

July 22, 2024

On this the 22<sup>nd</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 4 is vacant. John R. Morgan III, Attorney, Administrator, and Chief Operating Officer was also in attendance.

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

Grant Lyons was sworn in as the new Coffee County EMA Director by Judge Sonny Reagan.

Chairman Smith presented a resolution and an acrylic trophy honoring James Brown, former EMA Director, for his 14 years of dedicated public service to the County. Grant Lyons stated that James started his career with the county in 2010 as EMA Deputy Director after serving in the Air Force for 23½ years. He became the EMA Director in 2017 when Larry Walker retired. James also designed and managed over 42 training exercises during his time with the County. He was instrumental in establishing the County's emergency dispatch center. Grant presented a book of acronyms to James and a wooden plaque made by EMA Deputy Director Andy Lore. Former EMA Director John Tallas and former 911 Coordinator Marvin McIlwain spoke fondly of James and congratulated him on his retirement. All the Commissioners stated James has been an invaluable asset to Coffee County and he will be greatly missed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grimsley and seconded by Commissioner Jones that the Coffee County Commission adopt the minutes from the July 8, 2024 meeting. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Ellis that the Coffee County Commission nominate Commissioner Jones to serve as the Coffee County representative on the ACCA Legislative Committee. All voted Aye.

County Engineer Michael Walters came before the Commission to request permission to use funds from surplus sold at the JM Wood Auction to purchase the following equipment through Thompson CAT utilizing the Sourcwell contract: 1-CAT Skid Steer for \$107,000.00, 1-CAT 310 Mini Excavator for \$178,000.00, and 2-Econoline 30' gooseneck trailers for \$19,728.00 each for a total of \$324,456. Motion was made Commissioner Thompson and Commissioner Jones that the Coffee County Commission authorize the purchase of the equipment. All voted Aye.

County Engineer Michael Walters read the results of a bid opening held on July 15, 2024 at 9:00 AM:

**BID#2024-14 ULTRA LOW SULFUR #2 DIESEL FUEL (TANKER LOAD)**

**(Price per gallon above the state purchasing daily fuel report)**

**Total Petroleum, LLC- \$0.01**

**Petroleum Traders Corporation-\$0.0378**

**Home Oil-\$0.079**

Motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Moore that the Coffee County Commission award Bid#2024-14 to Total Petroleum, LLC. All voted Aye.

Michael Walters congratulated James on his retirement, and stated that he was the calm voice in the mist of chaos. Environmental Services Director Mike Thornton also congratulated James on his retirement.

Sheriff Byrd stated there are 166 inmates in jail at this time. He also congratulated James on his retirement.

With no further 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 August 12, 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