

March 22, 2021

On this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2021, 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, Al Britt, Jimmy Jones, Jim Thompson and Tom Grimsley. Dean Smith, Commissioner and Chairman, was presiding. Josh Carnley 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 Ellis followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grimsley and seconded by Commissioner Jones that the Coffee County Commission adopt the minutes from March 8, 2021 meeting. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Ellis that the Coffee County Commission submit an application for a CDBG-CV grant that would provide funds for a facility for county wide dispatching services. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Britt and seconded by Chairman Smith that the Coffee County Commission reappoint Ed Hardiman to serve another six-year term on the South Central Alabama Mental Health Board. All voted Aye.

The Chair recognized County Administrator Rod Morgan, who stated that policy and past practice have limited waivers of the rental fee for the Farm Center to a relatively narrow venue of events which have never included political events or political rallies. Therefore, the Commission would not waive the rental fee for the use of the Farm Center by South Alabama Liberty for its Free Speech Rally on April 10th.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Britt that the Coffee County Commission allow Chairman Smith to enter into an agreement with the Federal Highway Administration for emergency funds repairing seven sites in the county that received damage during Hurricane Sally. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Chairman Smith that the Coffee County Commission pass a resolution allowing the county to initiate an ERPR project for bridge scour countermeasures under the Pea River relief bridge on CR107. All voted Aye.

ALDOT opened bids on February 26<sup>th</sup> for the ATRIP II project for improvements to the intersection of AL167, CR239 and CR114. Wiregrass Construction had the low bid at \$1.13 million. Motion was made by Commissioner Grimsley and seconded by Commissioner Thompson that the Coffee County Commission concur with ALDOT on awarding the bid to Wiregrass Construction. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Britt and seconded by Commissioner Jones that the Coffee County Commission allow Assistant County Engineer Michael Walters to sell old dump truck tires on GovDeals.com. All voted Aye.

EMA Director James Brown stated that COVID-19 numbers are down to three cases a day. Vaccines are also available to anyone 55 and up.

County Agent Gavin Mauldin updated the Commission on upcoming events. A landscaping and pruning workshop will be held on March 23, 2021 and 4-H Livestock Judging will start this Thursday. Planting day for the Giving Garden in Elba will be April 9<sup>th</sup>.

With no further business, motion was made by Commissioner Grimsley and seconded by Commissioner Britt that the Coffee County Commission adjourn until the next meeting on April 12, 2021. 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