

The Russell County Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 25, 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 Ritchie Ashburn.

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

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.

Public Comments:

The National Association for the Advanced of Colored People recognized the Sheriff and the Sheriff's Department for all the services they provide for the public.

Ms. Belva Dorsey with the Enrichment Services Program, Inc. a community action agency came to share information concerning the services of the program.

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, Commissioner Cattie Epps and Commissioner Larry Screws. Also present was County Attorney Kenneth Funderburk and County Administrator Horne who kept the minutes. A quorum was established.

Chair Martin asked for a motion to approve the July 11, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Currington motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. Administrator Horne polled the Commission. District 1(Lee) voted yes, District 2 (Currington) voted yes; District 3 (Martin) voted yes; District 4 (Reed) voted yes; District 5 (Epps) voted yes; District 6 (Corbett) voted yes; District 7 (Screws) abstained; 6 votes yes and 1 vote abstained; the motion passed.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Judge Harden presented the proposed contract with the City of Phenix City for Voting Machine Manager Services. Judge Harden stated the contract does not apply to Russell County because we have never charged for the voting machines. The ethics commission states Mr. Robinson cannot work for the county and city. The city will have to contract with the county and the money they agreed to pay Mr. Robinson they will pay the county monthly and the county will pay Mr. Robinson in his salary. Judge Harden asked if Chair Martin could sign the contract on behalf of the county. Commissioner Lee motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Currington. Administrator Horne polled the Commission. District 1(Lee) voted yes, District 2 (Currington) voted yes; District 3 (Martin) voted, yes; District 4 (Reed) voted yes; District 5 (Epps) voted yes; District 6 (Corbett) voted yes; District 7 (Screws) voted yes. The vote was unanimous the motion was approved.

Commissioner Reed requested to do a budget appropriation to reallocate \$6,500 of the remaining \$10,000 that the Commission approved for Commissioner Reed's budget. The remaining funds he would like to appropriate to Teen University an increase of \$5,000 and an increase of \$1,500 to United to Save Ourselves.

PARK & REC 57200

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| DECREASE | 001 57200 530 | IMP OTHER THAN | \$6,500.00 |
| INCREASE | 001 59231 700 | UNITED TO SAVE OURSELVES | \$1,500.00 |
| INCREASE | 001 59234 700 | TEEN UNIVERSITY | \$5,000.00 |
| TOTAL | | | \$6,500.00 |

Commissioner Reed motioned to approve. Chair Martin seconded. Administrator Horne polled the Commission. District 1(Lee) voted yes, District 2 (Currington) voted yes; District 3 (Martin) voted, yes; District 4 (Reed) voted yes; District 5 (Epps) voted yes; District 6 (Corbett) voted no; District 7 (Screws) voted yes. The motion was approved.

Sheriff Taylor would like to request the following budget transfers for the 2017-2018 budget year; which will enable vehicle purchase.

Sheriff's Office Budget:

- Transfer \$15,000 from line #163 to line #234.
- Transfer \$5,000.00 from line #211 to line #550.
- Transfer \$5,000.00 from line# 219 to line #550.
- Transfer \$1,500.00 from line #223 to line #550.
- Transfer \$7,000.00 from line #239 to line #550.
- Transfer \$10,000.00 from line #250 to line #550.
- Transfer \$2,500.00 from line #499 to line #550.
- Transfer \$5,000.00 from line #542 to line #550.

Jail Budget:

- Transfer \$15,000.00 from line #163 to line #242.
- Transfer \$25,000.00 from line #214 to line #239.
- Transfer \$7,100.00 from line #214 to line #550 in Sheriff's Budget.
- Transfer \$17,900.00 from line #214 to line #214 in Sheriff's Budget.
- Transfer \$50,000.00 from line #218 to line #306.
- Transfer \$7,500.00 from line# 250 to line #550 in Sheriff's Budget.
- Transfer \$2,500.00 from line #327 to line #550 in Sheriff's Budget.
- Transfer \$500.00 from line #410 to line #550 in Sheriff's Budget.
- Transfer \$1,000.00 from line #499 to line #550 in Sheriff's Budget.

Commissioner Epps motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. Administrator Horne polled the Commission. District 1(Lee) voted yes, District 2 (Currington) voted yes; District 3 (Martin) voted, yes; District 4 (Reed) voted yes; District 5 (Epps) voted yes; District 6 (Corbett) voted yes; District 7 (Screws) voted yes. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Sheriff Taylor requested to send out Bid Requests on new property/evidence system. The bid opening date will be August 10, 2018 at 10:00 at the Russell County Sheriff's office, 305 Prentiss Drive, Phenix City, AL 36869. The bid will be awarded August 13, 2018. Commissioner Epps motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. Administrator Horne polled the Commission. District 1(Lee) voted yes, District 2 (Currington) voted yes; District 3 (Martin) voted, yes; District 4 (Reed) voted yes; District 5 (Epps) voted yes; District 6 (Corbett) voted yes; District 7 (Screws) voted yes. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Emergency Management Director Bob Franklin requested the following budget Transfers.

**GENERAL FUND 001
EMA 52300**

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| DECREASE | 001 52300 304 | CONTRACT SERVICE | \$8,000.00 |
| INCREASE | 001 52300 251 | TELEPHONE | \$6,000.00 |

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| INCREASE | 001 52300 265 | REGISTRATION & TRAIN | \$1,970.00 |
| INCREASE | 001 52300 303 | DUES | \$ 30.00 |
| TOTAL | | | \$8,000.00 |

Chair Martin motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. Administrator Horne polled the Commission. District 1(Lee) voted yes, District 2 (Currington) voted yes; District 3 (Martin) voted, yes; District 4 (Reed) voted yes; District 5 (Epps) voted yes; District 6 (Corbett) voted yes; District 7 (Screws) voted yes. The vote was unanimous the motion to approve.

Emergency Management Director Bob Franklin stated they recently budgeted to install five storm shelters throughout Russell County. When Emergency Management bid this out we had a budget number we were looking at, this the number ended up being a lot more than what we were planning. In dealing with the state and FEMA we will not lose the money, but we will have to lose a couple of storm shelters. We will have to determine they are and work with FEMA on changing the scope to increase the funding to balance out losing money or cost us a lot of money. At this time, I am requesting the County Commission to reject the bids and we will come back at a future date to rebid the storm shelters. Chair Martin motioned to approve. Seconded by Vice Chair Currington. Administrator Horne polled the Commission. District 1(Lee) voted yes, District 2 (Currington) voted yes; District 3 (Martin) voted, yes; District 4 (Reed) voted yes; District 5 (Epps) voted yes; District 6 (Corbett) voted yes; District 7 (Screws) voted yes. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Enforcement Officer Tommy Pafford requested the following budget transfers.

INSPECTOR ENFORCEMENT 52711

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| DECREASE | 001 52711 122 | HEALTH INSURANCE | \$1,200.00 |
| INCREASE | 001 52711 219 | OTHER MIS SUPPLIES | \$ 600.00 |
| INCREASE | 001 52711 327 | UNIFORMS | \$ 600.00 |
| TOTAL | | | \$1,200.00 |

Commissioner Epps motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. Administrator Horne polled the Commission. District 1(Lee) voted yes, District 2 (Currington) voted yes; District 3 (Martin) voted, yes; District 4 (Reed) voted yes; District 5 (Epps) voted yes; District 6 (Corbett) voted yes; District 7 (Screws) voted yes. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Announcements were made.

Commissioner Reed motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Vice Chair Currington.