

September 23, 2024

On this the 23rd day of September 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, Administrator, Attorney, and Chief Operating Officer, was not in attendance.

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

Chairman Smith presented a proclamation to Julie Gonzalez, Wiregrass Area Food Bank, proclaiming September as "Hunger Action Month".

Motion was made by Commissioner Grimsley and seconded by Commissioner Ellis that the Coffee County Commission adopt the minutes from the September 9, 2024 meeting. All voted Aye.

Deputy Operating Officer Michael Walters reminded everyone that effective September 30, 2024, the following County offices will start the new 4/10 work schedule: Coffee County Probate Office, Coffee County Revenue Commissioner's Office, Coffee County Commission Office, Coffee County Environmental Services Office, the Coffee County Maintenance Department, and the Coffee County Sheriff's administrative personnel. Hours are 7:00 am-5:30 pm Monday-Thursday, closed on Friday.

County Engineer Michael Walters presented a FY24 report from the engineer's office. The report highlighted major infrastructure improvement projects, maintenance of the county's existing infrastructure, and subdivision growth within Coffee County.

Motion was made by Commissioner Moore and seconded by Commissioner Jones that the Coffee County Commission authorize the purchase of a HDPE pipe welder for the landfill for \$14,160.19. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Jones that the Coffee County Commission grant permission to Environmental Services Director Mike Thornton to purchase a Sitech drone training software package with a Recon-XT laser mapping system to be utilized by environmental services and the engineer's office for \$64,342. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grimsley and seconded by Commissioner Smith that the Coffee County Commission enter into an agreement with Progressive Environmental Services to provide chemical treatments for the landfill gas wells and pumping station for \$46,900. All voted Aye.

EMA Director Grant Lyons updated the Commission on the reunification training held this past Friday with the New Brockton Elementary School staff and the Coffee County Sheriff's Office. He also gave an update on the Tropical Storm Helene.

County Agent Gavin Mauldin updated the Commission on upcoming events: Farm City Petting Zoo-October 3rd-4th, Hog Show-October 12th, and the Cattlemen's Calf Show-October 26th.

Sheriff Byrd stated his office is preparing for the upcoming storm.

Commissioner Moore stated that the County has a great team and Commissioner Jones thanked Mrs. Julie-Wiregrass Area Food Bank for providing food to the wiregrass area.

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

Dean Smith, Chairman
Commissioner District 1

Kim Ellis
Commissioner District 2

Sonny Moore
Commissioner District 3

Vacant
Commissioner District 4

Jimmy Jones
Commissioner District 5

Jim Thompson
Commissioner District 6

Tom Grimsley
Commissioner District 7