

August 14, 2023

On this the 14th day of August 2023, the Coffee County Commission met 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/Chairman, was presiding. Sonny Moore 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 Thompson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grimsley and seconded by Commissioner Britt that the Coffee County Commission adopt the minutes from the July 24, 2023 meeting. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Jones that the Coffee County Commission authorize a contract with the Examiners of Public Accounts for the FYE 2021 audit. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Britt that the Coffee County Commission approve a contract with Glenda Baxter to review the financial statements for FYE 2022. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Ellis that the Coffee County Commission renew the annual contract with the Department of Youth Services. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grimsley and seconded by Commissioner Thompson that the Coffee County Commission grant permission to County Engineer Marty Lentz to send out annual bids. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Britt that the Coffee County Commission approve the proposed FY 2024 Transportation Plan as presented by County Engineer Marty Lentz. All voted Aye.

EMA Director James Brown stated that todays heat index is 113 degrees. Please make sure you stay hydrated and take more breaks if you are working outside. The hurricane predictions also increased to two to five major hurricanes due to the rising water temperatures. EMA will hold an active shooter exercise tomorrow at the Ozark Aviation College.

Dean Blair, 911, updated the Commission on the major house fire that occurred yesterday. He also thanked all the first responders that helped with the fire.

Sheriff Byrd asked that everyone keep his deputies in your prayers.

Commissioner Jones thanked all of our first responders for their hard work and dedication.

Chairman Smith made a motion to recess and reconvene in ten minutes for budget hearings.

The meeting reconvened at 9:25 AM and Assistant County Engineer Michael Walters presented the proposed FY 2024 Highway, Engineering, RRR Projects and Maintenance budgets. He also discussed the 2024 Capital Improvement Plan.

With no further business to discuss, motion was made by Commissioner Grimsley and seconded by Commissioner Thompson that the Coffee County Commission adjourn until the next meeting on August 28, 2023. All voted Aye.

Dean Smith, Chairman
Commissioner District 1

Kim Ellis
Commissioner District 2

Sonny Moore
Commissioner District 3

Al Britt
Commissioner District 4

Jimmy Jones
Commissioner District 5

Jim Thompson
Commissioner District 6

Tom Grimsley
Commissioner District 7