

AGENDA
COOSA COUNTY COMMISSION
October 14, 2025
9:00 a.m. Commission Meeting
Commission Courtroom

WELCOME**PUBLIC COMMENTS:****ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENT****CALL TO ORDER****COMMISSION ROLL CALL****INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****APPROVE AGENDA****APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND WAIVER OF READING MINUTES****AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS****CONSENT AGENDA- MOTION AND SECOND TO APPROVE**

- (A) Motion for Chairman, Vice Chairman and Administrator to authorize, to issue and sign checks for payment of monthly expenses and payroll.
- (B) Motion to approve changes in employees: job description, salary, work hours, status (including budget approved raises).

NEW BUSINESS

- (1) Update on HAZMIT (Hazard Mitigation)—Les Sellers, Assistant EMA Director
- (2) Approve purchasing a Pneumatic Dry Bulk Tanker—Engineer Tad Eason
- (3) Approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Invoice between Coosa County Commission and Forever Wild Land Trust—Chair Lamar Daugherty
- (4) Approve Lawn Care Maintenance bid for the DHR/BOE property to Lewis Lawn Care Service—Chair Lamar Daugherty
- (5) Approve AltaPointe Health's recommendations to appoint Paige Adams and Mae Dunham to their Board of Directors—Chair Lamar Daugherty
- (6) Approval to remove Hummer from Sheriff's Office inventory and donate to Marble Valley Fire Dept—Sheriff Michael Howell
- (7) Approval to sign up for CTSP grant—Sheriff Michael Howell
- (8) Approval to apply for Edward Bryne Grant for \$50,000.00—Sheriff Michael Howell
- (9) Approval to remove BYLU019--9mm pistol from inventory and present to Butch Buttram at his retirement on October 31, 2025—Sheriff Michael Howell
- (10) Approve Administrator's resignation letter—Administrator Amy Gilliland

OLD BUSINESS**STAFF REPORTS****Administrator****Attorney****EMA****EMS****Courthouse Maintenance****Engineer****IT****Safety Coordinator****DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS****ADJOURN**

**MINUTES
COOSA COUNTY COMMISSION
OCTOBER 14, 2025
9:00 A.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

THE COOSA COUNTY COMMISSION MET AT THE COOSA COUNTY COMMISSION COURTROOM OCTOBER 14TH, 2025, WITH CHAIR LAMAR DAUGHERTY PRESIDING.

COMMISSION ROLL CALL

COMMISSION ROLL CALL: HERE –CHAIR LAMAR DAUGHERTY, VICE-CHAIR BRANDON DAVIS, COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS, AND COMMISSIONER BERTHA K. MCEL RATH. COMMISSIONER RONNIE JOINER NOT PRESENT.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY CHAIR LAMAR DAUGHERTY. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS SAID BY ALL IN ATTENDANCE.

APPROVE AGENDA

MOTIONED BY COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BERTHA MCEL RATH. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND WAIVER OF READING MINUTES

MOTIONED BY COMMISSIONER BERTHA MCEL RATH TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND WAIVER OF READING MINUTES. SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIR BRANDON DAVIS. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTIONED BY VICE-CHAIR BRANDON DAVIS TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, FOR CHAIRMAN LAMAR DAUGHERTY AND ADMINISTRATOR AMY GILLILAND TO AUTHORIZE, TO ISSUE AND SIGN CHECKS FOR PAYMENT OF MONTHLY EXPENSES AND PAYROLL. AND TO APPROVE CHANGES IN EMPLOYEES: JOB DESCRIPTION, SALARY, WORK HOURS, STATUS (INCLUDING BUDGET APPROVED RAISES). SECONDED BY COMMISSOINER JOHN FORBUS. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED



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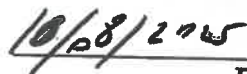
MEMO

To: Coosa County Commission
From: Michael Howell, Sheriff
Date: October 8, 2025
RE: Shane Payton

MESSAGE:

Shane Payton's date of hire with the Coosa County Sheriff's Office was September 15, 2025. Mr. Payton's rate of pay will be \$18.59 per hour. He will not be required to complete a probationary period.


Michael Howell, Sheriff


Date

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MEMO

To: Coosa County Commission

From: Michael Howell, Sheriff

Date: October 8th, 2025

RE: Xochitl Blakely

MESSAGE:

Ms. Xochitl Blakely's 6-month probationary period ended on September 7th, 2025. She will *not* be receiving a raise.

Michael Howell, Sheriff

10/08/2025

Date

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Coosa County Commission

JOHN FORBUS
DISTRICT NO. 1
BERTHA MCELRATH
DISTRICT NO. 2
BRANDON DAVIS
DISTRICT NO. 3

Engineering Department
17781 US HWY 231
ROCKFORD, ALABAMA 35136
(256) 377-2261
Donald Wayne Eason
COUNTY ENGINEER

RONNIE JOINER
DISTRICT NO. 4
LAMAR DAUGHERTY
CHAIRMAN
DISTRICT NO. 5

September 17, 2025

Amy Gilliland
Administrator
Coosa County Commission
P. O. Box 10
Rockford, AL 35136

RE: Todd Brown
Employee of Coosa County Highway Dept.

Dear Amy:

The above referenced employee will transfer to the county engineering department October 14, 2025 as an Operator 2, Step 3, with a starting pay rate of \$17.42.

Thanks for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Donald W. Eason, P. E.
Coosa County Engineer

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October 08, 2025

Coosa County Commission
P.O. Box 10
Rockford, AL 35136

RE: 2025-2026 Supplemental Hazardous Duty Pay

Dear Commissioners,

According to Local Act No. 97-537, this Hazardous Duty Payment will cover nine (9), Deputies as approved by the Commissioners. Please see below the updated list of Deputies.
The qualified Deputies are listed below:

Day Shift

Lt. Bradgel Moon
Sgt. Travis Ward
Deputy Trenton Davenport

Night Shift

Sgt. Mike Rudd
Deputy Shane Payton
Deputy Leyton Moeser
Deputy Timothy Brown
Deputy Tadarius Parker
Deputy Malcolm Kelley

Sincerely,

Michael Howell
Sheriff

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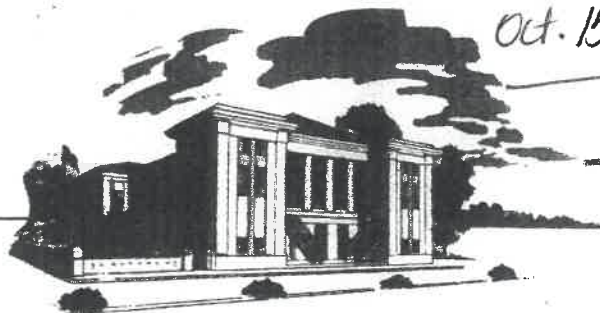
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NEW BUSINESS

UPDATE ON HAZMIT (HAZARD MITIGATION)

MOTIONED BY COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS TO APPROVE TO BID ON A PNEUMATIC DRY BULK TANKER. SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIR BRANDON DAVIS. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

MOTIONED BY COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS TO APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) AND INVOICE BEWTEEN COOSA COUNTY COMMISSION AND FOREVER WILD LAND TRUST. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BERTHA MCEL RATH. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED



*mailed
Oct. 15, 2025*

Coosa County Commission

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AMY GILLILAND
ADMINISTRATOR

BERTHA MCEL RATH
DISTRICT 2

RONNIE JOINER
DISTRICT 4

JOHN FORBUS
DISTRICT 1

BRANDON DAVIS
DISTRICT 3

LAMAR DAUGHERT
DISTRICT 5

October 14, 2025

Invoice Number 251014

Patricia P. McCurdy, State Lands Director
Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
64 North Union Street, Room 464
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

Re: MOU between FWLT and the Coosa County Commission

Ms. McCurdy,

As outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding between said County Commission and the Alabama Forever Wild Land Trust, we are requesting the annual payment of funds to the County in the amount of \$18,160.00. This represents payment of \$1.60 per acre for property owned in Coosa County by the Alabama Forever Wild Land Trust (title held by the Alabama Trust Fund for the State of Alabama) as annually assessed by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' State Lands Division.

Sincerely,

Lamar Daughert
Chairman, Coosa County Commission

MOTIONED BY COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS TO APPROVE THE LAWN CARE MAINTENANCE BID FOR THE DHR/BOE PROPERTY TO LEWIS LAWN CARE SERVICE. SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIR BRANDON DAVIS. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

MOTIONED BY VICE-CHAIR BRANDON DAVIS TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF ALTAPOINTE HEALTH TO APPOINT PAIGE ADAMS AND MAE DUNHAM TO THEIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED



September 9, 2025

Board of Commissioners
Coosa County Commission
P.O. Box 10
Rockford, Alabama 35136

RE: Recommendation for Appointment of May Dunham to the AltaPointe Health Board of Directors

Dear Commissioners:

At its most recent meeting, the AltaPointe Health Board of Directors voted to recommend the appointment of Mrs. May Dunham to our Board, with a term beginning immediately and concluding on April 1, 2031.

Mrs. Dunham is a lifetime resident of Coosa County and has worked for the Coosa County Commission for more than eleven years. She is an active member of Kellyton Church of God and is deeply involved in both church and local community initiatives.

Mrs. Dunham is a passionate advocate for the people of Coosa County and has consistently supported efforts to expand and improve access to behavioral health and substance use services. We believe her experience, dedication, and strong community ties will make her a valuable addition to our Board of Directors.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

J. Tuerk Schlesinger
Chief Executive Officer



September 9, 2025

Board of Commissioners
Coosa County Commission
P.O. Box 10
Rockford, Alabama 35136

RE: Recommendation for Appointment of Paige Adams to the AltaPointe Health Board of Directors

Dear Commissioners:

At its most recent meeting, the AltaPointe Health Board of Directors unanimously voted to recommend the appointment of Mrs. Paige Adams to our Board, with a term beginning immediately and concluding on April 1, 2031.

Mrs. Adams has been a dedicated resident of Coosa County for over thirty years and brings more than two decades of experience working in the Coosa County Circuit Clerk's office. She currently serves as the judicial assistant to District and Juvenile Court Judge Carlton Teal.

Beyond her professional service, Mrs. Adams is an active member of New Covenant Church in Dadeville and plays a vital role on the Coosa County Children's Policy Council.

She is a passionate advocate for the citizens of Coosa County and has demonstrated a longstanding commitment to behavioral health and substance use services in our community. We are confident that her insight, experience, and dedication will make her a valuable asset to our Board of Directors.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Tuerk Schlesinger", written over a horizontal line.

J. Tuerk Schlesinger
Chief Executive Officer

MOTIONED BY COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS TO APPROVE REMOVING THE HUMMER FROM THE SHERIFF'S INVENTORY AND DONATE IT TO MARBLE VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT. SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIR BRANDON DAVIS. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

MOTIONED BY COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS TO APPROVE FOR THE SHERIFF TO SIGN UP FOR THE CTSP GRANT. SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIR BRANDON DAVIS. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

MOTIONED BY VICE-CHAIR BRANDON DAVIS TO APPROVE FOR THE SHERIFF TO APPLY FOR THE EDWARD BRYNE GRANT FOR \$50,000.00 NO MATCH. SECONDED BY JOHN FORBUS. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

From: Michael Howell
Sent: Thursday, October 9, 2025 3:35 PM
To: Amy Gilliland
Subject: RE: October Agenda Items

Yes mam. Thank you.

From: Amy Gilliland <amy.gilliland@coosacountyal.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 09, 2025 3:33 PM
To: Michael Howell <sheriffhowell@coosaso.com>
Subject: RE: October Agenda Items

I will add it. I have already sent the Agenda to the Commissioners.

Thanks

From: Michael Howell <sheriffhowell@coosaso.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 9, 2025 3:31 PM
To: Amy Gilliland <amy.gilliland@coosacountyal.com>
Subject: October Agenda Items

Could you put the following items on the agenda for the commission meeting.

- 1.) Approval to remove Hummer from Sheriff's Office inventory and donate to Marble Valley Fire Dept.
- 2.) Approval to sign up for CTSP grant
- 3.) Approval to apply for Edward Bryne Grant for \$50,000.00

Thank you so much,



Sheriff Michael Howell

MOTIONED BY COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS TO APPROVE FOR THE SHERIFF TO REMOVE BYLU019—9MM PISTOL FROM HIS INVENTORY AND PRESENT IT TO BUTCH BUTTRAM AT HIS RETIREMENT ON OCTOBER 31, 2025. SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIR BRANDON DAVIS. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

MOTIONED BY VICE-CHAIR BRANDON DAVIS TO APPROVE THE ADMINISTRATOR'S RESIGNATION LETTER. NO SECOND MOTION. MOTION FAILED.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS TO TABLE THE LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM ADMINISTRATOR AMY GILLILAND UNTIL OCTOBER 17, @ 11:30. SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIR BRANDON DAVIS. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

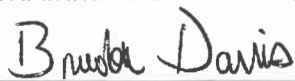
RECESS

MOTIONED BY VICE-CHAIR BRANDON DAVIS TO RECESS UNTIL 12:00 TO START INTERVIEW PROCESS FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR POSITION. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

MOTIONED BY COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS TO RECESS THE INTERVIEW PROCESS UNTIL OCTOBER 17 @ 11:30. SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIR BRANDON DAVIS.

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 11TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025.


CHAIRMAN LAMAR DAUGHERTY


VICE-CHAIRMAN BRANDON DAVIS


COMMISSIONER BERTHA MCEL RATH


COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS