

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
JANUARY 24, 2019

Chairman Wilson called to order the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Commission and all Commissioners were present. County Engineer Brian Rosenbalm gave an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Commissioner Hess made a motion to adopt the agenda, followed by a second to the motion from Commissioner Patterson. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Mayor of Piedmont, Bill Baker, addressed the Commission concerning the problem of finding an animal control facility to provide services for the City of Piedmont. He asked for the county's assistance.

County Administrator Mark Tyner presented a message from the Calhoun County Commission to the citizens of Calhoun County concerning the county's position to resume operation of animal control on March 1, 2019. (MESSAGE ATTACHED)

Environmental Programs Manager Theo Smart recommended proceeding with the abatement of a public nuisance on property located at 7886 AL Hwy 9, Anniston, owned by Rural Housing Services. The owner was notified of the meeting but no one was present to represent the owner. Commissioner Hodges made a motion to proceed as recommended and Commissioner Hess seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hess to proceed as recommended by Mr. Smart with the abatement of a public nuisance on property located at 4900 Saks Road, Anniston, owned by Richard W. Barrett. The owner was notified of the meeting but was not present. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Commissioner Patterson made a motion to proceed as recommended by Mr. Smart with the abatement of a public nuisance on property located at 930 West 49th Street, Anniston, owned by Jason Johnston. The owner was notified of the meeting but was not present. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hess and the motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Commissioners. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Smart recommended dismissing the public nuisance abatement on property located at 3202 Old Birmingham Hwy, Anniston, owned by Mattie Jarrell and Oscar K. Gowens. Commissioner Henderson so moved, Commissioner Hodges seconded the motion, and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Henderson and seconded by Commissioner Patterson to dismiss the public nuisance abatement, as recommended by Mr. Smart, on property located at 3301 Adams Street, Anniston, owned by John H. Goodwin. A vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Hodges made a motion to declare a public nuisance, as recommended by Mr. Smart, on property located at 427 Russell Avenue, Anniston, owned by Chandell and Delbert Worley. The owners were notified of the meeting but were not present. Following a second to the motion from Commissioner Hess, all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Smart recommended declaring a public nuisance on property located at 409 Rice Avenue, Anniston, owned by Bruce Sylvester Ogle. Mr. Ogle was present and stated he recently had surgery but is now working to clean up the property. Commissioner Hess made a motion to proceed as recommended and Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

A motion was made by Commissioner Henderson to declare a public nuisance, as recommended by Mr. Smart, on property located at 212 Monsanto Road, Anniston, owned by Albert G. Taylor. The owner was notified of the meeting but was not present. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Patterson and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Tyner presented a resolution to extend for one year, effective January 26, 2019, the contract with Galls, LLC, providing for the purchase of Uniform Footwear and Boots for the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office and Jail, as recommended by Sheriff Matthew Wade. Commissioner Patterson made a motion to adopt the resolution, followed by a second to the motion from Commissioner Hodges. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Commissioners. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Commissioner Henderson made a motion to reappoint Barbara Walters to represent the County Commission on the Highland Health Systems Board (formerly Calhoun-Cleburne Mental Health Board). This is a six-year appointment that will expire in January 2025. There was a second to the motion from Commissioner Hess and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hess and seconded by Commissioner Hodges to adopt a resolution that was presented by Mr. Tyner to change the mileage rate paid for official travel by Calhoun County employees to 58¢ per mile effective January 1, 2019. The resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

A resolution in support of the 2020 U.S. Census initiatives in Calhoun County was presented by Mr. Tyner. Commissioner Patterson made a motion to adopt the resolution followed by a second to the motion from Commissioner Henderson. A vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Commissioner Hodges made a motion to approve and ratify a letter of intent that was signed by Chairman Fred Wilson, for and on behalf of Calhoun County, on January 17, 2019, which provides for the acquisition of certain property at McClellan from the McClellan Development Authority (MDA) to be used as a horse trail and recreational vehicle park. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Patterson and the motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Commissioners. (RESOLUTION & LETTER ATTACHED)

Bill Robison, on behalf of the MDA Board, thanked the Commissioners for partnering with the MDA to provide a horse trail and recreational facility at McClellan. Commissioner Hodges expressed appreciation to Mr. Robison and the MDA board for their work on this project.

Various citizens expressed their concerns for and opposition to the termination by the county of the contract with Cheaha Regional Humane Society for animal control. Others expressed their approval for the proposed changes. Those who addressed the Commission were Tammy Deese, Melissa Green, Pam Howard, Phyllis Dill, Linda Hughes, Carol Doyal, Alesia Tucker, Tyler Clark, Libby Freeman, Donna Sanders, Terry Howell, Michael Butner, Janice Clark, Dorothy McRae, James Burnett, and Fred Hughes. County Attorney Gloria Floyd responded that the Commission respects their opinions, but has made their decision. Further the Commission appreciates the passion shown for the animals and looks forward to the same passion from them when the county resumes operation on March 1st.

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

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, February 14, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.