

November 13, 2023

On this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023, the Coffee County Commission met in Commission Chambers in New Brockton, AL at 9:00 AM. Those present at the said meeting were: Kim Ellis, Sonny Moore, Al Britt, Jimmy Jones, Jim Thompson, and Tom Grimsley. Dean Smith, Commissioner/Chairman, was presiding with none absent. John R. Morgan III, Administrator/Attorney, was also in attendance.

Chairman Smith noted that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order. Invocation was given by Commissioner Ellis followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

BJ Cardwell, Travis Whittaker, and Fred Duff spoke on behalf of the Coffee County Food Bank. They all thanked the Commission for allowing the use of the covered arena to distribute the food.

Chairman Smith read a resolution expressing the Commission's deep appreciation and sincere gratitude to Mike Gurspan for the decades of outstanding coverage he has provided to Coffee County and its citizens. The Commission also wished Mike a speedy recovery.

Chairman Smith presented a proclamation to County Agent Gavin Mauldin declaring the week of November 17-23, 2023, as Alabama Farm-City Week.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Britt that the Coffee County Commission adopt the minutes from the October 23, 2023 meeting. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grimsley and seconded by Commissioner Moore that the Coffee County Commission elect Commissioner Smith to serve as Commission chairman. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grimsley and seconded by Commissioner Ellis that the Coffee County Commission submit an application to Clean Water State Revolving Fund for the Coffee County Landfill. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Moore and seconded by Commissioner Britt that the Coffee County Commission authorize an abatement agreement with Huey Solar, LLC, to abate 50% of abatable ad valorem taxes. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Ellis that the Coffee County Commission to surplus K9 Rocky to the Dothan Police Department as requested by the sheriff's office. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Grimsley that the Coffee County Commission surplus and sell miscellaneous equipment from the sheriff's office. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commission Britt that the Coffee County Commission enter into a contract with Lexipol to update the sheriff's policy and procedure manual. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Moore and seconded by Commissioner Thompson that the Coffee County Commission create the positions of Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Operating Officer, to authorize the modification of County Administrator Rod Morgan's contract to include serving as Chief Operating Officer and extend the term to December 31, 2026, and to approve a contract with Michael Walters to serve as County Engineer and Deputy Operating Officer. All voted Aye.

County Engineer Michael Walters came before the Commission to request permission to surplus and sell of the following items on GovDeals: a 1992 Ford 5610 tractor, a 2003 Howard Tiller and two 2019 batwing mowers. Motion was made by Commissioner Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Britt that the Coffee County Commission grant permission to surplus/sell the items on GovDeals. All voted Aye.

County Engineer Michael Walters thanked the Commission for their confidence in him to continue to serve the citizens as the new County Engineer and his new role as Deputy Operating Officer.

Motion was made by Commissioner Britt and seconded by Commissioner Moore that the Coffee County Commission approve Sourcewell bids for the following repairs on equipment at the Coffee County Landfill: Caterpillar D8T undercarriage repair at a cost of \$62,550.16, Caterpillar D6T dozer transmission repair at a cost of \$45,250.44, and Caterpillar D6T dozer final drive repair at a cost of \$36,000. All voted Aye.

Environmental Services Director Mike Thornton announced that residential garbage routes will not run on Thursday, November 23, 2023. Thursday's route will be picked up on Friday.

County Agent Gavin Mauldin updated the Commission on upcoming events: Farm-City Banquet is Thursday night, CCYLP will be touring the Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine in Dothan on Thursday, and the Wiregrass Hog Show is this Saturday.

Sheriff Byrd gave an update on Mike Gursan. The doctors were able to remove 90% of the brain tumor. Please continue to pray for him.

Commissioner Ellis wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Moore asked for prayers for the family of Chief Warrant Officer 3 Stephen R. Dwyer. CWO Dwyer died during a training accident on November 10<sup>th</sup>. CWO Dwyer was a graduate of Enterprise High School and the son of one of Commissioner Moore's close friends.

With no further business, motion was made by Commissioner Grimsley and seconded by Commissioner Thompson that the Coffee County Commission adjourn until the next meeting on November 27, 2023. All voted Aye.

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Dean Smith, Chairman  
Commissioner District 1

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Kim Ellis  
Commissioner District 2

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Sonny Moore  
Commissioner District 3

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Al Britt  
Commissioner District 4

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Jimmy Jones  
Commissioner District 5

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Jim Thompson  
Commissioner District 6

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Tom Grimsley  
Commissioner District 7