

September 14, 2020

On this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 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: Kim Ellis, Josh Carnley, Al Britt, Jimmy Jones, Jim Thompson and Tom Grimsley. Dean Smith, Commissioner and Chairman, was presiding with none absent. John R. Morgan III, Administrator/Attorney, was also in attendance.

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

Rick Kelsey and Adam Rhodes with ADEM presented a \$288,791.30 check to the Commission for the rubberized asphalt project to resurface CR110.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grimsley and seconded by Commissioner Ellis that the Coffee County Commission adopt the minutes from the August 24, 2020 meeting. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Britt that the Coffee County Commission authorize and approve an agreement with River Bank & Trust for an equipment loan in the amount of \$765,000 for a five-year term at a fixed rate of interest at 1.98%. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Jones that the Coffee County Commission authorize a contract for ambulance service in the unincorporated areas of Coffee County with Enterprise Rescue. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Thompson that the Coffee County Commission purchase two X-ray machines from the Sourcewell bid for the Elba and Enterprise Courthouses. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grimsley and seconded by Commissioner Britt that the Coffee County Commission authorize a contract with Southern Health Partners to provide healthcare for the County Jail effective October 1, 2020. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Carnley and seconded by Commissioner Ellis that the Coffee County Commission approve the Fiscal Year 2021 budget in the amount of \$28,895,431.95, with the reclassifications, additions and contract modifications, including a 2.5% COLA for all employees and the County absorbing the 5.5% increase in health insurance premiums, as presented to the Commission. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thompson and seconded by Chairman Smith that the Coffee County Commission accept a state and local disaster assistance agreement from the Alabama Emergency Management Agency for the damage caused by the April 2019 straight line winds. The agreement will provide 75% FEMA funding, 12.5% State funding and 12.5% County funding. All voted Aye.

County Engineer Marty Lentz read the results of a bid opening held on September 8, 2020 at 10:00 AM:

**Bid#2020-20 Aluminized Corrugated Metal Pipe**

**Contech Construction-\$12,274**

**Fallin Farms-\$11,698**

**Gulf Atlantic Culvert-\$11,344**

Motion was made by Commissioner Britt and seconded by Commissioner Jones that the Coffee County Commission award Bid#2020-20 to Gulf Atlantic Culvert. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Grimsley that the Coffee County Commission allow County Engineer Marty Lentz to purchase a 2014 single axle dump truck with 86,000 miles off the State Surplus for \$40,000. All voted Aye.

Environmental Services Director Mike Thornton came before the Commission to request permission to purchase four garbage trucks from the Sourcewell Equipment bid for \$258,912.31 each for a total of \$1,035,649.24. Motion was made by Commissioner Carnley and seconded by Commissioner Britt that the Coffee County Commission grant permission to purchase four garbage trucks. All voted Aye.

EMA Director James Brown updated the Commission on the tropical storms and hurricanes that could affect our area. He also gave an update on COVID-19.

Dean Blair, E911 Chairman, stated they would have a Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday.

County Agent Gavin Mauldin updated the Commission on funding that is available from the Alabama Agriculture Stabilization Program for cattle, poultry and timber industries. The money is part of the \$26 million in the CARES Act Funds for Ag producers.

Sheriff Sutton thanked the Commission and administration for passing the budget.

Commissioner Jones and Chairman Smith thanked Rod, his staff and all the county employees for their hard work.

With no further business, motion was made by Commissioner Carnley and seconded by Commissioner Britt that the Coffee County Commission adjourn until the next meeting on September 28, 2020. All voted Aye.