year are 40th Ave, Glenn Hill, Joshua Dr and Gaunt Road are in process of completing the design of these roads and talking with property owners
- Farm Road right-of way acquisitions are in progress

Federal Aid Projects:

- County Road 4 Project is 70% complete and will be opened in August for travel
- Opelika Road Resurfacing, the county section will begin in a few weeks.
- Fire Tower Road Resurfacing beginning at County Road 39 to Ala Hwy 165 is still scheduled for a fall letting. Preliminary work is being completed with ALADOT
- Nuckols Road Resurfacing from Ala Hwy 165 to Co. Road 24, the preliminary work has begun and will be scheduled for a 2011 letting
- The Tiger Grant for the replacement of Pitts Road Bridge was not awarded to Russell County; however application for phase 2 of that grant will be submitted

In House Projects:

- Projects scheduled to be completed this year are Dixie Walking Trail and Pittsview Fire Department parking lot
- Grants have been received for the Carson Drive Slope Stabilization Project and the Bowden Road Erosion Project and are scheduled to begin
- Possible paving at the Ft. Mitchell Voting area may be included in the next fiscal year

More funding is needed to continue projects and maintain roads.

Commissioner Epps met with the Old Seale Courthouse Board, where it was discussed submitting a grant application for the installation of an elevator. The Board believed if the grant application was supported by the Commission, awarding of such funds would be more assured. It was uncertain if grant money is available for this project, but would like to request Lee/Russell Council of Governments to do a search. Commissioner Epps motioned to ask Lee/Russell Council of Governments to search and apply for grant funds for the elevator project. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Lee motioned to approve the annual ad for the Phenix City Exchange Club Horse Show in the amount of \$150. The County Administrator stated to be paid from the Contingent Fund. Seconded by Commissioner Pugh. The vote was unanimous.

E-911 Board Appointment for District 7 expired on June 11, 2010. Commissioner Screws motioned to reappoint Katie Mitchell for the four year position. Seconded by Commissioner Lee. The vote was unanimous.

County Administrator presented the EMA budget transfer as follows:

General Fund 001				
EMA 52300				
Decrease	001	52300 214	Minor Equipment	\$3,000.00
Increase	001	52300 241	Electricity	\$3,000.00
			Total	\$3,000.00

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

Sheriff Elect Heath Taylor requested to transfer department funds as follows:

General Fund 001				
Sheriff Department 52100				
Decrease	001	52100 214	Minor Equipment	\$500.00
Increase	001	52100 271	Building and Land Insurance	\$500.00
			Total	\$500.00

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

Russell County Water Manager Roger Conner requested to purchase a 25 yard Rear Load Collector on a Kenworth Solid Waste Truck from Ingram Equipment Company, LLC. in the amount of \$141,446.00. The Utilities –Solid Waste department will make the payment. Commissioner Lee motioned to approve the purchase and was seconded by Commissioner Dudley. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Horne announced the Comprehensive Study Town Hall Meeting to be held at Ladonia School and the Ft. Mitchell Activity Center on June 24, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Larry Kite publicized the Russell County Planning Commission Public Hearing for Subdivision Regulation Changes July 20, at 4:30 in the Russell County Commission Chambers.

Chair Martin alerted the public since the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday falls on Sunday; the Courthouse will be closed Monday, July 5, in celebration.

Chair Martin moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.