

April 14, 2025

On this the 14th day of April 2025, the Coffee County Commission met in Commission Chambers at 9:00 AM. Those present at the said meeting were: Clint Grantham, 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. Sonny Moore arrived at 9:11 AM.

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

Commissioner Jones presented a framed resolution and picture to Mr. Lorenzo Harrison on the behalf of the Commission recognizing him for being an active and engaged citizen of Coffee County. His sense of civic duty led him to step forward and stand with Commissioner Jimmy Jones during the swearing in ceremony held on November 13, 2024. The Commission thanked Mr. Harrison for his dedication to our community.

Chairman Ellis presented a proclamation to Kaley Green, Pike Regional Child Advocacy Center, proclaiming the month of April 2025 as "Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month."

Motion was made by Commissioner Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Miller that the Coffee County adopt the minutes from the March 10, 2024 meeting. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Powell that the Coffee County Commission award Bid#2025-07 Water Main Pipe & Fittings to the lowest responsive bidder, Empire Pipe & Supply, for \$87,963.36. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grantham and seconded by Commissioner Thompson that the Coffee County Commission authorize and execute a lease agreement between the State of Alabama, Coffee County and the City of Elba for the Coffee County Lake. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Jones that the Coffee County Commission execute a contract with WillScot to provide a temporary building at the Coffee County Lake. All voted Aye.

County Administrator Rod Morgan stated that County Engineer Michael Walters sent out RFP's to engage an architect to design some of the structures we will need at the Coffee County Lake. After reviewing several responses, they recommended using Seay, Seay & Litchfield Architects. They will be using the State of Alabama fee schedule for their compensation. Motion was made by Commissioner Grantham and seconded by Commissioner Miller that the Coffee County Commission authorize an agreement with Seay, Seay & Litchfield to design structures at the Coffee County Lake. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Powell that the Coffee County Commission approve a 50% abatement for a term of 20 years for projects at Wayne Farms. All voted Aye.

County Administrator Rod Morgan said the Commission had acquired a boat for the Sheriff's Office several years ago that has not been utilized as frequently as expected. New Brockton Fire Department is willing to refurbish, maintain and store the boat in exchange for the ability to use it as needed. Motion was made by Commissioner Grantham and seconded by Commissioner Miller that the Coffee County Commission authorize an agreement with the New Brockton Fire Department to provide for the storage, maintenance and use of the boat. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Ellis that the Coffee County Commission authorize a contract with Glenda Baxter for the preparation the FY24 financial statements for the audit. All voted Aye.

Assistant County Engineer Sarah Jones came before the Commission to present a proposed minor subdivision plat, Stokes Place, located on CR725 for approval. It has one 3-acre lot and has met the county's subdivision regulations. Motion was made by Commissioner Moore and seconded by Commissioner Miller that the Coffee County Commission approve the proposed plat. Commissioners Grantham, Ellis, Moore, Jones, Thompson, and Miller voted Aye, there were no Nays and Commissioner Powell abstained. The motion passed 6-0 with one abstention.

Assistant County Engineer Sarah Jones also presented a proposed major subdivision plat, Cross Creek Hills, located on HWY 134 for approval. It has nineteen 1 to 2-acre lots and requires about a ½ mile of roadway. The proposed plat has met all the county's subdivision regulations. Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Ellis that the Coffee County Commission approve the Cross Creek Hills subdivision plat. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Miller that the Coffee County Commission award Bid#2025-08 Alternative Daily Cover Mulch to LSC Environmental Products for a full truckload price of \$24.19 per bag. All voted Aye.

911 Director James Brown updated the Commission on starting the computer aided dispatch with Pike County. Dispatch also hired two new employees.

County Agent Gavin Mauldin updated the Commission on the Spring Lawn Care Workshop held last Friday at ESCC as well as the upcoming AG Career Day at Landmark Park this week.

Sheriff Byrd thanked the Commission for approving the agreement with the New Brockton Fire Department.

Arnold Woodham, Coffee County Coroner, encouraged everyone to spend time with their family on Easter.

Commissioner Thompson wished everyone a Happy Easter and thanked Mr. Lorenzo Harrison for his friendship as well as his support at different events throughout the county.

Commissioner Moore stated that the recognition for Mr. Lorenzo was well deserved. He also mentioned Mrs. Vickie LeCompte, who was in attendance, for her community outreach work.

Commissioner Jones commended Mr. & Mrs. Lorenzo Harrison and Mrs. Vickie LeCompte for being great citizens. He thanked Kaley Green for the work she does with the advocacy center to protect children across the wiregrass area. He also thanked his wife for helping him while he is recovering from hip surgery.

Commissioner Powell said Mr. Lorenzo has been a blessing to our county. He thanked Rod Morgan for everything he does for the county as well.

Commissioner Grantham said it is very difficult to get citizens to be active in the community. He appreciates Mr. Lorenzo's willingness to be engaged in his community.

Commissioner Miller said he appreciates everything Mr. Lorenzo, Mrs. Vickie and the county employees do for our county.

Chairman Ellis said we are blessed to have great citizens and a great staff in Coffee County.

Probate Judge Jodee Thompson was recognized and stated that she was in attendance for Mr. Lorenzo's recognition. She said it touched her heart the way Mr. Lorenzo stepped up for Commissioner Jones at the swearing in ceremony. She also mentioned she would not have been able to do her job for the 18 to 20 years that she represented DHR without the child advocacy center.

With no further business to discuss, motion was made by Commissioner Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Moore that the Coffee County Commission adjourn until the next meeting on April 28, 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

