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— NOTE FROM THE COMMISSION CHAIR



As chairman, I am proud to say that your Russell County Commission remains dedicated to providing quality county services to our citizens. We continue to promote a safe place to live and grow while striving to improve recreation and employment opportunities. Our schools continue to thrive and receive high marks of achievement. We have recently added Pickleball courts in Seale and Ladonia, and our walking trails continue to invite

citizens to enjoy the great outdoors. Our county employees work every day to do the best job that they can for you. I hope the enclosed information is helpful and may serve as a reference to you. Should you need anything, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or one of the other county commissioners if we can be of assistance.

CHANCE CORBETT CHAIRMAN
DISTRICT 6 COMMISSION

MEET YOUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



GENTRY LEE
DISTRICT 1



SCOTT CHAMBERS
DISTRICT 2



ROD COSTELLO
DISTRICT 3-VICE CHAIR



RONNIE REED
DISTRICT 4



CEDRIC DARTY
DISTRICT 5



LARRY SCREWS
DISTRICT 7

LETTER FROM CHANDRA

To Our Valued County Residents,

As we reflect on this past year, we are proud to share the progress, resilience, and community spirit that continue to define our county. Together, we've achieved meaningful improvements, strengthening our local services, investing in parks and recreations, and enhancing the quality of life we all cherish.

We've seen new partnerships form, and community events flourish. Most importantly, we've seen neighbors supporting neighbors, reminding us that the heart of our county is its people.

In the year ahead, we remain committed to responsible stewardship, transparent leadership, and continued collaboration with new partners. With your engagement and support, we will keep building a safe, vibrant, and thriving community for everyone.

Thank you for your trust, your involvement, and the pride you take in our shared home. Here's to another year of progress, unity, and possibility.

With gratitude,

CHANDRA WRIGHT
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR



MAPPING AND APPRAISAL

The Appraisal Department is responsible for establishing the current market value on all real estate, both commercial and residential, and the appraisal of all business personal property in the county according to the Alabama Department of Revenue appraisal standards. It is our goal that these values be fair and equitable throughout Russell County.

1000 Broad Street, 2nd Floor
Phenix City, AL 36867

(334)297-7104

CHRIS KERVIN
CHIEF APPRAISER



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY OFFICES

Emergency Management serves as a key community resource by planning for disasters, coordinating supplies and training, partnering with regional and state agencies, and leading response and recovery efforts during events ranging from hazardous spills to severe storms—ensuring the community has reliable support when emergencies occur.

311 Prentiss Drive,
Phenix City, AL 36868

(334)291-5079

DAVID MARTIN
EMA DIRECTOR



NEW GUIDELINES & PROCEDURES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026



RANDY SMITH
SANITATION DIRECTOR

SANITATION DEPARTMENT

Office Location:
56 Silver Run Dr., Seale, AL

Mailing Address:
PO Box 1127, Phenix City, AL
36868

By following these updates and utilizing available services, residents can help keep Russell County clean and ensure timely waste collection.

Russell County, AL — The Russell County Sanitation Department announces that new guidelines and procedures will take effect on January 1, 2026, as part of an ongoing effort to improve the quality of service provided, ensure fair revenue collection, and maintain affordable rates for residents.

“These changes are being implemented to make our operations more effective and sustainable,” said Randy Smith, of Russell County Sanitation. “Our goal is to continue providing excellent service to our community while avoiding unnecessary rate increases.”

Reasons for the Change

- To create a more effective and accountable system for collecting revenue for services rendered
- To enhance the overall quality of sanitation services for Russell County residents
- To implement measures that help prevent future rate increases

Key Changes Effective January 1, 2026

- 1. Shared Responsibility:** Both the **occupant** receiving sanitation service and the property owner will be equally responsible for payment of the trash bill.
- 2. Service Reinstatement Procedure:** If service is stopped due to non-payment, customers must pay a **\$22 administrative fee** plus the **first month's bill (\$22)** to re-establish service. Any past-due balance at that address must be brought current

before a new account can be opened.

- 3. Rental Property Accounts:** Property owners in the rental or lease business may submit a list of all properties to set up **one consolidated account** and include sanitation fees in rental agreements. Owners with **four or more maintained properties** may qualify for a **10% discount** on their total sanitation bill.
- 4. Penalty Forgiveness Option:** Customers who have fallen behind but are making a sincere effort to bring their account current may qualify for a **one-time penalty forgiveness**.
- 5. Court Proceedings:** Going forward, any unpaid accounts requiring legal action may be handled as **civil matters**.

Department Goals

- Reduce outstanding debt to **\$0**
- Eliminate unnecessary court filings and legal costs
- Maintain current garbage rates for the long term
- Limit warrants to cases of **non-participation only**

Russell County Sanitation remains committed to transparency, fairness, and quality service for all residents. These updates are designed to strengthen financial responsibility and ensure a cleaner, more efficient community for everyone.

For more information or questions about the new policies, please contact the Russell County Sanitation Department at 334-291-3232.



MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

The Maintenance Department is responsible for maintaining all facilities and grounds within the Russell County Commission. The maintenance department is comprised of two divisions: Maintenance and Custodial Services.

LEON WATSON
DIRECTOR

(334)384-9948

1704 4th Street South,
Phenix City, AL. 36869



CORONER'S OFFICE

The Coroner's Office responsibilities include investigating deaths from unknown or violent causes, and deaths that occur while unattended by a physician. The coroner holds inquests, assists law enforcement agencies with investigations, notifies the next of kin of the deceased and maintains accurate and complete records for each case.

ARTHUR SUMBRY, JR.
CORONER

(334)297-4587

311 A Prentiss Drive,
Phenix City, AL. 36867

WANT TO CONTACT US?

Commission Office

(334)-298-6426 • 1000 Broad Street, Phenix City, Al 36867

BUILDINGS INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT

The Building Inspections Department Reviews all residential and commercial plans of new construction and/or alterations to an existing structure for code compliance and business license enforcement for general contractors. This department performs field inspections on permits to ensure code compliance, and issues Certificates of Occupancy.

311 A Prentiss Drive,
Phenix City, AL. 36867

(334)297-7964

BRIAN TICE
DIRECTOR



SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT

The Special Enforcement Department Ensures that anyone doing business in or with Russell County has a valid, up to date, County business license and if also required an Alabama State Business License and Health permit. This department also checks mobile homes within the county, including those located within the city limits, to ensure that the taxes for the mobile homes are paid yearly, and addresses all reported nuisance complaints.

1000 Broad Street,
Phenix City, AL. 36867

(334)384-9948

BILL FRIEND
DIRECTOR



RUSSELL COUNTY RESOURCES



NATALIE KIRKLAND
RUSSELL COUNTY REVENUE
COMMISSIONER

REVENUE/TAX COLLECTION:

Location:
1000 Broad Street Phenix City, AL
36867

Office Phone:
334-298-7011

Key Dates and Payment Options:

**Taxes are collected on the following
schedule for
the year ending Sept 30:**

- October 1**
Taxes Due
- January 1**
Taxes Delinquent
- February**
Citation Fee Added
- March/April**
Advertise Tax Sale
- May**
Property Tax Sale

**Payments can be made in person
using cash, check, money order,
or credit/debit card; by mailing a
check or money order to PO Box 669,
Phenix City, AL 36868-0669; Online
at www.russell.capturecama.com; or
through an escrow account with your
mortgage company. Residents are
encouraged to pay promptly to avoid
penalties and fees.**



BELINDA STRICKLAND
PROBATE JUDGE

RUSSELL COUNTY OFFICE OF THE PROBATE:

www.russellcountyprobate.us

Office Phone:
334-298-7979

Location:
1000 Broad Street, 1st floor
Phenix City AL 36867

Hours:
Monday thru Friday, 8:30 - 5:00
Eastern Standard Time

**Driver's License Renewals &
Replacements:**
alabamadolalea.gov/_/#2

Marriage Licenses Link:
[www.russellcountyprobate.us/
licenses/marriage](http://www.russellcountyprobate.us/licenses/marriage)

**Call the office for information on
driver's license renewals, marriage
licenses, business licenses, and
notary information.**



CARRIE BOWMAN
MOTOR VEHICLE
LICENSE COMMISSIONER

RUSSELL COUNTY TAG OFFICE:

Office Phone:
334-298-1520

Location:
1000 Broad Street, 1st floor, Phenix
City AL 36867

Hours:
Monday thru Friday, 8:30 - 5:00
Eastern Standard Time

Fax:
334-298-7451

Online Car Tag Renewal:
www.renewyourtag.com

Personalized Plates:
[revenue.alabama.gov/motor-ve-
hicle/license-plate-and-registra-
tion-information/](http://revenue.alabama.gov/motor-vehicle/license-plate-and-registration-information/)

ENGINEERING/HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Engineering/Highway Department: Maintains all Russell County-maintained roads, identified by green road signs. These are not Alabama state roads or Phenix City roads.
Parks & Recreation: Maintains parks and walking trails outside Phenix City limits, including the Sports Complex, Seale Sports Complex, Crawford Park and trail, Ft. Mitchell Park and Senior Center trail, and the Hurtsboro, Dixie, and Pittsview school walking trails.

97 Poorhouse Road,
Seale, AL 36875

(334)855-0209

SHAWN BLAKENEY
COUNTY ENGINEER



RUSSELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Mission of the Russell County Sheriff's Office is to serve our community by providing superior public safety and service in an ethical and fiscally responsible manner while preserving the rights of all individuals.

HEATH TAYLOR
RUSSELL COUNTY SHERIFF

(334)298-6535

305 Prentiss Drive,
Phenix City, AL. 36869





CRAWFORD GAZEBO



CRAWFORD PARK LODGE



OLD SEALE COURTHOUSE



CRAWFORD COMMUNITY CENTER



LADONIA PAVILION

AVAILABLE FOR RENT

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL
334-298-6426

OR VISIT
RUSSELLCOUNTYAL.GOV



FORT MITCHELL SENIOR CENTER



AUTOZONE AUTO PARTS

1015 AL-165,
Fort Mitchell, AL 36856

LA LOMA MEXICAN GRILL

5 Wade Dr,
Fort Mitchell, AL 36856



SHOWCASING THE NEWEST BUSINESSES AND RECREATION SPACES SHAPING OUR COUNTY'S GROWTH.



PICKLEBALL AT RUSSELL COUNTY SPORTS COMPLEX & LADONIA SPORTS COMPLEX

4720 Old Seale Hwy,
Seale, AL 36875

24 Woodland Dr,
Phenix City, AL 36869

HOBO PANTRY

4783 Hwy 431 South,
Seale, AL 36875





RUSSELL COUNTY HOLIDAY CLOSURES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1:
NEW YEAR'S DAY

MONDAY, JANUARY 19: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR & ROBERT E. LEE'S BIRTHDAY

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16: GEORGE WASHINGTON & THOMAS JEFFERSON'S BIRTHDAY

MONDAY, APRIL 27: CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY

MONDAY, MAY 25: NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY

MONDAY, JUNE 1: JEFFERSON DAVIS' BIRTHDAY

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7:
LABOR DAY

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12: COLUMBUS DAY, FRATERNAL DAY, & AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE DAY

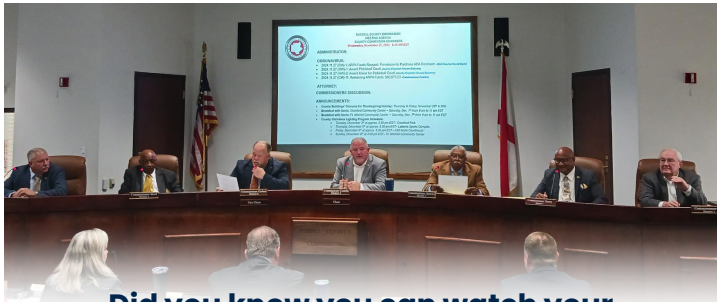
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11: VETERANS' DAY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26:
THANKSGIVING**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25: CHRISTMAS DAY

***ADDITIONAL CLOSURES UPON THE DESIGNATION OF THE GOVERNOR.**

2026 YEAR COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE



Did you know you can watch your commission meetings live on Facebook?

Russell County Commission - AL

Work Session

5:00 PM ET

- January 12, 2026
- January 26, 2026
- February 09, 2026
- February 23, 2026
- March 09, 2026
- March 23, 2026
- April 06, 2026
- April 20, 2026
- May 11, 2026
- **Holiday (No Session)**
- June 08, 2026
- June 22, 2026
- July 06, 2026
- July 20, 2026
- August 10, 2026
- August 24, 2026
- **Holiday (No Session)**
- September 21, 2026
- **Holiday (No Session)**
- October 26, 2026
- **Meeting Cancelled**
- November 23, 2026
- December 07, 2026
- December 21, 2026

Commission Meeting

9:30 AM ET

- January 14, 2026
- January 28, 2026
- February 11, 2026
- February 25, 2026
- March 11, 2026
- March 25, 2026
- April 08, 2026
- April 22, 2026
- May 13, 2026
- May 27, 2026
- June 10, 2026
- June 24, 2026
- July 08, 2026
- July 22, 2026
- August 12, 2026
- August 26, 2026
- September 09, 2026
- September 23, 2026
- October 14, 2026
- October 28, 2026
- **Holiday (No Meeting)**
- November 25, 2026
- December 09, 2026
- December 23, 2026



A RECAP OF COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

The Russell County Commission held three Community Conversations to discuss County projects and needs in the County. The conversations were facilitated by VaLor Strategies, Economic Development Consultants contracted by the County Commission. These conversations were aimed at strengthening communication between local leaders and residents and gather feedback on ongoing projects. The conversation reinforced the Commission commitment to transparency, collaboration, and sustainable community growth.

Although state offices, the Russell County Commission provides space and maintenance on each space for the convenience of our citizens.



COURTHOUSE

- Board of Registrars
- Russell County Commission
- Veteran Affairs Office

- CARE Ambulance
- Russell County Board of Education
- Russell County Driver's License Office
- Russell County Extension Office

JUDICIAL CENTER

- Bureau of Pardons and Parole
- District Attorney's Office
- Juvenile Probation Office
- The Russell County Judicial Center



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Russell County Health Department Services

ALABAMA
PUBLIC
HEALTH



ALLKids: A health insurance program for eligible children up to age 19. You can apply online at: www.alabamapublichealth/allkids

Family Planning (FP): Birth control information and different methods of contraception are available to those in the child bearing age. Physical exams, including pap smears are provided by Nurse Practitioners. We accept BC/BS insurance and Plan 1st Medicaid.

Women, Infants and Children (WIC): This institution is an equal opportunity provider. Nutrients are materials your body needs for growth, energy and healthy living. That is where WIC can help. WIC is a program that provides supplemental foods to pregnant, postpartum, breast feeding women, infants and children up to age 5 who meet certain income requirements and have nutritional risks.

Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD)/HIV: STD/HIV testing, treatment, and prevention counseling for anyone 12 years or older (no parental consent), including pregnant women. STD/HIV services are free and confidential.

Vital Records: Certified copies of Alabama Birth, Death, Divorce and Marriage certificates can be requested locally. A non-refundable search fee is required.

Immunizations: Immunizations are offered for:

- Updated records for school aged children
- Adult - seasonal vaccines
- Vaccines for traveling

Environmental Health Services

Subdivision and Septic Systems: Inspects and approves the use of on site sewage systems for homes and businesses in accordance with the current "On site Sewage Treatment and Disposal" rules.

Food and Lodging Sanitation: Reviews plans prior to construction of food and lodging establishments. Make regular inspections of all facilities where food is served and sold to the public.

Solid Waste: Works closely with private collectors, government officials and county residents to ensure adequate and safe disposal of garbage.

RUSSELL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1850 Crawford Rd . Phenix City, Alabama 36867 334-297-0251
Hours of Operation Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. EST except for official state holidays
alabamapublichealth.gov/russell

For more information on Home Care and Home Health Services please call:

Telephone: (334) 358-2002 or 1-888-749-5694 Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays
On-call Service: 24 hours, 7 days a week, including holidays

Free Communication Assistance

The use of an interpreter or other communication services to assist the participant to effectively communicate with bilingual staff and is offered to all clients.



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 resident!
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