

July 8, 2024

On this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024, 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, Jimmy Jones, Jim Thompson, and Tom Grimsley. Dean Smith, Commissioner/Chairman, was presiding. Commission District Four is vacant. John R. Morgan III, Administrator, Attorney, and Chief Operating Officer, was also in attendance.

Chairman Smith read a resolution honoring the late Commissioner Al Britt for his 16 years of dedicated and faithful service to Coffee County. He presented a framed resolution, a framed group picture of the Commission, and an acrylic trophy to Mr. Al's family. Scott Farmer, Executive Director of the Southeast Alabama Regional Planning & Development Commission, also read and presented a resolution to the family. Senator Josh Carnley and Representative Rhett Marques read and presented a resolution from the State Legislature to the family. Each Commissioner expressed their love, respect and appreciation for Al as a friend and a colleague.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grimsley and seconded by Commissioner Moore that the Coffee County Commission adopt the minutes from the June 24, 2024 meeting. All voted Aye.

County Administrator Rod Morgan came before the Commission to discuss a petition for a refund of certain sales taxes filed by Medical Center Enterprise. While some claims were due to be approved others were disputed based on the timeliness of the claim, all parties had agreed to settle the claim for a total of \$67,941.68 with no interest to be paid. Payment will be effected through the County's tax collector, Avenu, who will withhold \$67,941.68 from sales taxes collected in the month of July and remit payment to Medical Center Enterprise. Motion was made by Commissioner Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Moore that the Coffee County Commission approve the settlement agreement. All voted Aye.

County Engineer Michael Walters spoke fondly of Commissioner Britt.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grimsley and seconded by Commissioner Jones that the Coffee County Commission allow the purchase of a Ford F150 for \$58,591 off the State Bid List from Stivers Ford for the Landfill as requested by Environmental Services Director Mike Thornton. All voted Aye.

EMA Director Grant Lyons updated the Commission on Tropical Storm Beryl and stated we will not be impacted. He also said we are under a heat advisory today. Temperatures will feel like 107 with the heat index.

County Agent Gavin Mauldin updated the Commission on upcoming events. He also said the Coffee County 4H Junior Livestock Judging Team won first place in Auburn.

Sheriff Byrd stated they are holding a Junior Deputies Camp for the next two weeks at the Coffee County Farm Center.

With no other business to discuss, motion was made by Commissioner Grimsley and seconded by Commissioner Ellis that the Coffee County Commission adjourn until the next meeting on July 22, 2024. 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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Vacant  
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