

September 11, 2023

On this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 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, Sonny Moore, Al Britt, Jimmy Jones, Jim Thompson and Tom Grimsley. Dean Smith, Commissioner/Chairman, was presiding. 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 Moore. The EHS JROTC-Rifle Team led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Smith presented a proclamation honoring Ensign Joshua Kaleb Watson for giving his life on December 6, 2019, defending the United States during a terrorist attack at Naval Air Station Pensacola. A plaque will also be placed in the Coffee County Courthouse in Enterprise in honor of his heroism.

Motion was made by Commissioner Moore and seconded by Commissioner Jones that the Coffee County Commission adopt the minutes from the August 28, 2023 meeting. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Grimsley that the Coffee County Commission approve and execute the contract with Ingenuity for the Probate Office. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Moore that the Coffee County Commission surplus a stepdown transformer from the landfill wellfield expansion project. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Ellis that the Coffee County Commission award Bid#2024-01 Fleet Maintenance Services to One Shot Tire & Auto for tires and oil changes. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Moore that the Coffee County Commission approve the FY 2024 budget of \$28,392,279.79. This includes a 2.5% COLA for employees. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Moore that the Coffee County Commission grant permission to County Engineer Marty Lentz to purchase a seeder-\$8,700, a tiller-\$4,700, and a small tractor-\$48,748 from the state contract. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Britt and seconded by Commissioner Ellis that the Coffee County Commission allow County Engineer Marty Lentz to purchase an additional rotary head for \$16,000 and the sale of a mulching head to the City of Andalusia for \$22,000. All vote Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Jones that the Coffee County Commission grant permission to surplus and sell thirty-five 20-yard containers and thirty-seven 30-yard containers on GovDeals as requested by Environmental Services Director Mike Thornton. All voted Aye.

Dean Blair, 911, updated the Commission on the progress of the new dispatch center.

County Agent Gavin Mauldin updated the Commission on upcoming events:  
Coffee County Youth Leadership interviews this week  
Venomous Snake Workshop on September 18<sup>th</sup>  
Alabama Grazing Academy on September 22<sup>nd</sup>

Sheriff Byrd stated they are still looking for the Elba Work Release inmate that escaped. The inmate is not perceived to be dangerous. He reminded citizens to keep your cars, doors and windows locked.

Senator Josh Carnley thanked the Commission for recognizing Ensign Watson.

Probate Judge Jodee Thompson thanked the Commissioners and their staff for all their work on the budget.

Commissioner Ellis thanked Rod and his staff for their work on the FY 2024 budget. He also stated that the County was blessed to have the employees it does from top to bottom.

Commissioner Grimsley said it was a privilege and honor to be a part of the ceremony for Ensign Watson.

Commissioner Moore thanked Commissioner Thompson for arranging the ceremony honoring Ensign Watson.

Commissioner Jones considered this to be one of the most important ceremonies since he has been on the County Commission.

Commissioner Thompson thanked the Commission for the ceremony honoring Ensign Watson and the presentation to his family. He said it was an honor to recognize Ensign Watson for his sacrifice.

Commissioner Britt stated that the lost ones we loved will never be forgotten. He also thanked Senator Carnley for attending the ceremony.

Chairman Smith stated that he was a veteran of the National Guard and he is very thankful for all veterans and their sacrifices. He is also very thankful for all the first responders.

With no further business to discuss, motion was made by Commissioner Grimsley and seconded by Commissioner Britt that the Coffee County Commission adjourn until the meeting on September 25, 2023. 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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Sonny Moore  
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