

May 12, 2025

On this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 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, 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 Grantham followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Revenue Commissioner Ronnie Burns came before the Commission to present the annual tax settlement report for FY2024. Motion was made by Commissioner Moore and seconded by Commissioner Miller that the Coffee County Commission accept the report as presented. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Grantham that the Coffee County Commission adopt the minutes from the April 28, 2025 meeting. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Miller that the Coffee County Commission approve and authorize the sale of 15 acres more or less of property to Mr. Dale Stroud for \$30,000. This parcel was acquired with the purchase of property adjacent to the landfill, is across White Water Creek from the landfill and is landlocked. The property was appraised to establish fair market value. Mr. Stroud owns the property surrounding this parcel and is paying the appraised value of the parcel. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Jones that the Coffee County Commission approve the purchase of road AI inspection software from Vaisala for the first-year cost of \$17,780 as requested by County Engineer Michael Walters. All voted Aye.

County Engineer Michael Walters came before the Commission to present a variance request from James F. Martin, III, for Phase II of the Cool Springs subdivision on CR 708. Mr. Martin requested a variance allowing a width of 150 feet of road frontage from the 200 feet required by the County's subdivision regulations. County Engineer Michael Walters recommended that the variance request be denied. Motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Thompson that the Coffee County Commission deny the variance request. James F. Martin III, was unable to attend the meeting. However, his wife Dr. Katherine Martin read a prepared statement from Mr. Martin. County Attorney Rod Morgan addressed the request stating that courts have consistently held that financial hardship alone is not sufficient to support the granting of a variance and recommended that the motion denying the variance be approved. All voted aye and the motion to deny the variance was approved.

James Brown updated the Commission on behalf of EMA Director Grant Lyons. He said we received 4 to 8 inches of rain throughout the county.

County Agent Gavin Mauldin announced that the Farm City Tour will be held this Wednesday and lunch will be provided by JJ's BBQ.

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

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Clint Grantham  
Commissioner District 1

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Kim Ellis-Chairman  
Commissioner District 2

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Sonny Moore  
Commissioner District 3

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Joey Powell  
Commissioner District 4

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Jimmy Jones  
Commissioner District 5

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Jim Thompson  
Commissioner District 6

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Al Miller  
Commissioner District 7