

September 25, 2023

On this the 25th day of September 2023, 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: Sonny Moore, Al Britt, Jimmy Jones, Jim Thompson and Tom Grimsley. Dean Smith, Commissioner/Chairman, was presiding. 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 Grimsley followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Smith presented a proclamation to Julie Gonzalez, Wiregrass Area Food Bank, proclaiming September as Hunger Action Month.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grimsley and seconded by Commissioner Jones that the Coffee County Commission adopt the minutes from the September 11, 2023 meeting. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Moore and seconded by Commissioner Britt that the Coffee County Commission authorize and execute a franchise agreement with Crown Castle. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Britt that the Coffee County Commission enter into a financial agreement with River Bank & Trust for the initial financing for the SBI building. Commissioners Smith, Britt, Jones, Thompson and Grimsley voted Aye. Commissioner Moore abstained. This motion passed 5-1.

Motion was made by Commissioner Moore and seconded by Commissioner Smith that the Coffee County Commission purchase a cart scrubber from Ingram Equipment Company for \$8,830 for the Solid Waste Department. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grimsley and seconded by Commissioner Britt that the Coffee County Commission allow the Sheriff's Office to surplus and transfer a vehicle from their fleet to the Coffee County Board of Education. All voted Aye.

County Administrator Rod Morgan thanked the 911 Board, Dean Blair, Jesse Jones, James Brown, Grant Lyons, the Sheriff's Office and Enterprise Rescue for being instrumental in getting the Coffee County 911 Dispatch up and running this afternoon.

County Engineer Marty Lentz updated the Commission on the progress of the resurfacing projects for FY 2023.

Brent Melton, Environmental Services, stated their office will have a system upgrade on September 28th and urged citizens to be patient as the software is updated.

EMA Director James Brown said FEMA will test the wireless alert system nationwide on October 4th at 1:20 pm. There is a statewide burn ban in effect. Citizens aren't allowed to burn without a burn permit.

Dean Blair, 911, said the new dispatch office will start today. He thanked the 911 Board, Rod, the Commissioners, and the IT Department (Frank, Scott and Paige) for all their hard work on the new dispatch that will allow our citizens to have better service in the county.

County Agent Gavin Mauldin stated the welcome reception for the new CCYLP members will be held tonight. The steer and heifer show will be this weekend and the petting zoo will be Monday and Tuesday of next week.

Sheriff Byrd asked for prayers for Mike Gurspan.

Commissioner Jones thanked the Wiregrass Area Food Bank for all they do for our community.

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. 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