

November 24, 2025

On this the 24th day of November 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, and Jim Thompson. Kim Ellis, Commissioner/Chairman, was presiding. Al Miller was absent. John R. Morgan III, Administrator, Attorney, and Chief Operating Officer was not 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 the Farm City Week Proclamation declaring November 21 through November 27, 2025 as Farm City Week in Alabama. He presented the proclamation to County Agent Gavin Mauldin.

Chairman Ellis read a resolution honoring Mike Thornton for over 25 years of dedicated service to Coffee County. He also presented a plaque and an acrylic trophy from the Commission. Former County Engineer Randy Tindell joined the meeting from Colorado to recognize Mike. He said he would not have been successful without all of Mike's help. Mr. Tindell stated that the citizens have no idea what we had with Mike as the Environmental Services Director and Walton County is lucky to have him. Sarah Holley spoke on behalf of the Environmental Services Department and thanked Mike for everything he has done. Tracey Brown, Enforcement Officer, presented an engraved knife to Mike as well as a wooden chest filled with snacks. Former Landfill Manager Emily Smith also spoke fondly about Mike, and said she left Coffee County as a better person because of him. Mike thanked his family for their love and support. All of the Commissioners thanked Mike for his dedicated service and said they appreciated everything he has done to make our county a better place. County Engineer Michael Walters acknowledged that Mike had received two of the highest awards in the solid waste industry: the Alabama SWANA Alfred S. Chipley Distinguished Service Award as well as the 2025 National Public Sector Professional Achievement Award. He stated that Mike has definitely been an asset to Coffee County.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grantham and seconded by Commissioner Moore that the Coffee County Commission adopt the minutes from the November 10, 2025 meeting. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grantham and seconded by Commissioner Jones that the Coffee County Commission execute a contract with Seay, Seay, & Litchfield to provide architectural services at the Coffee County Lake. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Chairman Ellis that the Coffee County Commission appoint Tyler Mock and George Webster to fill the vacancies on the Coffee County Department of Human Resources Board. All voted Aye.

County Engineer Michael Walters read the results of a bid opening held on November 19, 2025 at 9:00 AM:

Bid#2026-10 Hauling Crushed Stone, Titus, AL (price per ton)		
Bidder	All Grades Coarse Aggregate	All Classes Rip Rap
Johnston Trucking	\$18.45	\$19.25
Stephens Trucking	\$19.50	\$20.50

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Thompson that the Coffee County Commission award Bid#2026-10 to Johnston Trucking. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Moore and seconded by Commissioner Powell that the Coffee County Commission award Bid#2026-09 16' Steel Dump Body to the only respondent, Ox Bodies, for \$35,200.72. All voted Aye.

EMA Director Grant Lyons announced the County is in D2 drought status. He asked all citizens to limit or stop outdoor burning. He also thanked Mike Thornton for his help over the years.

911 Director James Brown thanked Mike for his years of service to the County.

County Agent Gavin Mauldin stated the Extension office would be closed Wednesday-Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday. He also thanked Mike.

Sheriff Byrd said that he has had a professional relationship with Mike Thornton for over 30 years and appreciates what he has done for him.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Ellis that the Coffee County Commission grant permission to Chief Hines to surplus and sell five sheriff vehicles at the JM Wood Auction in December. All voted Aye.

With no further business to discuss, motion was made by Commissioner Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Powell that the Coffee County Commission adjourn until the next meeting on December 8, 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