

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 23, 2006

Chairman Abbott welcomed everyone, asked that bids be submitted, and requested that a sign-in sheet be signed.

A public hearing was conducted by Commissioner Downing concerning the vacations of portions of Barry Street, Miller Street, and Meadow Avenue, in the vicinity of the Anniston Metropolitan Airport, as sought in petitions from the City of Anniston. The following comments were made:

Keifer Grimes, Program Manager, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), advised that certain improvements are necessary at the Anniston Metropolitan Airport in order to comply with Congressional safety mandates. FAA regulations require an extension of the landing strips at the north end of the airport to a point across Barry Street, so portions of Barry Street, Miller Street, and Meadow Avenue need to be vacated.

Chris Grace and Jeff Redmill, with Barge Waggoner Sumner & Cannon, Inc., the project engineer hired by the City of Anniston, presented illustrations showing the proposed portions of roads to be closed and improvements, including the closing of a portion of Meadow Avenue and the relocation of it.

John Eagerton, Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) Airport Specialist, stated that runway safety is a high priority with the ALDOT, as well as the FAA, and that grant funding is available for 95% of the work mandated in order to meet safety standards. He further advised that the problems at Anniston Metropolitan Airport are similar to those at Chicago Midway, where a tragic accident recently occurred due to the inadequate runway. DeJarvis Leonard, with the ALDOT, stated that ALDOT would continue to monitor the traffic flow, and will authorize a traffic signal if appropriate, based on engineering standards. He also stated that a left turn lane will be permitted.

George Monk, Anniston City Manager, advised that the City is committed to fund the project as soon as possible in order to make the airport safer and to improve the road system. He commended Commissioner Downing for raising some issues of concern which are to be addressed. Anniston Mayor Chip Howell advised that the City would be sensitive to the concerns about traffic flow that have been expressed by the Mayor and citizens of Oxford. He also stated that to degrade the runway at the airport would be economically unwise for the entire region.

Oxford City Councilman Mike Henderson and Councilwoman June Reaves expressed concerns regarding: (1) the need for a traffic signal at the intersection of Highway 21 and Meadow Avenue; (2) the need for a left turn lane from Highway 21 North onto Meadow Avenue; and (3) realignment of the sharp turn on Meadow Avenue which crosses Barry Street. Councilwoman Reaves advised

that the owners of B. R. Williams Trucking Company on Highway 21 were satisfied that their business would not be adversely affected; however, they were concerned about how their adjacent property would be affected for future expansion.

Fred Denney expressed concern about the increased traffic flow to the schools and asked if the traffic signal could be in operation for a couple of hours in the morning and afternoon, to better provide for school traffic. He was informed by DeJarvis Leonard that the traffic count does not warrant a traffic signal at this time but ALDOT will monitor.

Cindy Butcher expressed opposition to the closing of Barry Street due to the increased traffic she feels will be created on Meadow Avenue, limited emergency access, and increased speeding on the roads which will cause more accidents.

David Chaillot, who works for the FAA at the airport, expressed concern about the current traffic congestion, regardless of which road it is on.

No one else asked to be heard and the Chairman declared the public hearing to be closed.

The Chairman called the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Commission to order and all Commissioners were present. Rev. Tony Reaves gave the invocation.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn to adopt the agenda as presented. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Hess, the agenda was adopted by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

Commissioner Dunn introduced Alfred Johnson, a retired Calhoun County educator, who gave a presentation to commemorate Black History Month.

Sheriff Larry Amerson and Deputy Matthew Wade were presented "Above and Beyond Awards" from Tommy Triplet, on behalf of the Alabama Committee, Employer Support of Guard and Reserve.

Commissioner Henderson advised that Governor Riley has proclaimed Calhoun County as the official 2006 Arbor Day Community for the State of Alabama; and in recognition of Arbor Day, trees and mulch, as well as hot dogs and colas, will be given away on Saturday, February 25th, at Wellborn Park. Commissioner Henderson also announced that Mitchell Thomas Nolte, of Saks Middle School, won the 2006 State Arbor Day Poster Contest, sponsored by the Alabama Urban Forestry Association, the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, and The National Arbor Day Foundation.

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted following a motion to adopt the minutes by Commissioner Henderson, a second to the motion by Commissioner Hess, and a unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt a resolution declaring a nuisance abatement on property of Aubrey Tidwell, located at 304 North Marshall Street, Anniston, as recommended by Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano. The Owner was not present. Commissioner Dunn seconded the motion and the Commissioners voted unanimously in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano recommended proceeding with the nuisance abatement on property of Roy C. Hand, located at 7886 AL Hwy 9, Anniston. The owner was not present. Commissioner Henderson so moved, Commissioner Hess seconded the motion, and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn, and seconded by Commissioner Henderson, to dismiss the nuisance abatement on property of William and Kathy Freeman, located at 501 South Hillman Street, Anniston, as recommended by Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano. Ms. Freeman was present. Mr. Pirritano advised that sufficient progress has been made by the owners to clean up the property, for which the Commissioners thanked Ms. Freeman. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

The nuisance abatement on property of David Lamar King, located at 3930 Bynum-Leatherwood Road, Anniston, was continued, as recommended by Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano. The owner was not present. Mr. Pirritano advised that progress has been made by the owner to comply with the nuisance abatement requirements to clean up the property. Commissioner Dunn made a motion to continue the matter until March 9, 2006, Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion, and a vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Henderson made a motion to proceed with the nuisance abatement on property of Charles E. and Dorothy M. White, located at 424 County Road 109, Anniston, as recommended by Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano. The owners were not present. Commissioner Henderson so moved, Commissioner Hess seconded the motion, and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Downing, and seconded by Commissioner Dunn, to rescind authorization for the Chairman to execute an agreement with the U.S. Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service, for certain improvements to Bain's Gap Road, which was authorized at a meeting of the Calhoun County Commission on October 27, 2005, due to the agreement having been replaced with a revised agreement. All Commissioners voted to rescind the agreement.

County Administrator Ken Joiner presented a revised agreement with the U. S. Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service, for funding in the amount of \$143,650, for certain design and other services for improvements to Bain's Gap Road. Commissioner Dunn made a motion

to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement and Commissioner Downing seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (AGREEMENT ATTACHED)

A single bid for EMA Personal Protection Equipment for Residences, received from Centech Group, was opened by County Administrator Ken Joiner. A motion was made by Commissioner Henderson to refer the bid to the EMA Director, to authorize the EMA Director to negotiate a contract with the only bidder, and to authorize the Chairman to sign a contract as recommended by the EMA Director. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Dunn, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

Commissioner Downing made a motion to adopt a resolution to vacate portions of Barry Street, Miller Street, and Meadow Avenue, in the vicinity of the Anniston Metropolitan Airport, as sought in petitions from the City of Anniston. Mr. Downing further requested that the County Engineer work with the project engineers at Barge Waggoner Sumner & Cannon, Inc. and the Alabama Department of Transportation to address numerous concerns expressed by citizens and officials of the City of Oxford. Commissioner Dunn seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hess to adopt a resolution declaring a public nuisance on property of Mildred McNeal, located at 509 S. Hillman Street, Anniston, as recommended by Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano. The owner was not present. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Dunn, a vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn to dismiss the nuisance abatement on property of Robert Novak, Jr., located at 4501 Skyline Drive, Anniston, as recommended by Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano. The Owner was not present. Mr. Pirritano advised that sufficient progress has been made by the owner to clean-up the property. Commissioner Hess seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted to dismiss the nuisance abatement action.

Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt a resolution declaring a public nuisance on property of Mavis I. Bowles, located at 328 Parker Street, Anniston, as recommended by Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano. The owner was not present. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Downing, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Henderson to adopt a resolution declaring a public nuisance on property of Betty Gentry, located at 914 Patterson Street, Anniston, as recommended by Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano. The owner was not present. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Hess, a vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

County Administrator Ken Joiner recommended authorizing the Chairman to sign a contract with J. M. Wood Auction Co., Inc., for the auction of surplus equipment at the Calhoun County Highway Department. Commissioner Henderson so moved, Commissioner Hess seconded the motion, and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (CONTRACT IN FILE)

A resolution was presented by County Administrator Ken Joiner concerning an agreement with First Continental Leasing, for the purchase of certain heavy equipment for the Calhoun County Highway Department. Mr. Joiner asked that the resolution be adopted and the Chairman be authorized to sign any and all documents necessary to complete the transaction. Commissioner Henderson so moved, Commissioner Hess seconded the motion, and a vote of the Commissioners present was unanimously in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hess to approve Formosa Subdivision, as recommended by County Engineer Charles Markert. Mr. Markert advised that the proposed subdivision is located off Glade Road in District 4 and that it meets the provisions of the minor subdivision regulations of Calhoun County. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Dunn, all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Downing made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement with The Spirit of Anniston, Inc. to authorize funding for the Noble Street Festival, consisting of the Sunny King Criterium, the Red Diamond Restaurant Tour, the Pedaling Art Show, and the Noble Street Music Festival to be held in Calhoun County on May 6, 2006. Commissioner Dunn seconded the motion and a vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of the motion. (AGREEMENT ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Hess to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, March 9, 2006, at 10:00 a.m.