

The Russell County Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
August 8, 2012  
9:30 A.M. EST

A public comment was made by Mike Wells, candidate for Hurtsboro Mayor, introduced himself to the Commission and stated he is very willing to work with the Russell County Commission and will work hard to better the relationship between the two governments.

An adjourned meeting of the Russell County Commission was called to order. Members present were: Chair Peggy Martin, Vice Chair Cattie Epps, Gentry Lee, Tillman Pugh, Ronnie Reed, Mervin Dudley and Larry Screws. Also present was County Attorney Kenneth Funderburk and Administrator LeAnn Horne, who kept the minutes.

Chair Martin requested a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Commissioner Dudley motioned to approve the agenda and was seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Martin.

Chair Martin asked for a motion to approve the July 25, 212 meeting minutes after she welcomed officials, department heads, media and visitors. Commissioner Dudley motioned to approve the minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Reed updated the Commission with an E-911 report that was included in the Commission packets.

County Engineer Larry Kite presented the following business items:

- o ALADOT Agreement for RCP-57-07-11, an agreement between the Alabama Department of Transportation and Russell County covering financing of construction cost for this project. This agreement is in the form of a resolution and is for the widening and resurfacing of CR 18 (Oswichee Road) from CR-43 (Howard Road) to CR39 (Greenburt Road). A bid letting for the project is scheduled for the end of August and was previously approved by the Commission for the required 20% match by the County. The project total is \$855,688.90 which makes the County match \$171,137.78. Commissioner Epps motioned to approve the agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Screws. The vote was unanimous.

- A request for the purchase a John Bean 9800 tire balancer for the shop in the amount of \$8,805.12 from Snap-On Equipment. This equipment will allow the shop to balance tire up to the heavy equipment tires in house. Commissioner Dudley motioned to approve the purchase. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.
- Sandfort Road speed limit was discussed at the July 25, 2012 meeting. The Commission requested Mr. Kite to do a study of the area from Freeman Road to Hwy 169. After the study was complete it showed 85% of traffic drove at the approximate speed of 52 mph. Therefore, Mr. Kite recommended raising the limit from 45 mph to 50 mph on the section of Sandfort Road from Alabama Highway 169 to a point 1500 feet south of Freeman Road. There will also be an advisory speed limit of 45 mph for trucks entering the highway north of Clark Road. Commissioner Lee motioned to approve Mr. Kite's recommendation and was seconded by Commissioner Dudley. The vote was unanimous.
- A budget transfer was requested for the purchase of a backhoe and to pave county roads that were unable to be funded during this year's budget. Mr. Kite requests transferring excesses in other line items to fund the backhoe purchase as well as funding county road projects as follows:

Gasoline Fund 111					
Engineer Department 53100					
Decrease	111	53100	133	Salaries & Wages	\$110,000.00
Decrease	111	53100	212	Fuel & Lubricants	\$25,000.00
Decrease	111	53100	213	Materials & Supplies	\$47,150.00
Decrease	111	53100	225	Construction Rental	\$7,000.00
Decrease	111	53100	307	Other Professional	\$3,000.00
				Total	\$192,150.00
Increase	111	47000	000	Miscellaneous Revenue	\$25,000.00
Increase	111	47310	027	Sale of Equipment	\$10,000.00
Increase	111	53100	232	Repairs Construction	\$6,000.00
Increase	111	53100	561	Construction Equipment	\$46,900.00
Increase	111	53100	530	Improvements Other Than	\$174,250.00
				Total	\$262,150.00

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

- Mr. Kite also requested to purchase a 430 Caterpillar Backhoe from Thompson Tractor & Equipment from the ACCA joint bid list for the amount of \$100,736. This will replace a 1997 backhoe. Money received from the sale of the old pothole patcher will go toward the purchase. Commissioner Epps motioned to approve the purchase. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

Chair Martin presented the appointments for the E-911 Board and suggested that since there were three appointments to make vote one for count for all three.

District 3/ Chair Martin

Mark Clark

District 5/ Vice Chair Epps

Ferdinard Crawford

District 6/ Commissioner Dudley

Rusty Robinson

Commissioner Lee motioned to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

Announcements made by Chair Martin:

- The Rain Barrel Workshop hosted by Alabama Clean Water Partnership is scheduled for August 25, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 am EST. at the Central Activity Center.
- Habitat for Humanity will hold “A Night with the Stars”, August 16 at 7:00 p.m. EST. at Central High School
- Congressman Mike Rogers will be at the Commission Chambers, Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 until 2:00 p.m. EST.
- The August 22<sup>nd</sup> Commission Meeting is cancelled due to ACCA Conference
- The FOP is hosting a fund raiser August 11 from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. at Applebee’s. Money raised will go to fund Christmas gifts for the area’s needy children.

A citizen addressed the Commission concerning an area on the Crosswinds Road that she felt needed guardrails for safety purposes. She asked the Commission to consider placing money in this year’s budget to have guardrails installed in this area. The County Engineer Larry Kite stated if this is the same area that a study is in progress for a slope repair and if it can be justified he will include guardrails into the design.

Chair Martin adjourned the meeting.