

December 9, 2024

On this the 9th day of December 2024, the Coffee County Commission met in Commission Chambers in New Brockton, AL at 9:00 AM. Those present at the said meeting were: Clint Grantham, Sonny Moore, Joey Powell, Jimmy Jones, Jim Thompson, and Al Miller. Kim Ellis, Commissioner/Chairman, was presiding. John R. Morgan III, Administrator, Attorney, and Chief Operating Officer, was also in attendance.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Grantham and seconded by Commissioner Moore that the Coffee County Commission adopt the minutes from the November 25, 2024 meeting. All voted Aye.

BJ Cardwell with the Coffee County Food Bank came before the Commission to introduce Karen Jones as the new director. He also stated the Food Bank will be held on December 24th. Travis Whittaker and Fred Duff also addressed the Commission. They all thanked the Commission for the use of the facilities.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grantham and seconded by Commissioner Thompson that the Coffee County Commission purchase IT equipment from GovConnection and finance through Connection Financial for \$167,363.71. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Miller that the Coffee County Commission award Bid#2025-04 to Ox Bodies and purchase six 16' dump bodies for \$34,309.84 per unit for a total of \$205,859.04 as requested by County Engineer Michael Walters. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Grantham that the Coffee County Commission allow County Engineer Michael Walters to purchase two 15' batwing mowers from Coblenz Equipment utilizing the State bid purchase agreement for \$29,822.21 per unit for a total of \$59,644.42. All voted Aye.

Environmental Services Director Mike Thornton updated the Commission on the upcoming holiday schedule. The landfill will be closed with no residential garbage collection on Wednesday, December 25, 2024 for Christmas Day, and Wednesday, January 1, 2025 for New Years Day.

EMA Director Grant Lyons said the County is in a D1 drought, but we are expecting 3 to 4 inches of rain in the next 48 hours.

E911 Director James Brown said they are establishing goals and priorities for 911.

County Agent Gavin Mauldin said they hosted 175 high school juniors for the Power of Youth Leadership Forum. He also stated there is an Egg Workshop in the community room tomorrow night.

Sheriff Byrd encouraged everyone to volunteer to help with the food bank. He also asked for prayers for the people involved in accidents over the weekend.

The Commissioners thanked all our employees for their hard work and dedication, as well as wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Thompson also wanted to thank the City of Enterprise for picking up the cardboard the day after the food bank for free.

Commissioner Moore thanked Sheriff Byrd and Chief Hines for hosting a Christmas party for the Sheriff's Office. He also asked for prayers for Reese Dowling who was involved in an accident over the weekend.

Commissioner Jones said he is thankful for the food bank and stated how blessed our county is to have citizens willing to volunteer their time to pass out food to help others.

Chairman Ellis also said our county is blessed and he encouraged everyone to check on their neighbors during the holidays.

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

Clint Grantham
Commissioner District 1

Kim Ellis-Chairman
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