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Russell County Proposed  
2013-2014 Budget Meeting  
September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013  
4:00 P.M. EST.

The recessed 2013-2014 budget 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 was County Administrator Horne and Assistant Administrator Vickie Perry.

A quorum was established.

Chair Martin requested a motion to reconvene the meeting. Commissioner Pugh motioned to reconvene and was seconded by Commissioner Epps. The vote was unanimous.

Administrator Horne provided a summary of changes that were made at the September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Proposed Budget meeting along with actions that were taken as far as monetary changes to individual changes at that time.

Commissioner Pugh requested to discuss the Ladonia appropriation again. Initially \$15,000 that normally is given to the Ladonia Sports Youth was placed into the Russell County Parks and Recreation Department to maintain the Ladonia Sports Complex. The Ladonia Sports Youth requested that because of financial restrains if the full \$15,000 was taken it would cause a short fall and there would not be enough money to pay for referees for the games. Commissioner Pugh stated that he had an additional \$10,000 in this year's budget for recreation that has not been allocated. He would like to transferred into Coach Parker's budget; earmark \$7,500 to pay for referees at Ladonia Sports Complex for this season. Coach Parker said for them to succeed and do what is needed it would take an additional \$40,000 for the Complex. This will be a total of \$55,000 for the Ladonia Complex. He also stated that there is other money that was looked earlier that has not been appropriated, recommended taking that money (Valley Partnership dues) and also place in the recreational department for Ladonia, which is about \$24,278.00. If money cannot be found he would give up his \$40,000 for the paving of dirt roads in his district also be included in the recreational budget for the Ladonia Complex. Commissioner Pugh asked for discussion if there is a way to find these fund without him giving up dirt road paving then if not he will close by making a motion to pull that money from the appropriation and the rest of his money for dirt roads going into Coach Parker's recreation fund. Commissioner Corbett seconded his motion. The school board is willing to lease the land where the Ladonia Complex is located for 20 years.

After discussion Commissioner Pugh amended his motion to take \$22,500 from his dirt road projects to make up the difference needed for funding Ladonia Complex this year. The amendment was seconded by Commissioner Corbett.

Chair Martin requested a clarification to the proposal. Coach Parker is only maintaining the Complex. The County is not taking the Complex over to manage it.

Commissioner Pugh replied that we are managing the field and property.

Chair Martin asked if the County would be constructing building on the property.

Commissioner Pugh stated only if Coach Parker said it is needed.

After more discussion the vote was called: District 1(Lee) voted, yes; District 2 (Pugh) voted, yes; District 3 (Martin) voted, yes to maintain the fields only; District 4 (Reed) voted, no; District 5 (Epps) voted, yes, to maintain the fields; District 6(Corbett) voted, yes; District 7(Screws) voted, yes to maintain the fields only. 6 yes votes and 1 no vote the motion passed. During the vote it was clarified that the County was not taking over the Ladonia Sports Complex, but it will become part of the Russell County Recreational Department and Coach Parker will maintain the facility at The Ladonia Complex the same as he maintains the facility at The Russell County Complex.

Representatives from the Joint Valley Partnership gave information concerning what the Valley Partnership does for their members.

Chair Martin requested a motion to recess the new business of the budget meeting until Wednesday after the regular Commission Meeting. Commissioner Corbett motioned to recess the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Pugh. The vote was unanimous.

Meeting recessed.