

AGENDA
COOSA COUNTY COMMISSION
September 21, 2023
4:30 p.m. continued Commission Meeting
From recess on September 12, 2023
Commission Courtroom

WELCOME

COMMISSION ROLL CALL
INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
APPROVE AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

- (1) Approve Resolution of National Forest Boundary in Coosa County—Cindy Ragland, Executive Director, Alabama Trails Foundation
- (2) Approve the NCIC contract for the inmate telephone system—Administrator Amy Gilliland
- (3) Approve FY24 budget, appropriations, and contracts—Administrator Amy Gilliland
- (4) Discuss SRO contract—Administrator Amy Gilliland

STAFF REPORTS

Administrator--- *Wellness Screening participation*

Attorney

EMA

EMS

Courthouse Maintenance

Engineer

Safety Coordinator

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

ADJOURN

MINUTES

COOSA COUNTY COMMISSION

SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

4:30 P.M. CONTINUED COMMISSION MEETING

FROM RECESS ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

THE COOSA COUNTY COMMISSION MET AT THE COOSA COUNTY COURTHOUSE SEPTEMBER 21, 2023 WITH CHAIRMAN BERTHA K. MCELRATH PRESIDING.

COMMISSION ROLL CALL

COMMISSION ROLL CALL: HERE –CHAIRMAN BERTHA K. MCELRATH, 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 BY COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RONNIE JOINER.

OLD BUSINESS

MOTIONED BY VICE-CHAIR LAMAR DAUGHERTY TO APPROVE RESOLUTION OF NATIONAL FOREST BOUNDARY IN COOSA. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS. COMMISSIONER RONNIE JOINER VOTED NAY. PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE.

RESOLUTION**COOSA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS: Coosa County, Alabama, is home to some of the most beautiful natural resources in the world, including the Weogufka Mountain range and the rivers and streams that emerge from the mountains.

WHEREAS: The Talladega National Forest is a provider of healthy forest, clean water, and outdoor recreation, including Alabama's premier long-distance hiking trail – the Pinhoti Trail.

WHEREAS: The Pinhoti Trail extends into Coosa County, with its southern terminus at Flagg Mountain.

WHEREAS: Outdoor recreation is a powerful economic engine and a gateway to improved quality of life and positive health outcomes.

WHEREAS: The Bureau of Economic Analysis at the United States Department of Commerce estimated that outdoor recreation generates 5 billion dollars annually to the gross domestic product for the State of Alabama.

WHEREAS: Coosa County is well positioned to seize the benefits of this outdoor recreation economy and further establish the county and all east Alabama as a destination for outdoor enthusiasts.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

The Commissioners of Coosa County, Alabama, acting under our vested authority, do hereby support the following:

- (1) The expansion of the Proclamation Boundary of the Talladega National Forest such that it may continue to restore and manage healthy forests and provide outdoor recreation opportunities for our citizens and those who choose to visit our county.
- (2) The expansion of the Proclamation Boundary for the Talladega National Forest such that additional National Forest System lands may be acquired to support the Pinhoti Trail, allowing it to be routed from the roads and onto public lands.
 - a. The proposed Proclamation Boundary expansion encompasses approximately 45,000 acres in Coosa County. The expansion area includes lands just south of Flagg Mountain and extending north to the Talladega and Clay County lines.
 - b. The proposed area encompasses T23N R17E Sections 11 through 15 and Sections 22 through 24; T23N R18E Sections 1 through 5, a portion of Section 6, and Sections 7 through 24; T24N R18E Sections 12, a portion of Section 13, Sections 23 through 27, a portion of Section 32, and Sections 33

through 36; and T24N R19E Sections 1 through 11, Sections 14 through 22,
and Sections 27 through 32.

- (3) Designation of lands within the expanded Proclamation Boundary shall not infer
condemnation of or rights of access to privately held lands.

Approved on 21 day of September, 2023

Bertha K. McElrath

Commission Chair

Print: Bertha K. McElrath

MOTIONED BY VICE-CHAIR LAMAR DAUGHERTY TO APPROVE THE NCIC CONTRACT FOR THE INMATE TELEPHONE SYSTEM. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS.
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

MOTIONED BY RONNIE JOINER TO APPROVE FY24 BUDGETS, APPROPRIATIONS, AND CONTRACTS AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS.
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

FY24 Proposed Budget		Appropriations requested	
Department	Budget		
West Coosa Sr. Ctr.	61,250.00		
Rockford Sr. Ctr.	59,200.00		
Public Transportation	49,500.00		
Highway Dept.	2,185,335.00		
Highway CRAF (County Rebuild AL Fund)	690,898.52		
Highway FAEF (Federal Aid Exchange Fund)	400,000.00		
Judge of Probate	430,645.00		
Revenue Commissioner (General Fund)	68,660.00		
Revenue Commissioner (Appraisal & Mapping)	278,532.00		
Maintenance	121,000.00		
EMA	31,077.00		
EMS			
Sheriff	959,403.00		
Jail	752,508.00		
Courthouse Security	78,552.00		
Department's Total:	\$ 6,167,560.52		
Appropriations			
Dues	35,753.00		
Parking Lot Rent	800.00		
**Obligations, Payroll, Insurance, \$Utilities, Contracts	3,780,000.00		
Total PROPOSED FY24 Budget	^ \$9,984,113.52		

Coosa County Soil & Water Conservation	\$1,500.00 ***	0
BOE	7,125.00 ***	0
Extension Office	15,000.00	\$10,000.
4-H	1,000.00	\$ 1,000.
Volunteer Connections of Central AL	Any Financial Support	
DHR	2200.00	
Talla Coosa Aid to People	750.00	
Goodwater Youth Development	1,500.00	\$ 700.
Coosa County Health Department	10,000.00	\$ 1,000.
*** Commission did not approve appropriations FY23		
Total appropriations requested	\$39,075.00 + any amount for VCCA	
DUES		
Coosa Valley RC&D annually		\$ 750.00
East Alabama RPDC billed quarterly		\$ 5,622.00
Lake Martin Alliance billed quarterly		\$ 29,381.00

MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTIONED BY COMMISSIONER RONNIE JOINER TO ADJOURN. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER
JONH FORBUS. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 10TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023.

CHAIRMAN BERTHA MCELRATH

BRANDON DAVIS

RONNIE JOINER

VICE-CHAIR LAMAR DAUGHERTY

JOHN FORBUS