

**Russell County Proposed Budget Meeting**  
**September 12, 2013**  
**9:30 AM EST**

Chair Martin called the meeting to order

Commissioners: Lee, Pugh, Martin, Reed, Epps, Corbett, Screws were present. Also in attendance were Vickie Perry, Assistant Administrator, and LeAnn Horne County Administrator.

Quorum was established

Commissioner Lee motioned to reconvene. Seconded by Commissioner Pugh. Unanimous vote to reconvene.

County Administrator provided an overview of proposed budget, county revenues and expenses. (Insert Spiel)...

- County Commission Department - Change "other line item" to level funded
- Probate Judge Office – no changes
- Revenue Commissioner Office – no changes
- Tag Commissioner Offices – no changes
- Building and Grounds Maintenance & Custodial- no changes
- Board of Registrars – proposed 3% inc on the portion county funds (salary)- (est. \$ 920.00)
- Coroner – no changes
- Building Inspections – no changes
- Inspection, Enforcement Office –Bill Friend requested to add \$3,000 for abatements to be added to his budget but no vote was taken
- Juvenile Office – no changes
- Parks and Recreation Department – Additional \$15,000.
- Emergency Management Department – no changes
- Sheriff Office – Additional \$16,000 to cover overtime for the mandatory Alert training Sheriff's Office and Jail.
- Jail Operations – make full-time temporary Maintenance helper position full-time with benefits; and, add a Psychologist at \$18,429.17 plus health benefits

Commissioner Corbett motioned to approve a jail Psychologist at the \$18,429.17 plus benefits. Sheriff Taylor agreed to decrease jail medical by that amount to place in the salary lines to cover new position. Also include benefits for maintenance position and overtime for Alert training. Seconded by Commissioner Lee. Request was approved by unanimous vote of the Commission.

The meeting was recessed for 1 ½ hours for lunch at 12:30 p.m. EST.

The meeting was reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

- Animal Control Office – no changes
- Russell County Utilities – no changes
- Mapping and Appraisal – no changes

Engineer presented his department's budget. Larry Kite reviewed all the new positions he added to the salary schedule to include changes in a position.

Mr. Kite was asked about dirt road paving. He stated he has budgeted 6.8 miles of dirt roads to be paved with budgeted amount \$270,700.

After discussion, Commissioner Pugh motioned to suspend paving of dirt roads for one year except for the ongoing project where \$6.00 rule applies; suspend all other roads. Commissioner Lee seconded.

Commissioner Corbett requested Commissioner Pugh to amend his motion to allow for 1/2 mile of dirt road paving for District's: 2, 5, 6, and 7. Commissioner Lee seconded amendment. Commissioner Corbett stated that would be estimated 4 miles. Commissioner Lee, yes; Commissioner Pugh; yes; Commissioner Martin, yes; Commissioner Reed, yes; Commissioner Epps, yes; Commissioner Corbett, yes; Commissioner Screws, no. Motion carried. There was further discussed about Findlater/Country Hill and Carson Drive Paving.

Sheriff Taylor presented a request for a one-time appropriation for the Child Advocacy Center of \$5,000. Commissioner Corbett motioned to approve a one-time \$5,000 appropriation for CAC. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion. The request was approved by unanimous vote of the commission.

Commissioner Screws motioned for a \$2,000 appropriation for the Beyond Expectations. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote of the Commission.

Instead if covering each appropriation separately, Commission Corbett motioned to accept the County Administrators recommendations; seconded by Commissioner Pugh. The vote was unanimous.

County Administrator requested delaying the decision on the Troy University appropriation until March 1<sup>st</sup>. This would give an opportunity to re-evaluate revenue sources and bring back a report to the Commission. Commissioner Screws motioned to defer Troy University's request. Table was approved by unanimous vote of the Commission.

Commissioner Pugh motioned for the \$15,000 appropriation for the Ladonia Athletic League to be reallocated to the Parks and Recreation budget for the grounds

maintenance of the fields. The League will continue to operate independently from the RC Recreation Department. That the Ladonia Complex will be maintained in the same fashion as the Seale Complex by Coach Parker. Commissioner Corbett seconded motion. Commissioner Pugh amended his motion "pending school board approval" after much discussion. Motion was approved by unanimous vote of the commission.

Chair Martin motioned to recess the meeting until September 23, 2013 at 4:00PM EST. Commissioner Lee seconded. Commission was recessed.

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