

AGENDA
COOSA COUNTY COMMISSION
August 12, 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) Discuss an appropriation to the Horseshoe Bend Regional Library—Horseshoe Bend Regional Library Director Stephanie Brasher Godsy
- (2) Approve sending annual bid forms for the following materials: Steel pipe, Limestone, Granite, Liquid Asphalt, Gasoline/Diesel Fuel, Cement. Bids will be opened at the September 9 Commission meeting—Engineer Tad Eason
- (3) Approve FY26 County Transportation Plan—Engineer Tad Eason
- (4) Update and discuss HazMit project planning—EMA Asst. Director, Les Sellers & Engineer Tad Eason
- (5) Progress report on Floodplain Ordinance Development Update—EMA Asst. Director, Les Sellers & Engineer Tad Eason
- (6) Approval to remove side by side from Sheriff's inventory and give to the EMA Department—Sheriff Michael Howell
- (7) Approval to remove Epson Projector Asset #01124 from Sheriff's inventory and surplus—Sheriff Michael Howell
- (8) Approval to remove K-9 Archie from Insurance and retire him to K-9 handler Shane Payton—Sheriff Michael Howell
- (9) Approve the 2026 Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday Resolution—Chair Lamar Daugherty
- (10) Discuss proposed future uses for the Armory—Chairman Lamar Daugherty

OLD BUSINESS

- (1) Approve quote from C & G Quality Enterprises to pour a concrete pad from the Post Office to the Sally Port—Sheriff Michael Howell/Jail Administrator Shelia Thomas

STAFF REPORTS

Administrator

Attorney

EMA

EMS

Courthouse Maintenance

Engineer

IT

Safety Coordinator

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

ADJOURN

**MINUTES
COOSA COUNTY COMMISSION
AUGUST 12, 2025
9:00 A.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

THE COOSA COUNTY COMMISSION MET AT THE COOSA COUNTY COMMISSION COURTROOM AUGUST 12TH, 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 VICE-CHAIR BRANDON DAVIS. 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 COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS.
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTIONED BY COMMISSIONER BERTHA MCELRATH 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 Judge of Probate

JUDGE: *RICHARD M. DEAN*



July 17, 2025

RE: Recommendation for Licensing Administrator, Rebecca Lewis, Incremental Increase

To: Judge of Probate Richard M. Dean
County Administrator, Amy Gilliland

1. As per the Judge Dean's April 15, 2024, Hire Letter, Mrs. Lewis is eligible for the final incremental hourly increase of \$1.00 per hour.
2. Mrs. Lewis has adjusted well to her supervisory role, transitioning from employee to section supervisor. After some time, the licensing office now operates as a cohesive team, consistently providing the high level of customer service expected by Judge Dean and me. I believe the office is fulfilling its mission effectively.
3. I am confident Mrs. Lewis will continue to progress and adapt to the ever-changing requirements of the state and our customers.
4. I recommend Mrs. Lewis receive the \$1.00 per hour increase effective with the next pay period.

Sincerely,

Pamela H. Weathers

Pamela H. Weathers
Judge of Probate Chief Clerk

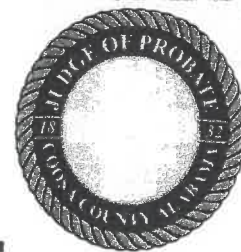
County Administrator, Amy Gilliland

Concur and request action be taken to effectuate this incremental increase at the beginning of the next pay period.

Richard M. Dean
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Coosa County Judge of Probate

JUDGE: *RICHARD M. DEAN*



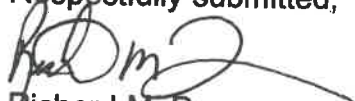
August 8, 2025

RE: Pay Increase for Pam Weathers, Chief Clerk

To: Coosa County Commission
Rockford, Alabama 35136

1. Mrs. Weathers, as Probate Judge Chief Clerk, consistently exceeds job requirements and performs her duties with outstanding dedication and professionalism. This requires her to answer phone calls, emails, and provide information on weekends and evenings, especially when an emergency mental health related issues arises.
2. She is an essential member of my office and the county, particularly given the seemingly continuous increase in workload for county probate offices. She routinely completes training for new procedures for the probate court and the office in general. The Code of Alabama, as it pertains to Probate Court, had two major revisions (Adoptions and Guardian and Conservatorships) that were recently implemented. These are major case types for the Probate Court because they greatly affect multiple people's lives. These revisions caused a significant increase in Mrs. Weathers workload to ensure all forms, petitions, motions, and investigations are completed and submitted properly to the court and ensure compliance with the new laws. Not only does she have these additional probate court responsibilities; she maintained all her existing general office supervisory responsibilities.
3. During the last budget cycle, I limited pay increases to below the consumer price index (CPI) and the economic cost index (ECI). With the Commission not covering the employee's insurance increase, with the cost-of-living adjustment the county provided, and the increased workload, Mrs. Weathers greatly deserves this increase. This increase will be covered in FY26 and future budget cycles by probate office withholdings that reimburse the county general fund.
4. I am requesting the Coosa County Commission approve a \$1.00 per hour pay increase for Mrs. Weathers, effective with the next pay period. The necessary funds are available in my current budget for the current fiscal year. This has been discussed with Administrator Gilliland.

Respectfully submitted,


Richard M. Dean

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSS AN APPROPRIATION TO THE HORSESHOE BEND REGIONAL LIBRARY

MOTIONED BY VICE-CHAIR BRANDON DAVIS TO APPROVE TO SEND THE ANNUAL BID FORMS FOR THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS: STEEL PIPE LIMESTONE, GRANITE, LIQUID ASPHALT, GASOLINE/DIESEL FUEL, CEMENT. BIDS WILL BE OPEN AT THE SEPTEMBER 9TH COMMISSION MEETING. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS.

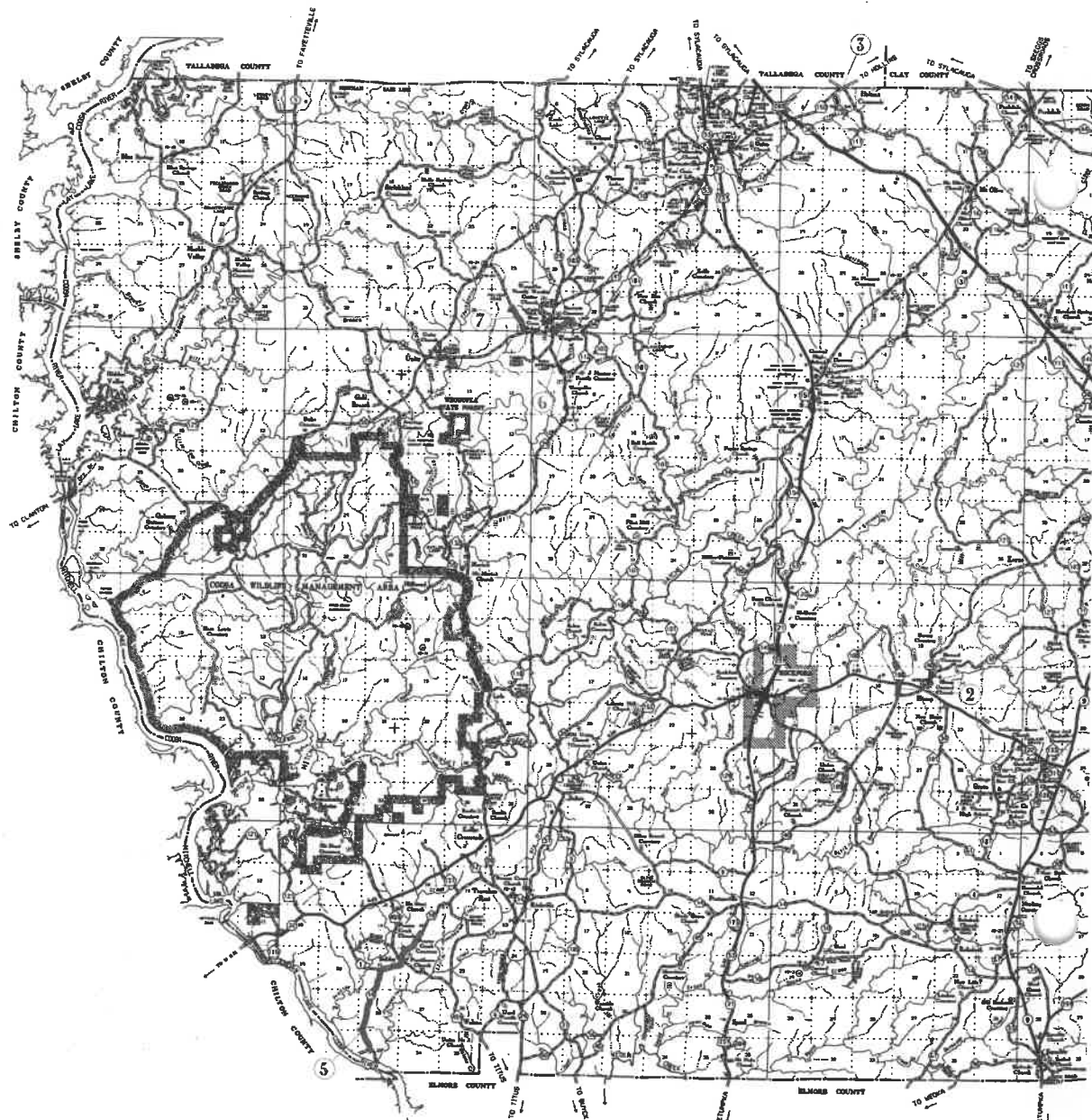
MOTIONED BY COMMISSIONER BERTHA MCEL RATH TO APPROVE FY26 COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLAN. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS.
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED



**FY 2026
COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION PLAN
COOSA COUNTY**

FY 2026 REBUILD PROJECTS

1. FIREHOUSE ROAD
2. CR-108
3. RUSTLING PINES LANE
4. CR-64
5. CR-19
6. CR-56
7. PRATER ROAD



UPDATE AND DISCUSS HAZMIT PROJECT PLANNING

PROGRESS REPORT ON FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

MOTIONED BY COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS TO APPROVE REMOVING THE SIDE BY SIDE FROM SHERIFF'S INVENTORY AND GIVE TO THE EMA DEPARTMENT. SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIR BRANDON DAVIS. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

MOTIONED BY COMMISSIONER BERTHA MCELRATH TO APPROVE THE REMOVING THE EPSON PROJECTOR ASSET #01124 FROM SHERIFF'S INVENTORY AND SURPLUS. SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIR BRANDON DAVIS. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

MOTIONED BY COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS TO APPROVE REMOVING K-9 ARCHIE FROM INSURANCE AND RETIRE HIM TO K-9 HANDLER SHANE PAYTON. SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIR BRANDON DAVIS. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Remove from sheriff's office inventory side by side and give to EMA.

Remove from inventory Epson Projector Asset #01124 and surplus.

Remove Archie from inventory and retire him to K-9 Handler Shane Payton.

MOTIONED BY COMMISSIONER BERTHA MCEL RATH TO APPROVE THE 2026 SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS TAX HOLIDAY RESOLUTION. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR COOSA COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE "SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS SALES TAX HOLIDAY" AS AUTHORIZED BY ACT NO. 2012-256

WHEREAS, during its 2012 Regular Session, the Alabama Legislature enacted Act No. 2012-256, effective April 26, 2012, which provides an exemption of the state and use tax for certain severe weather preparedness supplies during the last full weekend of February of each year; and

WHEREAS, Act No. 2012-256 authorizes the county commission to provide for an exemption of county sales and use taxes for purchases of items covered by the Act during the same time period in which the state sales and use tax exemption is in place, provided a resolution to that effect is adopted at least fourteen days prior to 12:01 a.m. on the last Friday in February 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Coosa County Commission has affirmatively voted to grant the exemption of county sales and use taxes on purchases covered by Act No. 2012-256 during the last weekend of February 2026, beginning at 12:01 a.m. on February 20, 2026 and ending at twelve midnight on Sunday, February 22, 2026, the last weekend of February in 2026; and

WHEREAS, Code of Alabama 1975, § 11-51-210(e) requires that the county commission notify the Alabama Department of Revenue of any new local tax or amendment to an existing local tax levy at least 30 days prior to the effective date of the change; and

WHEREAS, the exemption of certain county sales and use taxes for the last full weekend of February, 2026 herein adopted by the county commission is an amendment to the county's sales and use tax levy warranting notice to the Alabama Department of Revenue as provided in Code of Alabama 1975, § 11-51-210(e);

WHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COOSA COUNTY COMMISSION that it does hereby provide for an exemption of the county sales and use tax on purchases of items covered by Act No. 2012-256 beginning at 12:01 a.m. on February 20, 2026 and ending at twelve midnight on Sunday, February 22, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the August 12, 2025 meeting of the Coosa County Commission, and be immediately forwarded to the Alabama Department of Revenue in compliance with Code of Alabama 1975, § 11-51-210(e).

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 this 12th day of August, 2025.




Lamar Daugherty, Chairman
Coosa County Commission

DISCUSS PROPOSED FUTURE USES FOR THE ARMORY

THE ADMINISTRATOR AMY GILLILAND TURNED IN HER RESINATION. SHE WILL WORK UNTIL OCTOBER 31, 2025.

OLD BUSINESS

MOTIONED BY COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS TO REMOVE APPROVING A QUOTE FROM C & G QUALITY ENTERPRISES TO POUR A CONCRETE PAD FROM THE POST OFFICE TO THE SALLY PORT, FROM OLD BUSINESS. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BERTHA MCEL RATH. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

ADJOURN

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

THE MEETING WILL START AT 8:30 FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025.

CHAIRMAN LAMAR DAUGHERTY

COMMISSIONER BERTHA MCEL RATH

VICE-CHAIRMAN BRANDON DAVIS

COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS

