

October 28, 2024

On this the 28th day of October 2024, the Coffee County Commission met in a regular meeting 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. John R. Morgan III, County Administrator, County Attorney, and Chief Operating Officer, was also in attendance.

Chairman Smith noted that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order. He also gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A public hearing was held concerning the proposed Solid Waste Management Plan. Gabby Sanders, Engineer with Coffee County's Environmental Services Department, was present to answer any questions. She said the SWMP is a comprehensive guide for how we manage solid waste in the county in compliance with Alabama regulations. It covers landfill operation, waste collection, recycling, and composting. No one came forward to speak and the public hearing was concluded.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grimsley and seconded by Commissioner Moore that the Coffee County Commission adopt the minutes from the September 23, 2024 meeting. All voted Aye.

Chairman Smith read and presented a framed resolution recognizing Commissioner Grimsley for his years of dedicated and faithful service to Coffee County. Mr. Grimsley was elected to the Commission in 1996, and he is the longest serving commissioner. He is retiring after 28 years of public service. He also received a framed group picture of the Commission for the 2020-2024 term, and an acrylic trophy. Senator Josh Carnley and Representative Rhett Marques also presented a resolution to Commissioner Grimsley. Mr. Tom thanked his wife Judy for her support throughout his years of service. He also thanked his voters for their support. He thanked Patti Culver for everything she did to keep him straight. He also thanked the news media for covering the Commission. All of the Commissioners said Commissioner Grimsley was a man of integrity and great character. He definitely left Coffee County better than he found it, and has been an asset to the County and its citizens.

Commissioner Thompson read and presented a framed resolution honoring Commissioner Smith for his 16 years of public service. He was elected to the Commission in 2008, and served as Commission Chairman from 2014-2024. He also received a framed group picture of the Commission for the 2020-2024 term, and an acrylic trophy. Senator Josh Carnley and Representative Rhett Marques also presented a resolution to Chairman Smith. Mr. Dean said it was a pleasure serving Coffee County. He always tried to do what was best for the County and its citizens. He said we have a great staff here in the County and are blessed with wonderful leadership. He also thanked his wife Pam and his family for their support. All of the Commissioners said Chairman Smith was an honorable man of faith, and a selfless individual. He has been a great ambassador for the County, and it has been a pleasure to work with him.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Ellis that the Coffee County Commission pass a resolution to enter into a lease agreement with Caterpillar Financial to finance two CAT motor graders in the amount of \$403,000 each and one CAT compactor in the amount of \$1,510,000 for a total of \$2,316,000 at a rate of 5.49% with annual payments in arrears. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Grimsley that the Coffee County Commission grant permission to the Sheriff's Office to surplus and sell vehicles from their fleet as presented at the work session. All voted Aye.

County Engineer Michael Walters came before the Commission to present the results of the annual bids openings held in September:

Bid#2025-01 RIP-RAP

Dunn Construction-\$29.00 per ton

Vulcan Materials-\$31.00 per ton

North Montgomery Materials-\$26.00 per ton

Bid#2025-02 CRUSHED STONE

Bidder	#1 Thru #357	#4 Thru #57	#6 Thru #710	#8 Thru #8910	DG BASE TYPE A	DG BASE TYPE B	CRUSHER RUN
Dunn Construction	N/A	\$25.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$20.00	\$20.00
Vulcan Materials	\$27.00	\$27.00	\$27.50	\$28.00	\$22.50	\$22.50	\$22.50
RMUSA	\$19.50	#4- \$19.00 #57- \$19.50	\$19.50	N/A	\$17.50	\$17.50	\$17.50

Bid#2025-03 SPECIFIED LOCAL LIME BASE/ROCK

Bidder	Dense Grade Base 825B	Standard Fine Crusher Run	Clean Rock (½-1½")	Clean Rock (1"-3")	Oversize Rock (2"-5")	Class I RIP-RAP	Class II RIP-RAP
C.R. Pate	\$12.00	\$12.00	N/A	\$17.00	\$16.00	\$32.00	\$32.00
Mohawk Valley Mining	\$18.00	N/A	N/A	\$25.00	\$25.00	N/A	N/A

Motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Jones that the Coffee County Commission award Bid#2025-01 to North Montgomery Materials, Bid#2025-02 to

RMUSA with the exception of #8-#8910 to Vulcan Materials, and Bid#2025-03 to C.R. Pate as primary/Mohawk Mining as secondary as requested by County Engineer Michael Walters. All voted Aye.

County Engineer Michael Walters stated the highway department will start mowing the sides of the roadways today. He also spoke fondly of Commissioner Grimsley and Chairman Smith. He thanked both of them for their selfless service to the citizens of Coffee County.

Environmental Services Director Mike Thornton came before the Commission to request approval of the Solid Waste Management Plan. Motion was made by Chairman Smith and seconded by Commissioner Ellis that the Coffee County Commission adopt the Solid Waste Management Plan. All voted Aye.

Mike Thornton also thanked Commissioner Grimsley for his guidance and support through the years. He said Chairman Smith always challenged him at every turn concerning the Landfill since it was in his district, but he appreciated what he has done for him as well as the citizens of the county.

Judge Thompson thanked Commissioner Grimsley and Chairman Smith for always being supportive.

EMA Director Grant Lyons said it has been a pleasure to work with Commissioner Grimsley and Chairman Smith. He is also grateful for the support of the Commission.

Jesse Jones, 911, thanked Commissioner Grimsley and Chairman Smith for their service.

County Agent Gavin Mauldin also thanked Commissioner Grimsley and Chairman Smith for their support over the years.

Sheriff Byrd thanked Commissioner Grimsley and Chairman Smith for everything they do to support his office.

Patti Culver also spoke fondly of Commissioner Grimsley and Chairman Smith.

Commissioner Moore recited a prayer from the Old Testament "May the Lord bless you and keep you, may his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you." That was his prayer for four special people.

Commissioner Jones thanked the families of Commissioner Grimsley and Chairman Smith for their sacrifices over the years.

Commissioner Ellis wished Commissioner Grimsley and Chairman Smith and their families a long happy life together.

Chairman Smith said it has been a pleasure serving, but all good things must come to an end. He thanked everyone for their support.

With no further business, motion was made by Commissioner Grimsley and seconded by Chairman Smith that the Coffee County Commission adjourn until the next meeting on November 13, 2024. All voted Aye.

Clint Grantham
Commissioner District 1

Kim Ellis
Commissioner District 2

Sonny Moore
Commissioner District 3

Joey Powell
Commissioner District 4

Jimmy Jones
Commissioner District 5

Jim Thompson
Commissioner District 6

Al Miller
Commissioner District 7