

The Russell County Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008

An adjourned meeting of the Russell County Commission was called to order. Members present were Chairman Gordon Cox, Vice Chair Peggy Martin, Gentry Lee, Johnnie Robinson, Cattie Epps, Mervin Dudley and J.D. Upshaw. Also present were the County Attorney, Kenneth Funderburk and the County Administrator, LeAnn Horne.

A quorum was established.

Chairman Cox requested a motion to approve the September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 agenda. Commissioner Martin motioned to approve the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Epps. The vote was unanimous.

The invocation was presented by Alan Griffith, pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Commissioner Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Cox welcomed Elected Officials, Department Heads, Media and Guests.

A request for approval of the August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting minutes was presented by Chairman Cox. A motion was made by Commissioner Dudley to approve the minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Martin. There were 5 votes to approve. Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Upshaw abstained from the votes.

William Alexander of Homeland Security/EMA presented the results from the Generator Bid. We received one bid from United Rental in the amount of \$37,000.00. This 125KW4 generator is for regional use and will be paid for by a Homeland Security Grant. Commissioner Lee motioned to approve the purchase of the generator and was seconded by Commissioner Upshaw. The Commission voted unanimously to approve.

Russell County Utility Manager, Roger Conner, requested a contract approval for the purchase of a 6 yard garbage truck. The amount of the truck is \$89,697; which will be paid for by the Utility Department. Commissioner Lee motioned to approve the purchase and approval of the contract. Seconded by Commissioner Martin and Commissioner Dudley. The vote was unanimous.

The County Administrator, LeAnn Horne, stated we had a very successful bid process for the Animal Shelter. We had six qualified bidders. Humphries and Associates was the low bidder with the total of \$389,750.00 which is approximately a savings of \$118,000.00 from the last bid process. There were some additions to the plans and this is basically a turnkey construction job. Commissioner Lee motioned to accept the recommendation of the County Administrator and the County Engineer. Seconded by Commissioner Robinson. The County Administrator stated she is waiting on confirmation from the City Officials on the bid acceptance. The City has agreed to pay 50% of the construction project. District 1 (Lee) voted, yes; District 2(Cox) voted, yes; District 3 (Martin)voted, yes; District 4 (Robinson) voted, yes; District 5(Epps) voted, yes; District 6(Dudley) voted, no; District 7(Upshaw) voted, no. The motion stood.

Ms. Horne stated the Commission has received the budget for 2008-2009 for review. I would like to set a budget meeting, Tuesday September 16, 2008 at 1 p.m. in the Commission Chambers. This will be our public review and official hearing. A motion was made by Commissioner Dudley to set the budget meeting for Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> and was second by Commissioner Robinson. The vote was unanimous.

The County Attorney, Kenneth Funderburk stated, Deep South Disposal and Recycling are seeking public approval for a C/D landfill. The location for this landfill is off Brickyard Road. A public hearing has been requested for Oct 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Chambers prior to the regular Commission Meeting. The notice for the Public Hearing will run 30 days in the local paper and will be paid by Deep South Disposal & Recycling. Commissioner Dudley motioned to accept the County Attorney's recommendation and was seconded by Commissioner Lee. The Commission voted unanimously to accept.

Mr. Funderburk presented a contract for the Russell County Sports Complex. The Contract is a third party contract, where a group operates the Sports Complex for a limited period. The contract will not specify Russell County Baseball League. Commissioner Lee motioned to accept the contract as a general form with the removal of the name, Russell County. Commissioner Dudley seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Patricia Johnson from the Ft. Mitchell Senior Activities Center thanked the Commission for having the repairs made to the Activity Center and tree/debris removal from the walking trail. She states it is a beautiful place that has a lot of activity and programs to benefit seniors and other residents in the area. The Center received the award for outstanding center in this in this region

Commissioner Epps wanted to also thank Mrs. Johnson for the outstanding job she has done, taking care of the Center and providing for the residents in the area.

Chairman Cox reminded everyone of the Dedication Ceremony at the T-Ball Field at the Russell County Sports Complex on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Robinson thanked the Commission and others for flowers and prayers sent to his family after the passing of his Mother.

Chairman Cox wanted everyone to remember Naomi Elliott's Family in their prayers due to the death of her brother.

Mr. Funderburk recommended moving into an executive session. A motion was made by Commissioner Lee to go into executive session as recommended by the County Attorney. Seconded by Commissioner Dudley. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Lee made a motion to reconvene the Commission Meeting. Commissioner Epps seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the meeting was reconvened.

County Attorney, Kenneth Funderburk, recommended the County Commission reauthorize the County Administrator to reorganize the Inspection and Maintenance Department into one department to handle construction and maintenance of the new facility as well as the renovations of the existing courthouse. Commissioner Dudley motioned to accept the County Attorney's recommendation and was seconded by Commissioner Robinson. The vote was unanimous.

The Meeting was adjourned.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed:

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LeAnn Horne, County Administrator  
Gordon Cox, Chairman