

SUMMARY OF MINUTES  
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION  
FEBRUARY 14, 2008

Chairman Downing called the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Commission to order and all Commissioners were present. The Chairman asked that bids be submitted and Commissioner Hess gave an invocation.

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

Commissioner Dunn made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner Abbott seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Leonard Wilson, representing the Sons of Confederate Veterans Alabama Division, presented a check in the amount of \$5,000 to Commissioner Henderson for the Janney Furnace Civil War and Indian Artifact Museum. SCV members also present were Paul Vaughn, Larry Lee, and Dennis Reaves.

A motion was made by Commissioner Henderson, and seconded by Commissioner Hess, to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes were adopted by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

The nuisance declaration on property located at 4809 Taylor Avenue, Anniston, owned by Marvin and Bonnie Jean Knight, Jr., was continued until March 27, 2008, as recommended by Environmental Enforcement Office David Pirritano. Bonnie Knight was present and requested a thirty-day continuance. Commissioner Hess so moved, Commissioner Dunn seconded the motion, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

Commissioner Abbott made a motion to continue the nuisance abatement on property located at 0 River Road and 0 N. of Co. Rd 73, Ohatchee, owned by Linda Robinson, until May 22, 2008, as recommended by Mr. Pirritano. Sharon Robinson was present and asked for a ninety-day continuance. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Hess, all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn to proceed with the nuisance abatement on property located at 916 Pipe Street, Anniston, owned by Buster D. Watts, as recommended by Mr. 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)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hess and seconded by Commissioner Dunn to dismiss the nuisance abatements on the following properties, as recommended by Mr. Pirritano: (1) 0 Choccolocco Road, Anniston, owned by Roger Dulaney; (2) 0 AL Hwy 21, Anniston, owned by Randy Wood; (3) 13060 AL Hwy 9, Piedmont, owned by Carolyn Grimes; (4) 6844 Mudd

Street, Lincoln, owned by Sandra Maye; and (5) 611 W 49<sup>th</sup>, Anniston, owned by Clyde J. and Ruby M. Fowler. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

Commissioner Dunn made a motion to award the bid for rental uniforms for employees of the Calhoun County Highway Department, Calhoun County Landfill, and for one custodian each at the Calhoun County Administration Building, Courthouse and Jail, to the overall low bidder, UniFirst, of Birmingham, as recommended by the County Engineer. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn, and seconded by Commissioner Hess, to award the bid for 2008 Dodge Charger Police Vehicles or equal for the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office to the overall low bidder, Anniston Lincoln Mercury Dodge, of Anniston, as recommended by the Sheriff. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

County Administrator Ken Joiner presented a contract with Etowah County to provide for animal control services at the Calhoun County Animal Control Center. Mr. Joiner advised that the contract modifies the effective date of a contract that was previously authorized in July 2007, but was never finalized. Commissioner Dunn made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the modified contract with Etowah County and Commissioner Hess seconded the motion. A vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of the motion. (CONTRACT ATTACHED)

Bids were opened by Mr. Joiner for Portable Light Towers for the Calhoun County Emergency Management Agency. Commissioner Dunn made a motion to refer the two bids received from United Rentals, of Oxford, and Thompson Tractor, of Oxford, to the EMA Director for review and a recommendation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Abbott and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

Mr. Joiner opened bids received for a 2008 Crew Cab Truck for the Sheriffs Office. Commissioner Abbott made a motion to refer the bids received from Larry Puckett Chevrolet, Inc., of Prattville, and Treadwell Ford, of Mobile to the Sheriff for review and a recommendation. Commissioner Hess seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Abbott made a motion to continue the nuisance declaration on property located at 0 Grayton Road, Ohatchee, owned by Oscar Jennings, until April 24, 2008, as recommended by Mr. Pirritano. Mr. Jennings was present and asked for a sixty-day continuance. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Henderson, all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Henderson, and seconded by Commissioner Hess, to continue the nuisance declaration on property located at 0 Mudd Street, Ohatchee, owned by Jennifer Pool, until March 27, 2008, as recommended by Mr. Pirritano. Representatives of the owners were present and asked for a thirty-day continuance. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Henderson made a motion to declare a public nuisance on property located at 302 S. Stebbins Street, Anniston, owned by Ronald and Barbara Bagley, as recommended by Mr. Pirritano. The owners were not present. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hess and it carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Henderson to dismiss the nuisance declaration on property located at 140 Old Coldwater Road, Anniston, owned by Nathaniel Yancey, as recommended by Mr. Pirritano. The owner was not present. Commissioner Abbott seconded the motion and a vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Mr. Joiner presented a resolution to reject all bids received for the construction of the Janney Furnace Civil War and Indian Artifact Museum and Interpretive Center, to be located in Ohatchee. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the resolution as read. Commissioner Hess seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

A Memorandum of Understanding among the Administrative Office of Courts, the Calhoun County Commission, and the District Judge of Calhoun County, was presented by Mr. Joiner. Mr. Joiner advised the MOU provides for funding in the amount of \$200,000 for the Calhoun County Juvenile Delinquent Day Treatment Program, and he recommended authorizing the Chairman to sign the MOU. Commissioner Hess so moved, Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion, and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (MOU ATTACHED)

An agreement to extend the Interagency Agreement between the Office of Justice Programs, Center for Domestic Preparedness, and the Calhoun County Commission, through June 30, 2008, was presented by Mr. Joiner. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Abbott, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Joiner presented revised Rules and Regulations for the Calhoun County Farmers Market, as recommended by Dr. David West, County Extension Coordinator. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the rules and regulations as presented and to authorize Dr. West to implement these rules and regulations effective immediately. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Hess, all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RULES AND REGULATIONS ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Henderson, and seconded by Commissioner Abbott, to adopt revised Rules and Regulations for the Calhoun County Extension Auditorium, as recommended by Dr. West, and to authorize Dr. West to implement these rules and regulations effective immediately. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RULES AND REGULATIONS ATTACHED)

The Chairman was authorized by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners to sign an agreement with the Calhoun County Board of Education to share the cost associated with certain road construction in the vicinity of White Plains Elementary School and White Plains Middle School, as recommended by County Engineer Charles Markert. Commissioner Henderson made a

motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement and Commissioner Abbott seconded the motion. (AGREEMENT ATTACHED)

County Administrator Ken Joiner presented a three-year contract to extend the employment of Martha Tucker as Court/Jail/Commission Liaison, effective February 1, 2008. Ms. Tucker was commended for her excellent work on behalf of Calhoun County. Commissioner Abbott made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Hess, all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (CONTRACT ATTACHED)

Commissioner Abbott made a motion to extend on a month-to-month basis the Memorandum of Understanding between Calhoun County and the Calhoun Cleburne County Drug and Violent Crime Task Force for the use of office space in the old County Family Court Building located on 11<sup>th</sup> Street and Gurnee Avenue, in Anniston. Mr. Joiner advised that no rent is charged, and the current agreement expires March 19, 2008. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Hess, all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Henderson to approve the adjusted rates for the period January 1, 2008, through September 30, 2008, charged by Regional Medical Center for the provision of medical services to inmates of the Calhoun County Jail, as recommended by Mr. Joiner. Mr. Joiner advised the new rate for inpatient admissions is \$1,540 per day, and the rate for outpatient services, such as ER visits and other outpatient testing, is 42% of charges, which is unchanged from last year. Jail Nurse Bent Cobb was commended for helping to keep these costs down. Commissioner Hess seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt a resolution to declare certain computer equipment to be surplus property and to donate the equipment to the Community Action Agency of Talladega, Clay, Randolph, Calhoun and Cleburne Counties. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hess and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Commissioner Dunn left the meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hess to appoint Suzie Franklin to replace her deceased husband, Curtis, on the Calhoun County Beautification Board. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion and all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion.

County Engineer Charles Markert presented an easement between Calhoun County and The Water Works and Sewer Board of the City of Anniston, which is required for constructing, operating, maintaining and repairing Sanitary Sewer Mains for construction of the new Calhoun County Highway Department at McClellan. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the easement as recommended by the County Engineer and Commissioner Abbott seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present. (EASEMENT ATTACHED)

As recommended by County Attorney Tom Sowa, and upon motion duly made by Commissioner Abbott and seconded by Commissioner Hess, the following resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present, levying taxes for the ad valorem tax year commencing on October 1, 2007, also fixing license fees for the sale, storage and distribution of alcoholic beverages, and fixing other license, franchise and privilege taxes, and fixing certain permit fees and certain county privilege, license and excise taxes, and certain sales taxes and use taxes. (TAX LEVY RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

The Chairman was authorized by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present to sign an agreement with The Water Works and Sewer Board of the City of Anniston to provide for the extension of an existing water main along Glade Road. Commissioner Hess made the motion and Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. (AGREEMENT ATTACHED)

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

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, February 28, 2008, at 10:00 a.m.