

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 25, 2021

The regular meeting of the Calhoun County Commission was called to order by Chairman Hess and all Commissioners were present. Pastor Bob McClain, from Living By Faith Ministry in Oxford, gave an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

In recognition of Black History Month, Commissioner Wilson presented a proclamation on behalf of the Commissioners to Pastor Bob McClain, of Living By Faith Ministry in Oxford.

A proclamation was presented by Chairman Hess on behalf of the Commissioners proclaiming February 21 through 26, 2021, as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Calhoun County, and highlighting the county's participation in the Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Patterson to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting. There was a second to the motion from Commissioner Henderson and a unanimous vote of the Commissioners in favor of the motion.

Environmental Enforcement Officer Reggie Stewart recommended proceeding with the public nuisance abatements on the following properties: (1) 384 Foster West Road, Jacksonville, owned by Angel L. Johnston; (2) 360 Foster West Road, Jacksonville, owned by R & R Capital Holdings LLC; and (3) 5203 Glade Road, Anniston, owned by George N. and Angela R. Riley. No one was present to represent the owners. Commissioner Hodges made a motion to proceed as recommended, Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion, and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (3 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt a resolution that was presented by County Administrator Mark Tyner to establish certain copy charges for public records requests. The following charges are hereby established effective immediately: A "search fee" in the amount of \$20.00, plus \$1.00 per page for the first fifteen pages and \$0.25 per page thereafter, and the fees and charges may be waived at the discretion of the county administrator. Commissioner Hodges seconded the motion and a vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Tyner presented an application for the abatement of certain taxes submitted by Circle A Manufacturing Inc., located at 7143 US Hwy 431, Alexandria, Alabama 36250. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt a resolution to approve the tax abatement. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hodges to appoint County Administrator Mark Tyner to represent the County Commission on the Coosa Valley Resource Conservation and Development Council, effective February 25, 2021. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Patterson, there was a unanimous vote of the Commissioners in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

The following appointments were made to represent Calhoun County on the McClellan Development Authority, for three year terms expiring March 31, 2024: (1) Commissioner Patterson made a motion to appoint Ashley D. Farrell, 334 Westpark Drive, Anniston, Alabama 36201. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (2) Commissioner Wilson made a motion to re-appoint Eric Stringer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hodges and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Tyner presented a resolution to authorize an application for funding under the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs Recreational Trails Program, for an RV/campsite project at the McClellan Horse Trails. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the resolution, Commissioner Hodges seconded the motion, and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Henderson and seconded by Commissioner Hodges to adopt a resolution that was presented by Mr. Tyner to authorize an application for funding through the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, Land Division, Solid Waste Program. The funds requested will be used for 4-H youth recycling programs. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Commissioners. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Commissioner Patterson made a motion to adopt a resolution of support for the national Stepping Up Initiative, to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails, as requested by the Agency for Substance Abuse Prevention. Following a second to the motion from Commissioner Henderson, a vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Comments were heard from the public concerning opposition to proposed legislation to use a portion of city property ad valorem tax to fund county license and revenue offices. Among those speaking on behalf of the various cities, fire departments, and school boards were Oxford Mayor Alton Craft, Oxford Fire Chief Gary Sparks, Oxford Schools Finance Director Robert Jordan, Jacksonville Fire Chief Keith Kadle, Volunteer Fire Department President Todd Kirkland, and Anniston Finance Director Julie Borrelli.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hodges to adjourn the meeting, followed by a second to the motion from Commissioner Henderson. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, March 11, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.