

AGENDA
COOSA COUNTY COMMISSION
February 14, 2023
9:00 a.m. Commission Meeting
Commission Courtroom

WELCOME

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Thad Fitzpatrick—information for elderly and disabled
 Coach Chris Elliot—Coosa Central Softball
 Shelby & David Mann—bridge on CR 16
 Sharon Coffman—disaster relief recovery information
 Charles Orr—petition/resolution

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) Redistricting map presentation—Louis Hines, Manager, Demographic Research Services
- (2) Approval to advertise for Coosa County redistricting—Chairman Bertha McElrath
- (3) Discuss the leadership summit—Travis Milhan
- (4) Discuss final date for residences to have storm debris on right of way to be picked up by the county—Engineer Tad Eason and EMA Director Sheldon Hutcherson
- (5) Approval to open Opioid Settlement Account at First Bank in Rockford—Administrator Amy Gilliland
- (6) Approval for the establishment of a private cemetery (see attachments)—Chairman Bertha McElrath
- (7) Approval to pay EMA Director Sheldon Hutcherson 65 hours of over-time pay due to tornado, disaster relief, and FEMA coordinative efforts—Administrator Amy Gilliland
- (8) Approve the Resolution from Stewartville Water Authority to reappoint Randall Morris to their board for a 6-year term—Commissioner Lamar Daugherty
- (9) Approval of the FY2023 Certifications and Assurances for the Transit Administration—Administrator Amy Gilliland
- (10) Approval to close Kerry Lane in Goodwater—Commissioner John Forbus

- (11) Approval for the Commission to send a letter of support for
- (12) Approval for the Commission Chairman to sign the Tribal Funds Allocation Resolution—Administrator Amy Gilliland
- (13) Approval of the 8 month lease agreement between Coosa County Commission and The Coosa County Board of Education—Chairman Bertha McElrath.
- (14) Approval to hire Les Sellers as a part-time employee—EMA Director Sheldon Hutcherson

OLD BUSINESS

STAFF REPORTS

Administrator

Attorney

EMA

EMS

Courthouse Maintenance

Engineer

Safety Coordinator

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

ADJOURN

MINUTES**COOSA COUNTY COMMISSION****FEBRUARY 14, 2023****9:00 A.M.****CALL TO ORDER**

THE COOSA COUNTY COMMISSION MET AT THE COOSA COUNTY COURTHOUSE FEBRUARY 14, 2023 WITH CHAIRMAN BERTHA K. MCEL RATH PRESIDING.

COMMISSION ROLL CALL

COMMISSION ROLL CALL: HERE –CHAIRMAN BERTHA K. MCEL RATH, COMMISSIONER RONNIE JOINER, VICE-CHAIR LAMAR DAUGHERTY, COMMISSIONER BRANDON DAVIS AND COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY COMMISSIONER RONNIE JOINER. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS SAID BY ALL IN ATTENDANCE.

APPROVE AGENDA

MOTIONED TO AMEND AND APPROVE THE AGENDA BY COMMISSIONER RONNIE JOINER ON LINE ITEM 11 TO SAY: TOWN OF GOODWATER TO PURCHASE GOODWATER ARMOUR. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND WAIVER OF READING MINUTES

MOTIONED BY VICE-CHAIR LAMAR DAUGHERTY TO TABLE THE MINUTES AND WAIVER OF READING MINUTES UNTIL MARCH 13, 2023. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RONNIE JOINER. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTIONED BY VICE-CHAIR LAMAR DAUGHERTY TO APPROVE FOR THE CHAIRMAN, VICE-CHAIR AND ADMINISTRATOR TO AUTHORIZE, TO ISSUE AND SIGN CHECKS FOR PAYMENT OF MONTHLY EXPENSES AND PAYROLL. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

MOTION TO APPROVE CHANGES IN EMPLOYEES: JOB DESCRIPTION, SALARY, WORK HOURS, STATUS (INCLUDING BUDGET APPROVED RAISES). UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Coosa County Sheriff's Office

Michael Howell, Sheriff

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To: Coosa County Commission
From: Coosa County Sheriff's Office
Date: February 8, 2023
Re: Quiwana Marsha Epps – Resignation
Time: 7:02 p.m.

Message:

Quiwana M. Epps will resign as Correctional Officer/Dispatcher on February 6, 2023. Attached is Epps' letter of resignation. She did not complete her six (6) months' probation, therefore; Ms. Epps is not entitled to any accrued leave hours. Your office will be notified once Epps has returned all equipment.

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


Michael Howell, Sheriff


Date

NEW BUSINESS

REDISTICTING MAP PRESENTATION

MOTIONED BY VICE-CHAIR LAMAR DAUGHERTY TO APPROVE TO ADVERTISE FOR COOSA COUNTY RESISTRICTING. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RONNIE JOINER.
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

DISCUSS THE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

DISCUSS FINAL DATE FOR RESIDENCES TO HAVE STORM DEBRIS ON RIGHT OF WAY TO BE PICKED UP BY THE COUNTY.

MOTIONED BY COMMISSIONER RONNIE JOINER TO APPROVE OPEN OPIOID SETTLEMENT ACCOUNT AT FIRST BANK IN ROCKFORD. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BRADON DAVIS.
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

MOTIONED BY VICE-CHAIR LAMAR DAUGHERTY TO APPROVE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PRIVATE CEMETERY. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BRANDON DAVIS.
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED



State of Alabama
Department of Public Health
Scott Harris, M.D. ♦ State Health Officer



Coosa & Tallapoosa County Health Department

January 19, 2023

Richard M. Dean

Probate Judge

9709 US Highway 231

PO Box 218

Rockford AL 35136

Probate Office Phone: 256-377-4919 Option 1 or 2

Email: coosacountyprobate@outlook.com

Subject: Private Cemetery Application for property

To Whom It May Concern:

On January 18, 2023, Mr. Julie Stinson submitted a request application to Coosa County Health Department for a private cemetery at Parcel Number 22-08-04-18-0-000-005.000 located within Coosa County Alabama.

On January 18, 2023, I conducted a site visit to the proposed cemetery per ADPH cemetery guidelines. There were no obvious areas of concern such as drainage ways, wells, surface water, or soil limitations that would prevent the area from being used for a cemetery. I can recommend approval of the site for this purpose as plotted on the Cemetery Survey plat.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call (256)329-0531 #4362 between the hours of 8:30-10:00 am or Amy.Baker2@adph.state.al.us

Sincerely,

Amy Baker

Coosa and Tallapoosa Co
Public Health Environmental Supervisor

Cc: File
Judge of Probate

MOTIONED BY VICE-CHAIR LAMAR DAUGHERTY TO PAY EMA DIRECTOR SHELDON HUTCHERSON 65 HOURS OF OVER-TIME PAY DUE TO TORNADO, DIASTER RELIEF, AND FEMA COORDINATIVE EFFORTS. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

MOTIONED BY VICE-CHAIR LAMAR DAUGHERTY TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FROM STEWARTVILLE WATER AUTHORITY TO REAPPOINT RANDALL MORRIS TO THEIR BOARD FOR A 6 YEAR TERM. SECONDED BY CHAIRMAN BERTHA MCEL RATH. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

STEWARTVILLE WATER AUTHORITY

65 Coosa County Road 159

Sylacauga, AL 35151

PH: 256-245-0214

FAX: 256-249-2536

RESOLUTION

Adopted at the Regular Board Meeting on January 12, 2023 :

There was a motion by Mr. James Mask, seconded by Mr. Byron King to recommend to the Coosa County Commission that Mr. Randall Morris be reappointed to the Stewartville Water Authority Board for another six-year term.

ALL APPROVED.

Certification

I, Donald Traywick, Manager of Stewartville Water Authority, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution passed by the Stewartville Water Authority Board on January 12, 2023.

Byron King

Byron King, Board Member

Shea Daugherty

Shea Daugherty, Secretary

MOTIONED BY COMMISSIONER RONNIE JOINER TO TABLE THE FY2023 CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES FOR THE TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION UNTIL FEBRUARY 21, 2023 @ 3: PM. SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIR LAMAR DAUGHERTY. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

MOTIONED BY COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS TO TABLE THE CLOSING OF KERRY LANE IN GOODWATER UNTIL MARCH 13, 2023 @ 9:00 AM. SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIR LAMAR DAUGHERTY. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

MOTIONED BY VICE-CHAIR LAMAR DAUGHERTY FOR THE COMMISSION TO SEND A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE TOWN OF GOODWATER TO PURCHASE THE GOODWATER ARMOUR.
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BRANDON DAVIS. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED



Coosa County Commission

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AMY GILLILAND
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JOHN FORBUS

DISTRICT 2
BERTHA KELLY
CHAIRMAN

DISTRICT 3
BRANDON DAVIS

DISTRICT 4
RONNIE JOINER

DISTRICT 5
LAMAR DAUGHERTY
VICE-CHAIR

February 15, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

At the February 14, 2023 regularly scheduled Coosa County Commission meeting, the Commission unanimously voted to support the town of Goodwater purchasing the National Guard Armory building located on Highway 9 in Goodwater.

Kind regards,


Amy Gilliland

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COMMISSION CHAIRMAN TO REQUEST
ALLOCATION FROM LOCAL ASSISTANCE AND TRIBAL CONSISTENCY FUND**

WHEREAS, Coosa County, Alabama (the "County") has been allocated funds in the amount of \$100,000.00 by the U.S. Department of Treasury ("Treasury") from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund ("LATCF"), established by Section 605 of the Social Security Act, as added by Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; and

WHEREAS, the LATCF funds allocated to the County may be expended by the County for governmental purposes; and

WHEREAS, to receive the LATCF funds allocated to the County, an authorized representative of the County must submit a request for funding to Treasury on or before January 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Coosa County Commission (the "Commission") has determined that receipt of these funds for expenditure by the County for governmental purposes will inure to the benefit of the citizens of this County.

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

The Chair of the Commission is hereby authorized to request or to designate another County official to request the County's allocated share of LATCF funds in accordance with the procedures established by Treasury. The authority delegated herein includes the authority for the Chair, or his or her designee, to execute agreements or other documents necessary to request and receive this allocation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Coosa County Commission has caused this Resolution to be executed in its name and on its behalf by its Chair on the 23 day of January, 2023.


Chair, Coosa County Commission

MOTIONED BY COMMISSIONER RONNIE JOINER TO APPROVE OF THE 8 MONTH LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN COOSA COUNTY COMMISSIONER AND THE COOSA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

STATE OF ALABAMA)

COUNTY OF COOSA)

LEASE AGREEMENT

THIS LEASE AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 14th day of February, 2023, by and between the **COOSA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**, hereinafter referred to as "Lessor", and the **COOSA COUNTY COMMISSION**, hereinafter referred to as "Lessee".

ARTICLE 1. DEMISE, DESCRIPTION

The Lessor does hereby lease unto the Lessee, that certain real property known as the "Central High School Office Area" located in Hanover, Alabama, and generally shown on Exhibit A & B attached hereto.

ARTICLE 2. TERM

The term of this lease shall be for a period of eight (8) months, commencing on the date shown above. Lessee reserves the right to cancel this Lease at any time by providing the Lessor with a thirty (30) day written notice of said termination.

ARTICLE 3. RENT

No rental shall be due or payable during the term of this Lease.

ARTICLE 4. INSURANCE

Lessee understands and agrees that Lessor shall not be responsible for providing insurance of any type or kind and that Lessee, at its sole discretion, may insure its contents or other property at its sole cost and expense.

ARTICLE 5. REPAIRS, ALTERATIONS, IMPROVEMENTS

5.01 Lessee agrees to and shall be responsible for all repairs and maintenance of the premises.

5.02 Lessee shall not cause any renovation, structural changes or improvements to the leased premises without the prior written approval of the Lessor.

ARTICLE 6. WASTE AND NUISANCE

Lessee shall not commit, or suffer to be committed, any waste on the leased premises, nor shall said Lessee maintain, commit, or permit the maintenance or commission of any nuisance upon the leased premises or use the leased premises for any unlawful purpose.

ARTICLE 7. INSPECTION BY LESSOR

Lessee shall permit Lessor and its agents to enter into and upon the leased premises at all reasonable times for the purpose of inspecting the same or for the purpose of maintaining or making repairs or alterations to the building.

ARTICLE 8. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBLEASE

8.01 Lessee shall not assign this lease nor sublet all or any portion of the leased premises without the prior written consent of Lessor.

8.02 Lessor is expressly given the right to assign any or all of its interest under the terms of this lease.

ARTICLE 9. PURPOSE AND USE

Lessee agrees that the purpose of this lease is for the temporary placement and use by the County Extension Office personnel and programs.

ARTICLE 10. MISCELLANEOUS

10.01 This agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors, and assign, when permitted by this agreement.

10.02 In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this lease shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision thereof and this lease shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

10.03 This lease constitutes the sole and only agreement of the parties hereto and supersedes any prior understandings or written or oral agreements between the parties respecting the subject matter within it.

10.04 No amendment, modification, or alteration of the terms hereof shall be binding unless the same be in writing, dated subsequent to the date hereof, are duly executed by the parties hereto.

10.05 Neither Lessor nor Lessee shall be required to perform any term, condition, or covenant in this lease so long as such performance is delayed or prevented by any acts of God, strikes, lockouts, material or labor restrictions by any governmental authority, civil riot, floods, and any other cause not reasonably within the control of the Lessor or Lessee and which by the exercise of due diligence Lessor or Lessee is unable, wholly or in part, to prevent or overcome.

10.06 Time is of the essence in this agreement.

10.07 Lessee shall be responsible for maintaining the leased premises at its sole cost and expense.

10.08 Lessee shall be responsible for the security of the premises at all times.

10.09 Lessee shall be responsible for and shall pay twenty-five (25) percent of the costs and expenses for utilities serving the premises and twenty-five (25) percent of the chiller expenses. Further, Lessee shall be responsible for its internet and telecommunication services. Utility and chiller services shall remain listed in the name of the Lessor but shall be paid by the Lessee to the Lessor upon presentation of each monthly billing statement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Lessor and Lessee hereto executes this agreement as of the day and year first above written.

**COOSA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
(LESSOR)**

by: 

DAVID STOVER

Its Superintendent of Education

COOSA COUNTY COMMISSION (LESSEE)

by: 

BERTHA K. McELRATH

Its Chairman

MOTIONED BY COMMISSIONER RONNIE JOINER TO APPROVE TO HIRE LES SELLERS AS A PART-TIME EMPLOYEE, AND THE MONTHLY SALARY WILL BE \$500.00. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

MOTION TO RECESS

MOTIONED BY VICE-CHAIR LAMAR DAUGHERTY TO RECESS UNTIL TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023 @ 3:00 PM. SECONDED BY RONNIE JOINER. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 13TH DAY OF MARCH, 2023.

CHAIRMAN BERTHA MCELRATH

BRANDON DAVIS

RONNIE JOINER

VICE-CHAIR LAMAR DAUGHERTY

JOHN FORBUS

