

April 11, 2011

On this the 11th day of April 2011 at 9:00 A.M. in the Office Complex, New Brockton, AL, the Coffee County Commission of Coffee County, AL met in a regular meeting. Those present at the said meeting were: Al Britt, Bernest Brooks, Kim Ellis, Tom Grimsley, Dean Smith, and Robert Stephens. Jim Thompson, Commissioner and Chairman, was presiding with no absences.

Invocation was given by Commissioner Robert Stephens, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chairman noted that a quorum was present and the meeting was called to order.

Motion was made by Tom Grimsley and seconded by Bernest Brooks that the Coffee County Commission approve the Minutes of the March 28, 2011 meeting. All voted Aye.

Mr. Brandon Hardin, Director of Coffee County Department of Human Resources and Mrs. Judy Crowley, Director of Family Services, appeared before the Commission expressing their gratitude for the years of support and participation in the prevention of Child Abuse. Motion was made by Jim Thompson and seconded by Kim Ellis that the Coffee County Commission proclaim April 2011 as Child Abuse Prevention Month and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Bernest Brooks and seconded by Al Britt that the Coffee County Commission adopt a resolution authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement with ALDOT (Alabama Department of Transportation) to install guardrails at bridge culverts on CR105 and CR723 as part of the HRRRP (High Risk Rural Roads Program) project. All voted Aye. (See Attached)

Motion was made by Robert Stephens and seconded by Dean Smith that the Coffee County Commission amend the budget of the Damascus Senior Center to allow for the purchase of a commercial-type ice machine for \$1905.00. This expense will be deducted from carry-over funds. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Al Britt and seconded by Kim Ellis that the Coffee County Commission appoint Mr. Kenneth Baker as District 4 representative to the Coffee County Water Authority for a six-year term that begins this month. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Tom Grimsley and seconded by Jim Thompson that the Coffee County Commission approve the advertisement of Draft Plan #5 of the new voting districts of Coffee County drawn by the Commission and two representatives of the University of Alabama Geography and Research Lab. This advertisement will run for two weeks and a public hearing is scheduled for April 25, 2011 during the next Commission meeting. Commissioner Bernest Brooks expressed his opposition to the new district lines due to the lack of 65% minority population. Commissioner Brooks requested that Rev. Rubin McKinnon come to the podium and give his opinion on this matter. Al Britt, Kim Ellis, Tom Grimsley, Dean Smith, Robert Stephens, and Jim Thompson voted Affirmative. Bernest Brooks voted Negative. Motion carried.

Several Commissioners commented on the sacrifices that had to be made to achieve the current district lines of Draft Plan #5 but also stated this process was necessary in order to compensate for the changes in population throughout the County.

With no further business, motion was made by Tom Grimsley and seconded by Dean Smith that the Coffee County Commission adjourn until the next meeting, April 25, 2011 at 9:00 AM. All voted Aye.

After the meeting, several commissioners reviewed and approved invoices as follows: Accounts Payable Claims dated March 31, 2011 checks numbered 76893 through 76971 in the amount of \$430,353.86; Accounts Payable Claims dated April 11, 2011 checks numbered 76972 through 77073 in the amount of \$279,698.94.