

January 27, 2025

On this the 27th day of January 2025, 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, Jim Thompson, and Al Miller. Kim Ellis, Commissioner/Chairman, was presiding. Jimmy Jones was absent. 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 Powell followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by Commissioner Moore and seconded by Commissioner Grantham that the Coffee County Commission adopt the minutes from the January 13, 2025 meeting. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Moore that the Coffee County Commission reappoint Myrna Cotton and appoint Virginia Cavanaugh to serve on the Coffee County Department of Human Resources Board. Both terms will expire January 2031. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Miller that the Coffee County Commission appoint Commissioner Jimmy Jones and Enterprise City Councilman Scotty Johnson to serve on the Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission Board. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Moore that the Coffee County Commission authorize and approve the execution of the agreement to manage the county's fleet with Enterprise Fleet Management. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Powell that the Coffee County Commission enter into an agreement with Cadence Equipment Finance to finance six dump trucks and one lowboy for five years with the payment in arrears at a rate of 5.03% for a total of \$1,693,759.04. All voted Aye.

County Engineer Michael Walters read the following statement he prepared:

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency, Coffee County Dispatch, Emergency Responders, and especially the Coffee County Sheriff's Office for their unwavering support and dedication during the recent historic snowfall event.

Your teamwork, coordination, and commitment to the safety of our county were truly invaluable. The challenges presented by this unprecedented weather event were met with professionalism and determination, and we are incredibly grateful for your efforts.

To the men and women of these departments, thank you for standing alongside us during this event. Your service does not go unnoticed, and our community is stronger because of your dedication.

Environmental Services Director Mike Thornton updated the Commission on the garbage routes that were delayed by the winter storm.

EMA Director Grant Lyons said he doesn't get to say this often, but it snowed last week. The official reported snowfall totals were 8.8" in Damascus. He thanked all the deputies and the first responders for keeping everyone safe.

County Agent Gavin Mauldin updated the Commission on upcoming events:
Beef Cattle Nutrition Class-January 30th
Restricted Use Pesticide Class-February 4th

Sheriff Byrd said everything went as smooth as chaos could during the winter storm, but everything came together.

The commissioners said they appreciated our employees as well as the first responders for all the work they put in last week to keep Coffee County safe. Our county is truly blessed.

With no further business to discuss, motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Moore that the Coffee County Commission adjourn until the next meeting on February 10, 2025. 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