

THE COUNTY CONNECTION

RUSSELL COUNTY, ALABAMA

NOTE FROM COMMISSION

As Chairman of the Russell County Commission, it is my great pleasure to present this short summary of some of our outstanding county services. Communication is very important, and the information contained here is our way of keeping you informed. Our dedicated employees work hard to provide quality services for our citizens, and as your elected officials, your county commissioners take your safety and health seriously. This past

year, we have found ways to replace equipment and improve county facilities while striving to be good stewards of your tax dollars. We are proud of Russell County, and every decision we make is a direct reflection of our love for this county. As always, if we can ever be of assistance to you or your family, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Help us continue to make Russell County a great place to live and grow.



- CHANCE CORBETT
COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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NEW RUSSELL COUNTY TOURISM VIDEO

Russell County is excited to unveil its newest tourism video, created by AMP Agency Services, showcasing the county's rich history and vibrant attractions. Featuring iconic spots like Fort Mitchell, Seale, and Crawford, the

video highlights the area's cultural heritage, scenic beauty, and local charm. It captures the essence of Russell County, from historic landmarks to tranquil landscapes, inviting visitors to explore all that this hidden gem offers.



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.



Scan to stay up to date on
our Facebook Page!

PUBLIC INPUT SURVEY

FOR HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

A Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) identifies potential natural disasters, assesses risks, and outlines strategies to minimize their impact on communities and schools. These plans prioritize addressing the most significant risks, increasing awareness of hazards, and fostering collaboration with public and private partners. By aligning risk reduction efforts with broader community goals, HMPs enhance safety and resilience.



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: <https://revenue.alabama.gov/motor-vehicle/license-plate-and-registration-information/>



CARRIE BOWMAN
MOTOR VEHICLE
LICENSE COMMISSIONER

RUSSELL COUNTY OFFICE OF 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 - 4:30 Eastern Standard Time

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

Marriage Licenses link:
<https://www.russellcountyprobate.us/licenses/marriage>

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

*TOOK OFFICE JANUARY 2025



***BELINDA STRICKLAND**
PROBATE JUDGE

FOR MORE INFORMATION:



Natalie Kirkland
Russell County Revenue
Commissioner

1000 Broad Street
Phenix City, AL 36867
(334) 298-6922

REVENUE/TAX COLLECTION:

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
FebruaryCitation Fee Added
March/AprilAdvertise Tax Sale
MayProperty 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.

RUSSELL COUNTY HOLIDAY CLOSURES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1:
NEW YEAR'S DAY

MONDAY, JANUARY 20: MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR & ROBERT E. LEE'S
BIRTHDAY

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17: GEORGE
WASHINGTON & THOMAS
JEFFERSON'S BIRTHDAY

MONDAY, APRIL 28: CONFEDERATE
MEMORIAL DAY

MONDAY, MAY 26: NATIONAL
MEMORIAL DAY

MONDAY, JUNE 2: JEFFERSON DAVIS'
BIRTHDAY

FRIDAY, JULY 4: FOURTH OF JULY

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1:
LABOR DAY

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13: COLUMBUS
DAY, FRATERNAL DAY, & AMERICAN
INDIAN HERITAGE DAY

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11: VETERANS'
DAY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27:
THANKSGIVING**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25:
CHRISTMAS DAY

*ADDITIONAL CLOSURES UPON THE
DESIGNATION OF THE GOVERNOR.





2025 YEAR COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN WATCH YOUR COMMISSION MEETINGS LIVE ON FACEBOOK?

WORK SESSION 5:00 P.M. ET

- January 06, 2025
- Holiday (No Session)
February 10, 2025
- February 24, 2025
● March 10, 2025
- March 24, 2025
● April 07, 2025
- April 21, 2025
● May 12, 2025
- Holiday (No Session)
● June 09, 2025
- June 23, 2025
● July 07, 2025
- July 21, 2025
● August 11, 2025
- August 25, 2025
● September 08, 2025
- September 22, 2025
● October 06, 2025
- October 20, 2025
● November 10, 2025
- November 24, 2025
● December 08, 2025
- December 22, 2025

COMMISSION MEETING 9:30 A.M. ET

- January 08, 2025
- January 22, 2025
● February 12, 2025
- February 26, 2025
● March 12, 2025
- March 26, 2025
● April 09, 2025
- April 23, 2025
● May 14, 2025
- May 28, 2025
● June 11, 2025
- June 25, 2025
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FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS

PROVIDED BY THE RUSSELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mark your calendars for these important community health events. Join us to access valuable resources, information, and support.

- **January 17th:** Seale Sports Complex
- **February 15th:** Cottonton (Exact location to be announced)
- **March 14th:** Location to be announced
- **April 12th:** Crawford Market Day
- **May 16th:**
Hurtsboro Fire Department

Event Times: 12:00 PM
– 5:00 PM
Confidentiality Notice:
All health information
shared at these events
will remain strictly
confidential.

For more information,
please contact:
Sharon Saavedra
Russell County Health
Department
334-313-7823



HEATH TAYLOR
RUSSELL COUNTY
SHERIFF



DID YOU KNOW?

WE ARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA!



RUSSELL COUNTY, ALABAMA - WELCOME HOME
RUSSELL COUNTY COMMISSION-AL

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ALERT RUSSELL: A NEW MASS NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Emergencies often strike without warning, highlighting the importance of staying informed and prepared. Russell County is committed to the safety and well-being of its residents, which is why we proudly offer ALERT RUSSELL—a state-of-the-county

announcements, ALERT the-art mass notification system. This powerful tool is designed to provide you with real-time updates, ensuring you receive the critical information you need when it matters most. From severe weather warnings and local emergencies to

important RUSSELL is your trusted resource for staying connected. Whether at home, work, or on the go, this system keeps you and your family prepared and informed during even the most urgent situations.

HOW TO SIGN UP FOR ALERT RUSSELL

Enrolling in ALERT RUSSELL is simple, fast, and free for all Russell County residents:

- **Visit www.rcema.us**, the official website of the Russell County Emergency Management Agency.
- **Scan the QR code** included in this newsletter or available on the website.

Prefer personal assistance? Call the Emergency Management team at 334-291-5079 to register or ask questions.

Russell County Emergency Management Agency Office Address:
311 Prentiss Drive, Phenix City, AL 36869
Contact: 334-291-5079

Sign up today and encourage your friends, family, and neighbors to do the same. Together, we can build a safer, more informed community, ready to face any challenge.



Shawn Blakeney, Russell County Engineer and Parks and Recreation Director

97 Poorhouse Road
Seale, AL 36875

RUSSELL COUNTY ENGINEERING / HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT / PARKS & RECREATION

Engineering/Highway Department – These departments are responsible for the maintenance of all Russell County maintained roadways. The roadways will have green roadway signs and are not Alabama state roads or Phenix City maintained roads.

Parks and Recreation – This department maintains the parks and walking trails outside the city limits Phenix City. Russell County Parks and Recreation is responsible for the Ladonia Sports Complex, Seale Sports Complex, Crawford Park and walking trail, Ft Mitchell Park and Senior Center walking trail, Hurtsboro walking trail, Dixie walking trail, and Pittsview school park.

To Report any problems, to obtain information, or any issues please use the contact information to our office.



AVAILABLE FOR RENT

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
CALL 334-298-6426





SANITATION UPDATES

NEW POLICIES AND SERVICES

The Russell County Sanitation Department is implementing new guidelines to improve waste collection and ensure efficient service for all residents. Here's what you need to know:

SECOND CAN OPTION

Residents now have the option to add a second county-supplied trash can for just \$11.00 per month per residence. This is a convenient solution for larger households or those with increased waste needs.

POLICY CHANGES

Starting April 1, 2025, only Russell County-supplied cans will be serviced. Non-county cans will no longer be emptied. To avoid disruption in service, ensure all waste is placed in an official Russell County trash can by this date.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES AVAILABLE

The department offers bulk item pickup, yard waste removal, and rolloff container services. To schedule these services, call the office at 334-298-6426.

BILLING AND PAYMENT OPTIONS

Bills are due on the 15th of each month, and a 10% late fee will be applied to delinquent accounts. Paperless billing is also available, providing a convenient and Eco-friendly option for customers.

GUIDELINES FOR WASTE COLLECTION

To help sanitation teams operate efficiently, please follow these guidelines:

- Bag all household garbage and break down boxes before placing them in the supplied can.
- Ensure cans are at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on your designated pickup day.
- Place cans at least 6 feet from any obstructions, such as mailboxes, vehicles, or trees.
- Online Resources and Holiday Schedules

**LEARN ABOUT RULES FOR DISPOSING OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS
HOLIDAY SCHEDULES WILL ALSO BE
PRINTED ON EACH MONTH'S BILL FOR
YOUR CONVENIENCE.**



CONTACT INFORMATION

- **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. If you have any questions or need assistance, don't hesitate to contact the Sanitation Department.



WARD DUDLEY
SANITATION DIRECTOR

- SERVICES FOR RUSSELL COUNTY SANITATION CUSTOMERS ONLY



LEON WATSON
DIRECTOR

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



ARTHUR SUMBRY, JR.
CORONER

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.



H. BUBBA ROBERTS
DIRECTOR

BUILDING 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.



BILL FRIEND
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.

WANT TO CONTACT US?

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

- (334)384-9948
- 1704 4th Street South Phenix City, AL. 36869

BUILDING INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT

- 334-297-7964
- 311 A Prentiss Drive Phenix City, Alabama 36867

CORONER'S OFFICE

- 334-297-4587
- 311 A Prentiss Drive Phenix City, Alabama 36867

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT

- (334)468-5895
- 1000 Broad Street, Phenix City, Al 36867 (Second Floor)

COMMISSION OFFICE

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

- Board of Registrars
- Bureau of Pardons and Parole
- CARE Ambulance
- District Attorney's Office
- Juvenile Probation Office
- Russell County Board of Education
- Russell County Commission
- Russell County Driver's License Office
- Russell County Extension Office
- The Russell County Judicial Center
- Veteran Affairs Office



ALTHOUGH STATE OFFICES, THE RUSSELL COUNTY COMMISSION PROVIDES SPACE AND MAINTENANCE ON EACH SPACE FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF OUR CITIZENS.



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AND CHARM OF RUSSELL
COUNTY, ALABAMA.

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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



CHANCE CORBETT
DISTRICT 6 - CHAIR



LARRY SCREWS
DISTRICT 7

**WISHING YOU
A FANTASTIC
2025!** FROM ALL
OF US!



LETTER FROM CHANDRA

For the past seven months, I have had the honor of serving as the County Administrator. As a product of Russell County, I know how special and welcoming this place is. Russell County is home. I was raised in Cottonton and attended Russell County Schools. I've seen the transformation this community has gone through over the years. The future is bright, and the possibilities are endless. I would encourage you to explore Russell County in 2025. Visit our local parks, rent one of our beautiful venues, support local events, and take your family to one of the six new pickle-ball courts coming soon. There is always something to do. The County employs over 300 individuals, who work hard to make this community a place we

could be proud to call home. If you see a county employee, please take a moment and thank them. Some of the employees have thankless jobs, but they show up every day. So what's on the agenda for 2025? We are implementing new and innovative ways to communicate with our residents (like this newsletter), promoting our amazing community to visitors and potential new residents, and updating services to make it easier to do business with us. We need your help. Russell County is a jewel. Celebrate it, brag on it, invite people to visit, and take pride in it.

Have a wonderful New Year!! I look forward to seeing you around!



- CHANDRA WRIGHT
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR



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RUSSELL
COUNTY
resident!

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