

October 23, 2023

On this the 23rd day of October 2023, the Coffee County Commission met in Commission Chambers in New Brockton, AL at 9:00 . 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. He also gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Judy Crowley, Coffee County Family Services, spoke to the Commission about the bicycle drive that will take place at the farm center on December 22, 2023.

Chairman Smith presented a proclamation to the Coffee County Extension office proclaiming October 23-28, 2023, as Alabama Extension Week.

Chairman Smith presented a resolution to the county's 4H high school shooting team, the Coffee County Clay Club, honoring them for winning the Alabama State Skeet Championship. Team members are James Lee, Jacob Wood, Arabella Jones, Charlee Jones, and Grayson Thornton. Arabella Jones was also recognized for winning the High All Around with a combined score of 484/500 earning the title of Alabama State Champion.

Chairman Smith presented a resolution, a trophy, and a plaque to County Engineer Marty Lentz honoring him for more than 28 years of outstanding public service to Coffee County. He will be retiring on November 1, 2023. The commissioners also presented a set of golf clubs to Marty. Randy Tindell, former county engineer, spoke fondly of Marty and said he has been instrumental in improving the roads in the county. Senator Josh Carnley said Marty was a great person and has been a blessing to the county.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grimsley and seconded by Commissioner Britt that the Coffee County Commission adopt the minutes from the September 25, 2023 meeting. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Thompson that the Coffee County Commission award the SBI build out bid to Billy Cotter Construction in the amount of \$1,001,385. All voted Aye.

County Administrator Rod Morgan read the results of two bid openings for the sheriff's office:

Bid#2024-02 Sheriff's Office SUV

Ed Sherling Ford-\$45,314

Jim Cook Ford-\$46,000

Bid#2024-03 4X4 Crew Cab Pickup
Donohoo Chevrolet-\$54,071.50

Motion was made by Commissioner Britt and seconded by Commissioner Ellis that the Coffee County Commission award Bid#2024-02 to Ed Sherling Ford and Bid#2024-03 to Donohoo Chevrolet. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grimsley and seconded by Commissioner Smith that the Coffee County Commission reappoint Tom Dyess to serve on the Board of Equalization. All voted Aye.

County Administrator Rod Morgan said he has been blessed to work with two of the best engineers in the state. He thanked Marty for his outstanding service to the county.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Grimsley that the Coffee County Commission execute an agreement with ADEM to replace 13 existing cross drain pipes using ARPA storm water funding. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Britt that the Coffee County Commission grant permission to send out bids for poly coated corrugated metal pipe as requested by County Engineer Michael Walters. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Britt and seconded by Commissioner Ellis that the Coffee County Commission allow the engineer's office to purchase six 5711 Massey Ferguson tractors off the state bid contract for \$507,000. All voted Aye.

County Engineer Michael Walters introduced Sarah Jones as the new assistant county engineer. He also spoke very highly of Marty Lentz. He said that Marty taught him to be a better engineer and a public servant. Michael also stated that Coffee County is a better place because of Marty.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Britt that the Coffee County Commission award Bid#2024-04 2010 Komatsu Exhaust Repair to Tractor & Equipment Company in the amount of \$17,795.27. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Jones that the Coffee County Commission authorize the landfill to purchase a Kenworth T880 Roll-off truck from the Sourcewell contract bid for \$279,965.68. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Britt and seconded by Commissioner Ellis that the Coffee County Commission authorize the purchase of a Komatsu 290 Excavator for the landfill from the Sourcewell contract bid for \$340,467.46. All voted Aye.

Mike Thornton, Grant Lyons, Dean Blair and Sheriff Byrd said it has been a pleasure to work with Marty and thanked him for all that he has done for the county.

All the commissioners thanked Marty for his friendship and for being a great public servant to the citizens in our county.

With no further business, motion was made by Commissioner Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Grimsley that the Coffee County Commission adjourn until the next meeting on November 13, 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