

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 22, 2005

Chairman Hess called the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Commission to order on this special date due to the Thanksgiving holidays. Also attending were Commissioner Dunn, Commissioner Downing and Commissioner Henderson. The Chairman asked for bids to be submitted and Commissioner Henderson gave an invocation.

The Commissioners approved the payment of warrants issued, to-wit:

Commissioner Dunn made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented and Commissioner Downing seconded the motion. All Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion.

Certificates were presented to Mr. Tony Castaneda, Sr., Ms. Linda Pegg, Ms. Janice Bailey, and Ms. Shirley McNair, in appreciation for their community service in organizing the 2005 Veterans' Day parade.

A motion was made by Commissioner Downing to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting. Commissioner Dunn seconded the motion and all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion.

The bid for materials, labor, tools, supplies and equipment for building repairs to the Calhoun County Emergency Management Agency building was awarded, by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present, to the lowest responsible bidder, Chapman Construction Company, in the amount of \$24,072, as recommended by EMA Director Dan Long. Commissioner Henderson made the motion to award the bid and Commissioner Downing seconded the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn to dismiss the nuisance abatement on property of Gary S. and Sheila Christopher, located at 2107 "C" Street, Anniston, as recommended by Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano. Mr. Pirritano advised that a contract has been obtained by the owners to cleanup the property as required. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present.

Bids were opened by County Administrator Ken Joiner for a new trailer mounted jet rodder for the Calhoun County Highway Department. Commissioner Dunn made a motion to refer the two bids received to the County Engineer for review and a recommendation. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Henderson and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present.

County Administrator Ken Joiner opened bids received for the purchase of one or more tractor/mowers for the Calhoun County Sheriff Department. Commissioner Dunn made a motion to refer the three bids received to the County Administrator and Sheriff for review and a recommendation. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Downing, all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano recommended proceeding with the nuisance abatements on two properties of David B. and Peggy Lang, located at 230 Airport Road, Oxford, and Meadow Wood Drive, Oxford. The Owners were present and stated they were working on cleaning up the properties. Following discussion about the feasibility of installing privacy fencing and allowing for a continuance, Commissioner Downing made a motion to adopt resolutions to proceed with the nuisance abatements, and if it is determined by the next meeting that sufficient progress is being made, to consider a continuance. Commissioner Dunn seconded the motion, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

County Administrator Ken Joiner presented a permit and agreement for use of the Pleasant Valley Barn by the Future Farmers of America for hog shows and educational events for county youths from December 5, 2005, through January 17, 2006. Commissioner Dunn made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement and Commissioner Downing seconded the motion. All Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

A motion was made by Commissioner Downing to appoint Mr. Gerald Wilkerson, 4609 Amberwood Drive, Anniston, Alabama 36207, to an at-large, three-year term on the board of directors for Coosa Valley Youth Services. Commissioner Dunn seconded the motion and all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Henderson to re-appoint Mr. Charles Parks, 33 Sunset Drive, Anniston, Alabama 36207, as the citizen appointee to the Calhoun County Community Punishment & Corrections Board of Directors for a one-year term. Since this is a joint appointment of the Calhoun County Commission and the Calhoun County legislative delegation, the members of the Calhoun County legislative delegation will be contacted for their concurrence. Commissioner Dunn seconded the motion and there was unanimous agreement by the Commissioners present to re-appoint Mr. Parks to this board.

County Engineer Charles Markert presented an application for funding in the amount of \$5,351,911.68, through the Alabama Industrial Access Road and Bridge Corporation, as requested by the Anniston Army Depot and the Alabama Department of Transportation. Mr. Markert stated that the funding is for the construction of a new industrial access road to Roosevelt Avenue on Anniston Army Depot from the new five-lane Burns Crossroad Spur of the Anniston Western Bypass. He further advised the project will consist of a new four-lane access road and a four-lane bridge over the Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks, including the addition of turn and acceleration lanes on the Burns Crossroad Spur roadway. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the application, as recommended by the County Engineer, and Commissioner Dunn seconded the motion. A vote of the Commissioners present was unanimously in favor of the motion. (APPLICATION IN FILE)

The Chairman was authorized by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present to sign a contract with the City of Piedmont to provide for certain services at the Calhoun County Animal Control Center, as presented by County Administrator Ken Joiner. Mr. Joiner advised that the City of Piedmont will pay to the County the sum of \$1,046.00 per month for services beginning

November 1, 2005. Commissioner Dunn made the motion and Commissioner Downing seconded the motion. (CONTRACT ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn, and seconded by Commissioner Henderson, to authorize the Chairman to sign a grant agreement for UHF Radio Funding through the State of Alabama Emergency Management Agency. County EMA Director Dan Long explained the grant, in the amount of \$2,750.00, will provide for a UHF radio to be installed at the county EMA office to access the Alabama EMA UHF repeater system. All Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Commissioner Downing made a motion to authorize publication in *The Anniston Star* of the Financial Statement for the fiscal year period ending September 30, 2005, as presented by County Administrator Ken Joiner, and as required by the Code of Alabama. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Dunn, a vote of the Commissioners present was unanimously in agreement. (FINANCIAL STATEMENT ATTACHED)

County Administrator Ken Joiner presented a resolution to engage the services of Mr. Steve Kelly, P.E., dba Kelly Engineering, LLC, as consulting engineer for the Calhoun County Landfill, effective January 1, 2006. Commissioner Dunn made a motion to adopt the resolution as read, Commissioner Downing seconded the motion, and all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Charles McKinney, of District 1, asked for assistance with a drainage problem on his property, located at 3237 West 14th Street, in the vicinity of Thankful Park. Mr. McKinney advised that the drainage has washed away the foundations to several houses. Commissioner Dunn stated that he would ask the County Engineer to review the situation.

The Chairman announced the regularly scheduled meetings and work sessions of the Calhoun County Commission are as follows:

Regular Commission Meetings - 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, 10:00 a.m.,
Commission Meeting Room
Commission Work Session – Every Thursday, 9:00 a.m., Commission Conference Room
Engineering Work Session – Every Tuesday, 10:00 a.m., Commission Conference Room

There was no further business to come before the Commission and the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting was announced for Thursday, December 8, 2005, at 10:00 a.m.