

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
JUNE 26, 2008

Chairman Henderson called the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Commission to order and all Commissioners were present. The Chairman asked that bids be submitted and Commissioner Hess gave an invocation.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn, and seconded by Commissioner Downing, to adopt the agenda as presented. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

County Engineer Charles Markert was recognized for an article about him and his two sons, who are also County Engineers in Alabama, which appeared in the County Commissioner magazine published by the Association of County Commissions of Alabama. Mr. Markert was presented a framed copy of the article.

Commissioner Dunn made a motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Hess, all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn to award the bid for Inmate Telephone Service to Talton Communications, due to its offering the highest commission; to reject all offers for a video visitation system, including that of Talton Communications, and to seek the later through a competitive process at a later time; and to authorize the Chairman to sign any and all documents relative to the bid award, as recommended by the Sheriff, County Administrator, and County Attorney. Commissioner Downing seconded the motion, and a vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Hess made a motion to proceed with the nuisance abatement on property located at 229 Gunnells Road, Jacksonville, owned by Kenneth E. Maxwell, as recommended by Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano. The owner was not present. Commissioner Dunn seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

A motion was made by Commissioner Downing to continue the nuisance abatement on property located at 0 Billie Street (122 Lett Street) Anniston, owned by Anthony Rich, until July 24, 2008, as recommended by Mr. Pirritano. Steve Cook was present to represent the owner and asked for a continuance. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Dunn, all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Hess made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Henderson, to dismiss the following nuisance abatements, as recommended by Mr. Pirritano: (1) 4809 Taylor Avenue, Anniston, owned by Marvin & Bonnie Jean Knight; and (2) 310 Rice Avenue, Anniston, owned by Roberta F. Leonard. All Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Pirritano presented an invoice in the amount of \$756.42, for the cost of removing a public nuisance on property located at 2801 Alabama Highway 202, Anniston, owned by Sanoil, Inc.

Commissioner Downing made a motion to adopt a resolution to approve the invoice and Commissioner Dunn seconded the motion. A vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

An invoice in the amount of \$713.72, was presented by Mr. Pirritano for the cost of removing a public nuisance on property located at 1611 Angel Drive, Jacksonville, owned by Marvin E. & Dorothy Johnson. Jay Johnson was present and asked for a reduction in the total amount, particularly in the charges for dumping fees. A motion was made by Commissioner Hess to table the resolution in order to consider an adjustment of the invoice. Commissioner Abbott seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Downing made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Dunn, to declare a public nuisance on property located at 1601 Stanley Street, Anniston, owned by Ginger Ledlow, as recommended by Mr. Pirritano. The owner was not present. A vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hess to declare a public nuisance on property located at 0 Alexandria Road, Anniston, owned by Joe B. Murray, as recommended by Mr. Pirritano. The owner was not present. Commissioner Abbott seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Commissioner Downing made a motion to continue the nuisance declaration on property located at 435 E. 54th Street, Anniston, owned by Billy Hodge, until July 24, 2008, as recommended by Mr. Pirritano. Mr. Hodge was present and asked for a thirty-day extension. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hess, and it carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

No bids were received in response to an invitation to bid on the purchase of a Biodiesel Processor for the Calhoun County Highway Department. Commissioner Downing stated that the Commissioners are strongly committed to this technology, and requested the item be re-bid as soon as possible. Commissioner Downing also asked that Highway Department staff make personal contact with various vendors to insure a competitive bid process.

Bids were received and opened by Mr. Joiner for the purchase of one or more compact one-piece in-car digital video systems, for use by personnel of the Sheriff's Office. Bids were received from Fleet Safety Equipment, Inc., of North Little Rock, Arkansas; McCord Communications, of Anniston; and Brasher Electronics, of Odenville, Alabama. Commissioner Downing made a motion to refer the bids to the Sheriff and County Administrator for review and a recommendation. Commissioner Dunn seconded the motion, and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

County Engineer Charles Markert presented a resolution and agreement with the Department of Transportation providing for the resurfacing of Nesbit Lake Road in District 5. Commissioner Abbott made a motion to adopt the resolution and Commissioner Downing seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Commissioner Dunn made a motion to appoint Robert Pyles, of Hobson City, to replace Dr. Mary Harrington on the board of directors for the Calhoun County Department of Human Resources. Commissioner Dunn advised that Dr. Harrington had resigned from this board and

the unexpired term will end September 1, 2011. Commissioner Downing seconded the motion, and a vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of the appointment.

A resolution was presented by Mr. Joiner to ratify the execution of an agreement to provide AmeriCorps*VISTA volunteers for the Calhoun County Substance Abuse Treatment Program. Commissioner Abbott made a motion to adopt the resolution as read, Commissioner Dunn seconded the motion, and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Joiner presented a resolution authorizing an application to ADECA for funding in the amount of \$50,000 to provide for a grant program entitled Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities. The program will be implemented through Family Links, Inc., and Robin Mackey, the Project Director, advised that no matching funds are requested. Commissioner Hess made a motion to adopt the resolution. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Abbott, a vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Downing, and seconded by Commissioner Dunn, to authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement with White Plains Community Sports, Inc., to provide funding in the amount of \$10,000 for materials, supplies, services, labor, equipment use, and/or fuel necessary to construct athletic fields and related structures that may be used as a youth sports complex for the citizens of Calhoun County. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Commissioner Dunn made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Hess, to adopt a resolution changing the mileage rate paid for travel by Calhoun County employees to \$.585 per mile. The resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn to extend the 4th of July holiday by closing all county offices on Thursday, July 3, 2008, except in those areas where it is essential to maintain personnel. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Abbott, a vote of the Commissioners was as follows: Yeas – Commissioner Dunn, Commissioner Hess, Commissioner Abbott, and Chairman Henderson; Nay – Commissioner Downing.

Lee Caine, of Saks, expressed concern about the City of Anniston's decision to no longer provide police response in the police jurisdictions of Calhoun County. Discussion followed concerning the lack funds for additional deputies to provide the service, the possibility of funding assistance from the cities, the sales tax collected by cities which is earmarked for fire and police protection in the police jurisdiction, and a potential increase in crime.

Commissioner Hess made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Abbott seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor of adjourning.

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, July 10, 2008, at 10:00 a.m.