

**AGENDA**  
**COOSA COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**April 14, 2026**  
**9:00 a.m. Commission Courtroom**

**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) Approve Retro Actively approving Sheriff Howell applying for the Firehouse Subs Grant up to \$40,000.00. This is a no match grant—Sheriff Michael Howell
- (2) Approve Chairman signing Participation agreement for the national Opioid settlement—Chair Lamar Daugherty
- (3) Discuss Legislative report—Chair Lamar Daugherty
- (4) Approval to surplus 2025 Mack GR64 Dump Truck (Decal# 1523, /asset#25-0000034)—Engineer Tad Eason
- (5) Approve awarding bid to Gary Ingram Grading & Paving, Inc. in the amount \$245,534.75 for project RA-CCP 19-01-26, Resurfacing & Striping on Firehouse Road, CR 50 and various Kellyton roads—Engineer Tad Eason
- (6) Approve Chair signing the LATCF Resolution to use Local Tribal funds to purchase 2 F150 Extended cab 4 x 4 pick up trucks from the Coosa County highway Department--one for the Maintenance department and one for the Landfill—Chair Lamar Daugherty
- (7) Approve the Resolution and Letter of Designation for the FY2027 Section 5311 grant application to ALDOT to support the Coosa County Public Transportation—Chair Lamar Daugherty
- (8) Approve the Coosa County Commission signing a Resolution Honoring the Life and Legacy of Martha (Marty) Ann Belshaw Rittmann—Chair Lamar Daugherty
- (9) Discuss Standards of Operation and discipline policy for EMS department—Chair Lamar Daugherty

**OLD BUSINESS**

- (1) Discuss 911 Board appointment for the City of Goodwater—Chair Lamar Daugherty

**STAFF REPORTS**

**Administrator**

**Attorney**

**EMA**

**EMS**

**Courthouse Maintenance**

**Engineer**

**IT**

**Safety Coordinator**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS**

**ADJOURN**

**COOSA COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**APRIL 14, 2026**  
**9:00 A.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

THE COOSA COUNTY COMMISSION MET AT THE COOSA COUNTY COMMISSION COURTROOM APRIL 14TH, 2026, 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. MCELRATH.

**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. SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIR BRANDON DAVIS. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND WAIVER OF READING MINUTES**

MOTIONED BY COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND WAIVER OF READING MINUTES. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BERTHA MCELRATH. 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



Coosa County Sheriff's Office  
MICHAEL HOWELL, SHERIFF



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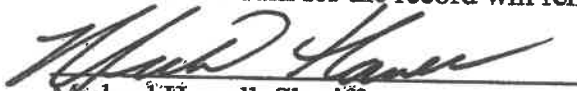
# Memo

To: Coosa County Commission  
From: Coosa County Sheriff's Office  
Date: March 9, 2026  
Re: Tynisha Katrice Hall - Correctional Officer/Dispatcher

Message: New Hire

Tynisha K. Hall is hired as a Correctional Officer/Dispatcher. Her first date of employment will Tuesday, March 10, 2026. Her rate of pay will be \$16.48 per hour. She will not receive a pay increase after her six (6) month probationary period is completed.

This memorandum for the record will remain in effect until further notice.

  
Michael Howell, Sheriff

03/09/2026  
Date

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## MEMO

To: Coosa County Commission  
 From: Coosa County Sheriff's Office  
 Date: March 9, 2026  
 Re: Alicia Isabel Villagrana – New Hire

Message:

Alicia I. Villagrana is hired by the Coosa County Sheriff's Office as a part-time Courthouse Security Officer. Her date of employment will begin on Wednesday, March 11, 2026. Villagrana rate of pay will be \$14.94 per hour. After completing her probationary period, she will not receive an increase in salary.

This memorandum for the record will remain in effect until further notice.

  
 Michael Howell, Sheriff

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# Memo

To: Coosa County Commission  
From: Coosa County Sheriff's Office  
Date: March 9, 2026  
Re: - Patrick Wayne Acklin - Correctional Officer/Dispatcher

Message: Rehire

Patrick W. Acklin has been hired as a Correctional Officer/Dispatcher. His date of hire will be Monday, March 16, 2026. His rate of pay will be \$16.48 per hour. He will not receive a pay increase after his six (6) month probationary period.

This memorandum for the record will remain in effect until further notice.

  
Michael Howell, Sheriff

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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

VACANT  
DISTRICT NO. 4  
LAMAR DAUGHERTY  
CHAIRMAN  
DISTRICT NO. 5

March 31, 2026

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

RE: Chad Matheson

Dear Amy:

The above referenced employee's last day of employment with the Highway Department was March 30, 2026. Please pay 104.5 vacation hours due him upon his resignation.

Thanks for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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

**NEW BUSINESS**

MOTIONED BY COMMISSIONER BERTHA MCELRATH TO APPROVE RETRO ACTIVELY APPROVING SHERIFF HOWELL APPLYING FOR THE FIREHOUSE SUBS GRANT UP TO \$40,000.00. THIS IS A NO MATCH GRANT. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

MOTIONED BY COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS TO APPROVE CHAIRMAN SIGNING PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT FOR THE NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BERTHA MCELRATH. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

**EXHIBIT G****Six (6) Remnant Defendants'****Combined Subdivision Participation and Release Form**  
**("Combined Participation Form")**

Governmental Entity: Coosa County	State: AL
Authorized Official: Lamar Daugherty	
Address 1: P.O. Box 10	
Address 2:	
City, State, Zip: Rockford Alabama	AL
Phone: 256-377-2420 ext 7	
Email: ldaugherty4201@charter.net	

The governmental entity identified above ("Governmental Entity"), in order to obtain and in consideration for the benefits provided to the Governmental Entity pursuant to the six (6) Remnant Defendants' Settlement Agreement ("RDSA"), dated February 3, 2026, and described further in Paragraph 1, and acting through the undersigned authorized official, hereby elects to participate in the RDSA, release all Released Claims against all Released Entities, and agrees as follows:

1. The Governmental Entity hereby elects to participate in the RDSA as a Participating Subdivision with each of the following six (6) Remnant Defendants that are parties to the RDSA: (1) Associated Pharmacies, Inc. (and American Associated Pharmacies), (2) J M Smith Corporation, (3) Morris and Dickson Co., L.L.C., (4) Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company, Inc., (5) North Carolina Mutual Wholesale Drug Company, Inc., and (6) United Natural Foods, Inc. (and SuperValu).
2. The Governmental Entity is aware of and has reviewed the RDSA, understands that all capitalized terms not defined in this Combined Participation Form have the meanings defined in the RDSA, and agrees that by executing this Combined Participation Form, the Governmental Entity elects to participate in the RDSA and become a Participating Subdivision as provided in the RDSAs.
3. The Governmental Entity shall promptly, and in any event no later than 14 days after the Reference Date and prior to the filing of the Consent Judgment, dismiss with prejudice any Released Claims that it has filed against any Released Entity in the RDSA. With respect to any Released Claims pending in *In Re National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, MDL No. 2804, the Governmental Entity authorizes the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee to execute and file on behalf of the Governmental Entity a Stipulation of Dismissal with Prejudice for each of six (6) Remnant Defendants listed in Paragraph 1 above substantially in the form found at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/additional-settlements/>.

Subdivisions as defined therein.

5. By agreeing to the terms of the RDSA settlements and becoming a Releasor, the Governmental Entity is entitled to the benefits provided therein, including, if applicable, monetary payments beginning after the Effective Date.
6. The Governmental Entity agrees to use any monies it receives through the RDSA solely for the purposes provided therein.
7. The Governmental Entity submits to the jurisdiction of the MDL Court and agrees to follow the process for resolving any disputes described in the RDSA.
8. The Governmental Entity has the right to enforce the RDSA as provided therein.
9. The Governmental Entity, as a Participating Subdivision, hereby becomes a Releasor for all purposes of the RDSA, including without limitation all provisions related to release of any claims, and along with all departments, agencies, divisions, boards, commissions, districts, instrumentalities of any kind and attorneys, and any person in his or her official capacity whether elected or appointed to serve any of the foregoing and any agency, person, or other entity claiming by or through any of the foregoing, and any other entity identified in the definition of Releasor, provides for a release to the fullest extent of its authority. As a Releasor, the Governmental Entity hereby absolutely, unconditionally, and irrevocably covenants not to bring, file, or claim, or to cause, assist or permit to be brought, filed, or claimed, or to otherwise seek to establish liability for any Released Claims against any Released Entity in the RDSA in any forum whatsoever. The release provided for in the RDSA is intended by the Parties to be broad and shall be interpreted so as to give the Released Entities in the RDSA the broadest possible bar against any liability relating in any way to Released Claims and extend to the full extent of the power of the Governmental Entity to release claims. The RDSA shall be a complete bar to any Released Claim against the Released Entities.
10. The Governmental Entity hereby takes on all rights and obligations of a Participating Subdivision as set forth in the RDSA.
11. In connection with the releases provided in the RDSA, each Governmental Entity expressly waives, releases, and forever discharges any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States or other jurisdiction, or principle of common law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to § 1542 of the California Civil Code, which reads:

**General Release; extent.** A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release that, if known by him or her would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.



A Releasor may hereafter discover facts other than or different from those which it knows, believes, or assumes to be true with respect to the Released Claims in the RDSA, but each Governmental Entity hereby expressly waives and fully, finally, and forever settles, releases and discharges, upon the Effective Date, any and all Released Claims that may exist as of such date but which Releasors do not know or suspect to exist, whether through ignorance, oversight, error, negligence or through no fault whatsoever, and which, if known, would materially affect the Governmental Entities' decision to participate in the RDSA.

- 12. The Governmental Entity understands and acknowledges that nothing herein is intended to modify in any way the terms of any of the RDSA, to which Governmental Entity hereby agrees. To the extent this Combined Participation Form is interpreted differently from the RDSA in any respect, the RDSA controls.

I have all necessary power and authorization to execute this Combined Participation Form on behalf of the Governmental Entity.

Signed by:  
Signature: Lamar Daugherty  
Name: Lamar Daugherty  
Title: Chairman Commission  
Date: 3/30/2026



# 2026 COUNTY LEGISLATIVE REPORT



Through its involvement in the Association of County Commissions of Alabama, the County Commission works in unison with all Alabama counties during the Regular Session of the State Legislature to strengthen our ability to enhance county government efficiencies and services to residents.

Thus far in March, the County Commission's legislative advocacy efforts, through continued communication and collaboration with state legislators and fellow commissioners across Alabama, have resulted in the following legislative achievements for the county, our residents and the state as a whole:

- Governor enacts law bringing clarity to county office compensation rules**  
Gov. Kay Ivey signed Act 2026-238 by Sen. Bobby Singleton and Rep. Paul Lee into law on March 12. This new law will become effective June 1 and will modernize outdated compensation rules to create a clear, uniform pay structure for county elected offices, making salaries more predictable and easier for counties to budget. The law applies only to future officeholders and provides no salary adjustments for current officials, ensuring no added cost to taxpayers.
- Governor enacts law bolstering county protections and saving taxpayer money**  
Gov. Kay Ivey signed Act 2026-255 by Sen. Gerald Allen and Rep. Steve Clouse into law on March 16. This new law will become effective January 1 and will make technical updates to Alabama's Underground Damage Prevention Program and extend liability protection to county governments when improperly installed underground lines are damaged during road maintenance, protecting taxpayer dollars from unnecessary expenses.

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MOTIONED BY COMMISSIONER BERTHA MCELRATH TO APPROVE TO SURPLUS 2025 MACK GR64 DUMP TRUCK (DECAL# 1523, /ASSET# 25-0000034. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Coosa County Commission  
Assets to Be Declared Surplus:

Meeting Date: 4/14/26

Department: Highway

Item	Asset Number
<u>Mack Model GR64</u>	<u>25-0000034 (Decal 1523)</u>
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Disposition: Sold at auction

Proceeds: 7c

Motion \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

MOTIONED BY COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS TO APPROVE THE AWARING BID TO GARY INGRAM GRADING & PAVING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT \$245,534.75 FOR PROJECT RA-CCP 19-01-26, RESURFACING & STRIPING ON FIREHOUSE ROAD, CR 50 AND VARIOUS KELLYTON ROADS. SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIR BRANDON DAVIS. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Coosa County Highway Department											
Project No. RA-CCP 19-01-26, CCP 19-08-26, & RA-CCP 19-09-26, Resurfacing on Firehouse Road, Striping on CR-50, & Resurfacing on Various Kellyton Roads											
Bid Tabulations - March 18, 2026 Letting											
Item	Description	Quantity	Unit	Gary Ingram Grading & Paving, Inc.			Ext Amount	Unit Price	Ext Amount	Unit Price	Ext Amount
				Unit Price	Ext Amount	Unit Price					
424A	Superpave Bituminous Concrete Wearing Surface Layer, Leveling, ½" Mix	885	Ton	\$ 160.75	\$ 142,263.75		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
424B	Superpave Bituminous Concrete Upper Binder Layer, Patching, 1" Mix	150	Ton	\$ 284.28	\$ 42,642.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
701A-231	Solid White, CL 2, TY A Traffic Stripe	6	Mile	\$ 4,475.00	\$ 26,850.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
701A-235	Solid Yellow, CL 2, TY A Traffic Stripe	5	Mile	\$ 4,475.00	\$ 22,375.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
701A-245	Broken Yellow, CL 2, TY A Traffic Stripe	2	Mile	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 4,600.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
701C-000	Broken Temporary Traffic Stripe	1	Mile	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,050.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
701C-001	Solid Temporary Traffic Stripe	1	Mile	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,050.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
703A-002	Traffic Control Markings, Class 2, Type A	50	Sq. Ft.	\$ 12.00	\$ 600.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
705A-032	Pavement Markers, Class A-H, Type 1-B	69	Each	\$ 12.00	\$ 828.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
705A-037	Pavement Markers, Class A-H, Type 2-D	273	Each	\$ 12.00	\$ 3,276.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
<b>Total Bid Amount</b>				<b>\$</b>	<b>245,534.75</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>

MOTIONED BY COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS TO APPROVE CHAIR SIGNING THE LATCF RESOLUTION TO USE A LOCAL TRIBAL FUNDS TO PURCHASE 2 F150 EXTENDED CAB 4X4 PICK UP TRUCKS FROM THE COOSA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT. ONE FOR THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT AND ONE FOR THE LANDFILL. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BERTHA MCELRATH. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

## RESOLUTION FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT LOCAL AND TRIBAL CONSISTENCY FUNDS FOR GOVERNMENT PURPOSE

**WHEREAS**, Coosa County, Alabama (the "County") has received an award from the American Rescue Plan Act Local and Tribal Consistency Funds ("LATCF Funds") and is charged with ensuring that such funds are expended in accordance with state and federal law; and

**WHEREAS**, the County may expend LATCF Funds for programs, services, and capital expenditures to fulfill a governmental purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, the purchase of two (2) Ford F150 Extended cab 4 x 4 pickups from the Coosa County Highway Department, for the County serves a **governmental purpose ensure proper resource management**; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has identified a software product and will procure the software consistent with state law and federal procurement standards applicable to LATCF Funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION as follows:

1) The County shall use up to **\$44,040.67** of LATCF Funds to purchase two (2) Ford F150 Extended cab 4 x 4 pickups from the Coosa County Highway Department, to fulfill the governmental purpose described herein.

2) The County Administrator is hereby authorized to expend these funds to purchase services to fulfill this government service.

3) Expenditure of these funds, as authorized by this Resolution, shall be contingent on the continued appropriation and availability of LATCF Funds for this purpose.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Coosa County Commission has caused this Resolution to be executed in its name and on its behalf by its Chairman on the 14th day of April, 2026.

  
Chairman, Coosa County Commission

MOTIONED BY COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AND LETTER OF DESIGNATION FOR THE FY2027 SECTION 5311 GRANT APPLICATION TO ALDOT TO SUPPORT THE COOSA COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BERTHA MCELRATH. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

RESOLUTION NO. 26-0414

“SECTION 5311 NONURBANIZED AREA PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION”

WHEREAS, the Coosa County Commission recognizes the need for a public transportation program; and

WHEREAS, the Coosa County Commission is recognized as a member of the Coosa County Transportation Steering Committee; and


WHEREAS, the Coosa County Commission recognizes that the requirements to obtain Section 5311 funds from the Alabama Department of Transportation includes a local match of 50% for operating expenses and 20% for administration and capital expenses; and


WHEREAS, the Coosa County Commission recognizes that the local match will be a shared cost with other participating municipalities being responsible for providing an appropriate allocation of local non-federal funds to secure the operating of the Section 5311 Nonurbanized Area Public Transportation Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Coosa County Commission hereby commits the amount of \$22,482 as local non-federal match for capital, administrative and operations expenditures under the Section 5311 Nonurbanized Area Public Transportation Program during Fiscal Year 2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission Chairman is authorized to execute an agreement with the East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission for provision of transit services in Coosa County and that the Chairman is also authorized to execute any certifications and assurance required in conjunction with the program.

Passed and adopted this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

  
Lamar Daugherty, Commission Chairman

  
Amy Gilliland, County Administrator

MOTIONED BY COMMISSIONER BERTHA MCELRATH TO APPROVE THE COOSA COUNTY COMMISSION SIGNING A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MARTHA (MARTY) ANN BELSHAW RITTMAN. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS.  
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

COOSA COUNTY COMMISSION OF ALABAMA

A RESOLUTION

Honoring the Life and Legacy of Martha Ann Belshaw Rittmann

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the death on January 15, 2026, of Ms. Martha Ann Belshaw Rittmann, lovingly known to family and friends as Marty; and

WHEREAS, Marty Rittmann dedicated countless hours to the improvement of our community through her career in education, numerous activities, and countless volunteer hours in Coosa County; and

WHEREAS, Marty Rittmann was born on December 10, 1952, in Jordanville, New York, and moved to Birmingham, Alabama, at a young age; and

WHEREAS, Marty Rittmann moved to Rockford, Ala., with her husband, James "Jim" Donald Rittmann, to pursue her career in teaching; and

WHEREAS, she dedicated 35 years to teaching students in Coosa County, including teaching math and various sciences at Coosa County High School from 1974-1988; math, science, social studies, and computer at Rockford Elementary School from 1988-1991; math at the vocation school from 1991-1992; math, science, and computers at Rockford Elementary School from 1992 until her retirement on June 1, 1999; and

WHEREAS, following her initial retirement she returned to teaching computers at Central Middle School from October 14, 2003, through 2004, and went on to teach chemistry, physics, algebra, math, special education, physics, and physical science at the Coosa County Career Tech Center from 2004 until her retirement on June 1, 2013; and

WHEREAS, her impact on the youth and others in the county continued through numerous activities, various positions, and innumerable hours of volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, she volunteered for 11 years with Volunteer Connections of Central Alabama, where she helped many in Coosa County and beyond with tax-filing services; and

WHEREAS, she assisted with Literacy Everywhere events in the communities, helping man event tables and pass out books to area youth, something near and dear to her heart; and

WHEREAS, she served as executive director of the Coosa County 2020 Census Committee, being a Census worker and promoting "Coosa Counts;" and

WHEREAS, she demonstrated her support of her community and county by joining the Coosa County Chamber of Commerce as a charter individual member in 2016; and

WHEREAS, she was actively involved with the Coosa County Children's Policy Council, which began in 2014 when she joined initially as a coalition coordinator with Cheaha Mental Health Center, working with the Strategic Prevention Framework grant addressing underage drinking in Coosa County, but after her involvement with Cheaha and the grant was over in 2016, she remained an active part of the Children's Policy Council; and

WHEREAS, she continued to be involved with the Children's Policy Council through the years, organizing and heading monthly meetings, in addition to activities, during which she always supported and encouraged other agencies to network and share information; and

WHEREAS, she took acts of service and volunteerism to heart, partially demonstrated through introductions at the monthly Children's Policy Council meetings, during which she would proudly state, "I'm Marty Rittmann, and I'm a volunteer!;" and

WHEREAS, she further demonstrated a heart for her community and youth by serving as a Board member with the Boys & Girls Club of the Lake Martin Area, serving as an adult leader with the Boy Scouts of America, participating in numerous food drives, and performing quality assurance for the Coosa County Department of Human Resources; and

WHEREAS, she demonstrated true humility, known for being the type of person who would rather give someone else the credit for what she was doing rather than taking the credit herself; and

WHEREAS, she was a caring and compassionate woman, as well as a tireless worker, one who would eagerly work 18 hours a day if she felt like she could get just one more thing accomplished; and

WHEREAS, she was the loving wife of James "Jim" Rittmann, who preceded her in death in August 2010, and a proud matriarch, whose children and grandchildren were her pride and joy, the light of her life; and

WHEREAS, her tireless efforts, kindness, and dedication to helping others served as a guiding light for our community; and

WHEREAS, her passing leaves a void in the lives of her loving family, many friends, and the entire community, where she was highly regarded; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COOSA COUNTY COMMISSION, that the death of Martha Ann Belshaw Rittmann is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is offered in tribute to her life and with heartfelt sympathy to her family.

Adopted on this day, the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026

Lamar Daugherty  
Coosa County Commission Chairman Lamar Daugherty

Brandon Davis  
Coosa County Commission Vice-Chairman Brandon Davis

Bertha K. McElrath  
Commissioner Bertha K. McElrath

[Signature]  
Commissioner John Forbus



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DISCUSS STANDARDS OF OPERATION AND DISCIPLINARY POLICY FOR EMS DEPARTMENT.

**OLD BUSNISS**

DISCUSS 911 BOARD APPOINTMENT FOR THE CITY OF GOODWATER.

**RECESS UNTIL 11:00 FOR INTERVIEWS**

ON APRIL 14, 2026, THE INTERVIEWS WERE CONDUCTED BY ALL COMMISSIONERS FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR POSITION AS FOLLOWS:

- TAMMY PATTERSON AT 11:00 A.M.
- AMY LASHLEY AT 11:15 A.M.
- LACRESHA ALEXANDER AT 11:30 A.M.

ON APRIL 15, 2026, THE INTERVIEW WAS CONDUCTED BY CHAIR LAMAR DAUGHERTY AND COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR POSITION AS FOLLOWS:

- BRYAN COLLIER AT 8:00 A.M.

**ADJOURN**

MOTIONED BY VICE-CHAIR BRANDON DAVIS TO ADJOURN. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2026.

  
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 CHAIRMAN LAMAR DAUGHERTY

  
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 COMMISSIONER BERTHA MCELRATH

  
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 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRANDON DAVIS

  
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 COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS