

SUMMARY OF MINUTES  
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION  
DECEMBER 13, 2007

The regular meeting of the Calhoun County Commission was called to order by Chairman Downing. Also attending were Commissioner Dunn, Commissioner Henderson, and Commissioner Abbott. Commissioner Hess was absent due to illness. Chief Tony Castaneda gave the invocation.

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

Commissioner Abbott made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Henderson, all Commissioners present voted in favor of adopting the agenda.

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

The nuisance abatement on property of Truman G. Ford, c/o Cathy Hammond, located at 1670 Choccolocco Road, Anniston, was dismissed. The owner was not present. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to accept the recommendation of County Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano to dismiss the nuisance abatement, Commissioner Dunn seconded the motion, and all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Henderson made a motion to award the contract to provide 2008 Chevrolet Impala vehicles, or equal, to the overall low bidder, Larry Puckett Chevrolet for the bid amount of \$17,134.25 for each 2008 Chevrolet Impala, as recommended by Sheriff Larry Amerson. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Abbott, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present.

A motion was made by Commissioner Abbott, and seconded by Commissioner Henderson, to declare a public nuisance on property of Leader Federal Bank for Saving, located at 309 Andrew Avenue, Anniston, as recommended by Mr. Pirritano. No one was present to represent the owner. All Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

The nuisance declaration on property of Melvin Leigh, located at 2729 Simpson Street, Anniston, was dismissed, as recommended by Mr. Pirritano. The owner was not present. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to dismiss, Commissioner Abbott seconded the motion, and a vote of the Commissioners present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Henderson made a motion to continue the nuisance declaration on property of Kevin Edmondson, located at 220 Arthur Drive, Ohatchee, until June 12, 2008, as recommended by Mr. Pirritano. Mr. Edmondson was present and asked for a six-month continuance. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Abbott, all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion.

The nuisance declaration on property of Doris Tooley, located at 1919 Old Hwy 431, Glencoe, was continued until January 24, 2008, as recommended by Mr. Pirritano. Ms. Tooley was present and requested additional time to complete the required cleanup. Commissioner Dunn made a motion to continue the nuisance declaration for thirty days, Commissioner Abbott seconded the motion, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present.

A public hearing was convened for the purpose of hearing comments concerning the request of George H. Wakefield, Jr. and Rufus Holland to vacate a portion of an unnamed alley in Alexandria. Mr. Wakefield was present and advised that the alley is shown on an old survey, and the vacation is required in order to have clear title to a portion of the property. There were no further comments, and the public hearing was closed.

Since the alley is located in Commissioner Hess' district and the Commissioner for the district in which the road or alley is located must make the motion to vacate the road or alley, Commissioner Abbott made a motion to table the request until the next meeting, Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion, and all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn, and seconded by Commissioner Abbott, to authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement with The Salvation Army, to provide funding in the amount of \$3,000.00 for emergency food and shelter to persons in Calhoun County. All Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion. (AGREEMENT ATTACHED)

Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the Chairman to sign an agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation to provide for traffic stripes and markings on Cottaquilla Road and Morrisville Road, as requested by County Engineer Charles Markert. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunn and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Henderson to approve the application for a fire hydrant at or near 120 Holley Road, Anniston, Application #08-202, for Alton Holley. Commissioner Dunn seconded the motion and all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Henderson made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Abbott, to approve the application for a fire hydrant at or near 4234 Eulaton Road, Anniston, Application #08-201, for Lamar Shears. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present.

The Chairman was authorized by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present to sign an agreement with Potts Marketing Group, LLC, to create and execute a detailed marketing plan focused on recruitment efforts for various employment opportunities with Calhoun County. Mr. Joiner advised that the plan was previously presented to the Calhoun County Civil Service Board and the plan received the Board's unanimous support. Commissioner Abbott made the motion and Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. (AGREEMENT ATTACHED)

Commissioner Abbott made a motion to appoint Randal Wilson, of Anniston, as the County's citizen appointee to the East Alabama Rural Planning Organization (RPO) Citizens Advisory Committee. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Dunn, all Commissioners present voted in favor of the appointment.

Jimmy Cruise, of Jacksonville, was appointed by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present to serve as the County's representative on the Calhoun County Bingo Regulatory Commission. This is a five-year term beginning January 1, 2008. Commissioner Abbott made the motion and Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion.

County Attorney Tom Sowa presented an agreement with the Spirit of Anniston to provide funding in the amount of \$5,500 to promote and advertise the Noble Street Festival and to advertise Calhoun County. Commissioner Abbott made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement and Commissioner Dunn seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present. (AGREEMENT ATTACHED)

Commissioner Dunn made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign a three-year contract extension with David A. Pirritano for continued employment as Calhoun County Environmental Enforcement Officer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Henderson and all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion. (CONTRACT ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Abbott to authorize the Chairman to sign Modification Two of the Agreement, dated January 2007, with the City of Jacksonville for Homeland Security funding. County EMA Director Dan Long advised the modification would extend the agreement to February 15, 2008. All Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion. (AGREEMENT ATTACHED)

Mr. Joiner presented an agreement with JMJ Architecture LLC for professional services relative to an American Indian & Confederate Artifacts Heritage Museum and Interactive Center to be located at Janney Furnace Park in Ohatchee. Mr. Joiner advised that compensation will be 8% of the total construction cost, and based initially on an estimated construction cost of \$120,000. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Abbott, a vote of the Commissioners present was unanimously in favor of the motion. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

County Engineer Charles Markert recommended accepting the following roads for maintenance: Arica Lane, Millie Ann Lane, and Winston Way, in the Willow Creek 4<sup>th</sup> Addition Subdivision in District 3; and Winston Way, Dorsey Avenue, Turpin Avenue, and T. Owen Street, in the Wellborn Manor Subdivision in District 1. Mr. Markert advised that all seven roads were built and approved in accordance to the Subdivision Regulations of Calhoun County. Commissioner Dunn so moved, Commissioner Abbott seconded the motion, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present.

Donna Guthrie and Bengy Buckelew, of Ohatchee, requested assistance with a sewage problem in the vicinity of Cobb Road. County Engineer Charles Markert was asked to assess the situation.

Commissioner Abbott made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned pursuant to a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present.

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, December 27, 2007, at 10:00 a.m.