

March 10, 2025

On this the 10th day of March 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 Thompson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Ellis recognized Ashley Merritt, Coffee County Pageant Director, to introduce the 2025 Coffee County Queens. The Commission presented each queen with a Coffee County pin.

Future Little Miss Coffee County-Ryleigh Gilley
Little Miss Coffee County-Rosemary Walters
Petite Miss Coffee County-Lainey Bess Owsley
Junior Miss Coffee County-Emmy Kate Poss
Teen Miss Coffee County-Kendall Gates
Miss Coffee County-Taylor Day

Motion was made by Commissioner Moore and seconded by Commissioner Ellis that the Coffee County Commission adopt the minutes from the February 24, 2025 meeting. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Moore and seconded by Commissioner Powell that the Coffee County Commission approve the contract with OCV to develop an iPhone and Android app for the Probate Office for \$14,990 for the first year with annual maintenance fees of \$7,495. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grantham and seconded by Commissioner Miller that the Coffee County Commission authorize the implementation of real estate software for the Coffee County Probate Office that will serve as an alert system to help identify and notify potential victims of identity theft or mortgage fraud using REAACT (Real Estate Activity Alert and Contact Tool) provided by Ingenuity for a one-time fee of \$5,000. All voted Aye.

County Administrator Rod Morgan said the Commission had discussed the possibility of the county investing in a fire training facility for the volunteer fire departments throughout the county during previous work sessions. The City of Elba has agreed to make 5 acres of land available and will provide power and water for the facility. Motion was made by Commissioner Grantham and seconded by Commissioner Ellis that the Coffee County Commission authorize and approve investing \$55,000 to establish a hard surface for the fire training facility in Elba. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Grantham that the Coffee County Commission approve the proposed minor subdivision plat, Carroll Place, located on CR514/CR529. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Miller that the Coffee County Commission enter into an agreement with ADEM for the remediation of the unauthorized dump site located on CR606. The County will be reimbursed up to \$125,909.87 for the services performed under this agreement. All voted Aye.

County Engineer Michael Walters came before the Commission to request the surplus of the following vehicles and equipment that will be sold at the JM Wood Auction: 5- 2025 Kenworth T880 dump trucks, 1-2025 Kenworth T880 lowboy, 2- Bush Whacker mowers, 1-2004 CAT motor grader, and 1-2015 CAT motor grader. Motion was made by Commissioner Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Miller that the Coffee County Commission honor the request to surplus and sell the vehicles and equipment at the JM Wood Auction. All voted Aye.

EMA Director Grant Lyons thanked the Commission for their support for the fire training facility in Elba. First responders have been busy working on brush fires. Hopefully, the rain this weekend will help. He also stated we might have some severe weather on Saturday.

County Agent Gavin Mauldin announced that the county's 4H Livestock Judging Team placed 3rd at the SLE competition in Montgomery.

Sheriff Byrd congratulated the new queens. He also introduced the department's drug dog Desi, her handler Officer Chris Floyd, and Chaplain Matt Jordan.

The commissioners congratulated the new queens and said they will be wonderful representatives for our county. They also thanked the parents for coming to the meeting.

With no further business, motion was made by Chairman Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Thompson 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