

The Russell County Commission
Meeting Minutes
September 10th, 2014
9:30 A.M. EST

Public Comments:

Bill Brown who is 25 years retired from the Revenue Commission Office has requested to swap chairs that are presently in the Revenue Commission Office. Commissioner Lee stated an investigation will take place to see who purchased the chairs and decide if the chairs could be swapped.

3rd Grader, Alanah Dent spoke to the Commission about supporting the organization she began called "No Bully Zone Foundation" and what she wanted to accomplished by creating the foundation.

Chair Martin welcomed elected officials, department heads, media and guests. She also thanked Cable T.V. of East Alabama and the Citizens News for coverage of the Commission meeting

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

A quorum was established.

The invocation was given by Alan Griffith, Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Reed.

Chair Martin requested a motion for approval of the August 27th, Commission Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Pugh motioned to approve and was seconded by Commissioner Epps. The vote was unanimous.

The Commission presented a proclamation to the family of Arthur L. Sumbry Sr. in remembrance of the late Phenix City Councilman.

The Commission also gave a proclamation to the family of the late Frankie Stevens who turned 101 years old before her passing.

County Engineer Larry Kite requested approval to purchase a utility vehicle to replace one that the Sheriff's department loaned to engineering for use when surveying. The funds for this \$12,828.94 purchase are in this year's budget and came from an

insurance settlement. Commissioner Lee motioned to approve the purchase and was seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

Engineer Kite also presented an agreement from ADEM for the removal of scrap tires located in the 500 block of Wright Road. The county will be reimbursed for all equipment and labor associated with the tire removal up to the amount \$9,754.50. Commissioner Pugh motioned to approve the agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Lee. The vote was unanimous.

A position on the Department of Human Resources Board was vacant due to the passing of Dr. Thomas Sheldon. This position is a 6 year term that would have expired December 2018. Chair Martin opened the floor for nominees. Commissioner Reed nominated Leonard Gates and Commissioner Lee nominated H. Bradford McDaniel. Both nominees submitted resume's for review by the Commission. Commissioner Corbett motioned to close the nominations. The votes were taken in reverse order. Mr. McDaniel received 3 votes. Mr. Gates received 4 votes. Mr. Leonard Gate will fill the unexpired term of Dr. Shelton.

Two positions became vacant on the Planning Commission one was formerly filled by Dr. Thomas Shelton and the other position belonged to R.C. Adams who resigned because of health issues. Terms for the board are 6 years, members must reside in the county and are district appointed, but members do not have to live in the same district of the appointing Commissioner. Both of the terms are due to expire in March 2015. Dr. Shelton was the appointment of District 4 and Mr. Adams was the District 3 appointment. Chair Martin chose Mr. H. Bradford McDaniel as her District 3 appointment for the Planning Commission. Commissioner Reed stated he would submit his District 4 appointment at another meeting. Votes are not necessary for district appointments.

Chair Martin announced the 2014-2015 proposed budget meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. today.

Commissioner Screws requested that since the county has a new Personnel Department he would like to see an area placed on the agenda so departments could list county jobs that are available. Commissioner Lee stated his request can be placed on the September 24th meeting agenda for Commission approval.

Commissioner Lee motioned to recess until 1:30 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. The vote was unanimous.

Meeting was recessed.