

March 23, 2020

On this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2020, the Coffee County Commission met in a regular meeting in Commission Chambers in New Brockton, AL at 9:00 AM. Those present at the said meeting were: Josh Carnley, Al Britt, Jimmy Jones, Jim Thompson and Tom Grimsley. Dean Smith, Commissioner and Chairman, was present. Kim Ellis was absent. John R. Morgan III, Administrator/Attorney, was also in attendance.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Carnley and seconded by Commissioner Jones that the Coffee County Commission adopt the minutes from the March 9, 2020 meeting. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Carnley that the Coffee County Commission approve an easement agreement with Covington Electric Cooperative to facilitate Electric Service to the Ben E. Keith project site. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grimsley and seconded by Commissioner Carnley that the Coffee County Commission appoint Mrs. Jan Largess to fill a vacancy on the Coffee County Department of Human Resources Board and reappoint Mr. Jerry Goodson and Mrs. Gloria Abernathy to the DHR Board. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Carnley and seconded by Commissioner Jones that the Coffee County Commission enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with KBI Industries for a lease purchase agreement of the Tire Processing Facility. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grimsley and seconded by Commissioner Jones that the Coffee County Commission approve two funding agreements with ALDOT. The first agreement is for intersection improvements including realignment on CR239 and CR114 to intersect with SR167. The second agreement is with the Town of New Brockton and ALDOT to prime, pave and traffic stripe Medley Road from South Tyler Street southeast to the dead end and on CR540 from CR541 north to the dead end. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Carnley that the Coffee County Commission waive the Farm Center rental fee for the Wiregrass Men of Valor's first four meetings. All voted Aye.

Commissioner Jones urged all of our citizens to follow the guidelines setup by the CDC and the ADPH for the COVID-19.

Commissioner Grimsley stated all citizens need to be proactive in fighting the virus.

County Administrator Rod Morgan read an update from County Extension Office. The Extension Office is closed and anyone needing to contact them is urged to do so by using the staff directory at

<https://www.aces.edu/counties/coffee/> or contact County Agent Gavin Mauldin via cell phone at 334-200-5487.

County Administrator Rod Morgan announced that the March 31<sup>st</sup> Runoff Election has been rescheduled for July 14, 2020. Voters may continue to register to vote until June 29<sup>th</sup>. Absentee ballots must be received by close of business on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

County Administrator Rod Morgan also announced that to promote the safety of the public and County, employees County Offices will have restricted access and some may only be able to accommodate one person at the time. Citizens can complete most transactions online at [coffeecounty.us](http://coffeecounty.us), mail or by phone. The Commission has waived the \$3.00 mail in fee for tags as well as the late fee.

EMA Director James Brown updated the Commission on COVID-19. Please call your doctor first if you have a 100.4 fever, dry cough or trouble breathing. Citizens can also call the COVID-19 Hotline at 888-264-2256. EMA received a pallet of goods from the Alabama Department of Public Health on Friday.

Sheriff Sutton stated the jail is housing 77 inmates right now and they are taking advanced measures to clean the jail. The Sheriff's Office is not issuing pistol permits and will still honor expired permits.

County Administrator Rod Morgan stated that Governor Ivey requested SBA Disaster Relief Loans be available to businesses located in Coffee County on Saturday morning.

With no further business, motion was made by Commissioner Grimsley and seconded by Commissioner Carnley that the Coffee County Commission adjourn until the next meeting. All voted Aye.

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Dean Smith, Chairman  
Commissioner District 1

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Kim Ellis  
Commissioner District 2

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Josh Carnley  
Commissioner District 3

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Al Britt  
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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Tom Grimsley  
Commissioner District 7