

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
AUGUST 11, 2005

Chairman Hess called the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Commission to order and all Commissioners were present. The Chairman asked for bids and requested all in attendance to sign a sheet being circulated for a public hearing. Commissioner Downing gave an invocation.

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

Deputy Geoffrey Blackstock spoke on behalf of corrections officers currently employed by the Calhoun County Sheriffs Office, and addressed several issues affecting the Sheriff's Department and Jail. He specifically requested (1) the starting salary for corrections officers be increased by \$2,500, the top-out pay be increased by \$2,500, and existing officers be given a one time \$2,500 salary adjustment; (2) the number of step raises required for a corrections officer to reach the "top-out pay" be decreased from 19 steps to 12 steps; (3) a plan be put in place to create an additional five Civil Service Corrections Officer positions for the 2005-2006 fiscal year and an additional two positions per year for the next five years; and (4) that the Commissioners use the money from the recent increase in court costs or levy an additional increase in court costs to finance these solutions. Also speaking concerning these issues were Investigator Jason Odom, Chief Deputy Matthew Wade, Sgt. Chris Hughes, and Deputy Michael Kane. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to consider the requests.

Mr. David E. Haun asked the Commissioners to support proposed legislation to reinstate the office of County Constable in Calhoun County.

A resolution was presented by Mrs. Doris Stallworth Barron, President of the Alabama Democratic Conference, to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the 1965 Voting Rights Act and to support the renewal of the best provisions of this Act when some sections come up for reauthorization in the Congress in 2007. Commissioner Dunn made a motion to adopt the resolution and Commissioner Abbott seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Commissioner Dunn made a motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Downing and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

County Administrator Ken Joiner recommended awarding the bid for general landscape maintenance for the Calhoun County Administration Building, Courthouse, and Courthouse Annex to the only bidder, SlingBlade Lawn Care, for the negotiated amount of \$650.00 per month. Commissioner Downing made a motion to award the bid as recommended, Commissioner Dunn seconded the motion, and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn to award the bid for the purchase of a CSEPP Data Server to the low bidder, Gateway, Inc., for the bid amount of \$12,098.00, as recommended by

EMA Director Dan Long. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Henderson, a vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of adopting the motion.

Commissioner Dunn made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Henderson, to approve the application for a retail beer license, off premises only, submitted by Terry Harce Payton, in the trade name of Payton's Place, located at 4682 Alabama Highway 144, Ohatchee. All Commissioners voted in favor of approving the application.

A motion was made by Commissioner Downing, on behalf of Chairman Hess, to adopt a resolution to proceed with the nuisance abatement on property of Larry D. Lewis and Cindy L. Lewis, located at 644 West 44th Street, Anniston, as presented by County Administrator Ken Joiner, and as recommended by Environmental Control Officer David Pirritano. Commissioner Dunn seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

County Administrator Ken Joiner presented a resolution concerning the reopening of Bains Gap Road. Commissioner Dunn made a motion to adopt the resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Henderson. A vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of adopting the resolution. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Various Highway Department bids were opened by County Administrator Ken Joiner, as follows: Liquid Asphalt – two bids opened, Bituminous Concrete Asphalt – two bids opened, Concrete – three bids opened, Aluminum Sign Blanks and Finished Signs – three bids opened, Guardrail – one bid opened, and Bituminous Surface Treatment – one bid opened. Commissioner Dunn made a motion to refer all bids to the County Engineer for review and recommendations. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Henderson, all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Bids were opened by County Administrator Ken Joiner for a new, latest model Engineering Copier (Analog). Commissioner Dunn made a motion to refer the three bids received to the County Engineer for review and a recommendation. Commissioner Abbott seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

County Administrator Ken Joiner opened bids to Upgrade the 821 MHz Radio Infrastructure and Subscribers. Mr. Joiner advised that the invitation to bid had been sent to five companies, and two responses were received. The first response, from Mr. Russ Prindle, Area Sales Manager for M/A-COM, Inc., stated that due to the restrictive nature of the specifications they were not able to bid. The only responsive bidder was Motorola, Inc. Commissioner Dunn made a motion to authorize EMA Director Dan Long to negotiate the cost with the single bidder, to the extent allowable by law. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

One bid for CSEPP Calendars was opened by County Administrator Ken Joiner. Mr. Joiner advised the invitation to bid had been sent to fifteen companies. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to refer the bid to the EMA Director for review, negotiation, and a recommendation.

Commissioner Downing seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

A public hearing was conducted by County Administrator Ken Joiner concerning the vacation of Florence Street and Church Street, as requested by the Alexandria United Methodist Church. The only citizen to speak concerning the matter was Linda J. Matson, one of the petitioners requesting the vacation, who stated that the roads had never been developed. No one else asked to address the Commission concerning the matter and the Chairman declared the public hearing to be closed.

Commissioner Henderson made a motion, on behalf of Chairman Hess, to adopt a resolution to vacate Florence Street, as requested by Alexandria United Methodist Church. Following a second by Commissioner Dunn, all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Henderson, on behalf of Chairman Hess, to adopt a resolution to vacate Church Street, as requested by Alexandria United Methodist Church, Clifton L. Matson, and Linda J. Matson. Commissioner Downing seconded the motion and a vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

County Administrator Ken Joiner presented a resolution concerning the extension of the LINC Program employee contracts for two months, from August 1, 2005 until September 30, 2005. Commissioner Dunn made a motion to adopt the resolution and Commissioner Downing seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Commissioner Dunn made a motion to reappoint Dr. Mary Harrington to represent District 1 on the Calhoun County Department of Human Resources Board of Directors, for a six-year term, to expire September 1, 2011. Commissioner Downing seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Henderson to authorize the Chairman to execute an agreement with Calhoun County Future Farmers of American to allow FFA members to use the Pleasant Valley maintenance barn for a lamb show for county youth on August 29th through September 9th, 2005. Commissioner Downing seconded the motion and all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Commissioner Dunn made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Henderson, to declare the following equipment and parts from the Calhoun County Highway Department to be surplus property, and to offer it for sale through GovDeals.com. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (LIST ATTACHED)

An agreement was presented by County Administrator Ken Joiner to provide a water main extension and fire hydrant for the Calhoun County Landfill on Morrisville Road. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement between Calhoun County and the Water Works and Sewer Board of the City of Anniston. There was a second by

Commissioner Dunn and a unanimous vote of the Commissioners in favor of the motion.
(AGREEMENT ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn to set a minimum gate fee at the Calhoun County Landfill of \$3.00, effective immediately. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Downing, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

The Chairman announced that the regular meeting on August 25th, 2005, is cancelled because of a state meeting conflict. The next meeting was announced for Thursday, September 8th, 2005, at 10:00 a.m.