

July 28, 2025

On this the 28th day of July 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 not present. 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.

Chairman Ellis read and presented a resolution honoring the Kinston Lady Bulldogs for winning the AHSSA Class 1A State Championship in softball. This is the second softball state title in program history.

Chairman Ellis also read and presented a resolution honoring the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels for winning the AHSSA Class 2A State Softball Championship. This is the first state title in program history.

Superintendent Kelly Cobb thanked the Commission for recognizing the state championship teams. She wanted to recognize both Kinston and Zion Chapel for this historic moment. This is the first time in forty something years that two schools within the county school system have won state titles in the same sport in the same year. She stated that both schools also represent themselves well in academics as well as their character.

Kinston's Coach Norris thanked the Commission for recognizing the teams. He said it's a testament to these girls and their hard work and determination. They play hard, compete hard, and love each other. He is so proud of them.

Zion Chapel High School principal Jared Robinson spoke on behalf of Coach Deal, who was unable to attend due to a family emergency. He said he appreciated the exchange on Facebook between both teams showing support for each other. The Lady Rebels are a tremendous group of young ladies and he is proud of their accomplishments.

Commissioner Powell told the young ladies it was every teams goal to win a state championship. Through all your hard work, dedication, and teamwork you have accomplished that goal. He congratulated both teams and said he was proud of them.

Commissioner Grantham said he appreciated the support each team had for one another and wished that kind of support would carry over to the rest of the county. He commended them for everything they have accomplished.

Commissioner Miller congratulated both teams on their championship and said he appreciates how they represent Coffee County as well as the leadership they are providing for the other students.

Commissioner Thompson commended both teams for winning the state championship. He said teamwork and discipline will go a long way. When you put in the hard work and sweat, I promise this is something you will remember for the rest of life.

Commissioner Moore shared his life verses. He quoted scripture from Proverbs 3:5-6 and Matthew 6:33 for the young ladies.

Chairman Ellis said he is so proud of each young lady. He appreciates the time and effort each player put in on and off the field and he looks forward to seeing both teams here again next year.

Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Moore that the Coffee County Commission adopt the minutes from the July 14, 2025 meeting. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Miller that the Coffee County Commission appoint Rod Morgan to serve as the Commission designee in regards to the social media policy. Commissioners Ellis, Moore, Powell, Thompson, and Miller voted Aye. Commissioner Grantham abstained. This motion passed 5-1.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Moore that the Coffee County Commission approve the proposed minor subdivision, A Subdivision, located on CR 708. It meets all the county subdivision regulations. All voted Aye.

County Engineer Michael Walters informed the Commission that there are three roads set to be completed this year as part of the 2025 Rebuild Alabama Annual Plan. Bids were sent out to resurface and traffic stripe CR 342, CR 228, and CR 617. The lowest bid received was from Wiregrass Construction for a total of \$1,340,096.04. This project will be funded by Rebuild Alabama funds and Federal Exchange funds. Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Ellis that the Coffee County Commission award this bid to Wiregrass Construction. All voted Aye.

County Engineer Michael Walters came before the Commission to request permission to purchase a couple of items needed to perform Full Depth Reclamation (FDR) on some of the local roads. The first item is a CAT RM400 Reclaimer from Thompson Caterpillar for \$674,368.63. This comes with a five-year/5,000-hour powertrain and hydraulic warranty and a pallet of teeth. Motion was made by Commissioner Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Moore that the Coffee County Commission grant permission to purchase a CAT RM400 Reclaimer from Thompson Caterpillar for \$674,368.63. All voted Aye.

The next piece of equipment needed to complete the FDR is a cement tanker truck from Truckworx for \$78,000. Motion was made by Commissioner Moore and seconded by Commissioner Thompson that the Coffee County Commission approve the purchase of a cement tanker truck from Truckworx for \$78,000. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Ellis that the Coffee County Commission grant permission to purchase a Ventrac slope mower for the Coffee County Lake from Coblenz Equipment through a Sourcewell bid for \$43,797.90. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Chairman Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Moore that the Coffee County Commission purchase a Hustler Super Z 72-inch zero turn mower for the Coffee County Lake from Dowling Tractor for \$12,997. All voted Aye.

EMA Director Grant Lyons reminded everyone of the heat advisory in effect the next few days. He also congratulated both teams for winning a state championship.

James Brown, 911, stated that a 911 Advisory Committee meeting will be held tomorrow at 9:30 AM in the EMA Office.

County Agent Gavin Mauldin extended an invitation to the commissioners for lunch provided by Alabama Ag on Wednesday and breakfast on Thursday during their annual convention at the Perdido Beach Resort.

Sheriff Byrd stated they completed the Junior Deputy Academy and it was really successful. He congratulated both teams on their championship and reminded them to always wear their seatbelts.

With no further business to discuss, motion was made by Chairman Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Thompson that the Coffee County Commission adjourn until the next meeting on August 11, 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