

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
APRIL 22, 2021

The regular meeting of the Calhoun County Commission was called to order by Chairman Hess 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 Henderson 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.

A proclamation was presented to Dr. Kathy Murphy, President of Gadsden State Community College, recognizing the month of April as National Community College Month in Alabama. Also attending from Gadsden State were Mr. Alan Smith, Dean, Workforce Development; Dr. Leslie Worthington, Dean, Academic Programs and Services; Ms. Kelley Pearce, Dean, Enrollment and Retention; Ms. Pamela Johnson, Dean, Institutional Effectiveness, Grants, and Special Projects; Ms. Bridget Burney, Dean, Outreach Initiatives; and Ms. Michele Conger, Director, Ayers Campus.

A motion was made by Commissioner Henderson and seconded by Commissioner Wilson to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting. A vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Mr. Rosenbalm conducted a public hearing concerning the proposed vacation of a portion of Clark Drive, in Alexandria Valley Estates Subdivision, located in District 4. A notice of the public hearing was properly advertised. Mr. Rosenbalm confirmed there were no adverse issues concerning the proposed vacation and no one asked to speak concerning the proposed vacation. Chairman Hess declared the public hearing to be closed.

Environmental Enforcement Officer Reggie Stewart recommended proceeding with the nuisance abatement on property located at 5400 Long Avenue, Anniston, owned by Jonas and Pamela Rissler. The owners were notified of the meeting but were not present. Commissioner Hodges made a motion to proceed as recommended and Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Stewart recommended dismissing the nuisance abatement on property located at 5203 Glade Road, Anniston, owned by George N. and Angela R. Riley. Commissioner Patterson so moved, Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion, and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Henderson made a motion to approve an invoice that was presented by Mr. Stewart in the amount of \$401.00, as shown in the itemized report to be the cost of removal of a public nuisance on property located at 514 Airport Road, Oxford, owned by Stacy L. Stovall. The owner was notified of the meeting but was not present. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion, and the motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Commissioners. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Chairman Hess relinquished his position as Chairman to Vice-Chairman Henderson in order to participate in the action required for the vacation of a portion of Clark Drive, as petitioned by all of the adjacent property owners, being Edward O. Watson and Shelly Watson. Commissioner Hess, the Commissioner for District 4, made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Hodges seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. The Chair was then turned back over to Chairman Hess. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

County Administrator Mark Tyner presented a resolution to award the bids for public nuisance demolition/removal on certain properties to Belle It Out Bell's Contracting and Wendy Thornton, based on the lowest responsive, responsible bid for each property. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the resolution and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson. A vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt a resolution that was presented by Mr. Tyner to reject all bids received and opened on April 15, 2021 for Solid Waste Services for Calhoun County. The County Administrator and County Attorney were authorized to prepare and solicit new bids for the Solid Waste Services. Following a second to the motion from Commissioner Hodges, all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Tyner presented a resolution to approve and ratify the extension of the current contract with Advanced Disposal Services to provide the county's solid waste services through June 30, 2021. Commissioner Patterson made a motion to adopt the resolution, Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion, and the motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Commissioners. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Commissioner Hodges made a motion to adopt a resolution that was presented by Mr. Tyner to declare a certain Glock 22 service weapon as surplus property and to donate the weapon to the Calhoun County Sheriff's Association for presentation to Deputy Pat Medders, who is retiring. There was a second to the motion from Commissioner Henderson and a vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Henderson to authorize the Chairman to sign, for and on behalf of Calhoun County, an amendment to the agreement with GovEase, LLC., dated April 30, 2020, providing for online tax sales, as requested by the Revenue Commissioner. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (AMENDMENT ATTACHED)

Mr. Tyner presented a resolution to authorize an application under the Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program to provide grant funding up to \$500,000 to assist in investigative and law enforcement services, as requested by the District Attorney's 7th Judicial Major Crimes Unit. Commissioner Hodges made a motion to adopt the resolution and Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Commissioners. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Glen Ray expressed concerns about officers not doing enough to help those with mental health problems.

Chamber of Commerce Tourism Director Audrey Maxwell introduced Kristofer Butcher, Superintendent, and Jessica Epperson, Park Ranger, with the National Park Service Freedom

Riders National Monument. They discussed events planned for the 60th anniversary beginning in May.

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

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, May 13, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.