

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 25, 2008

Chairman Henderson called the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Commission to order and all Commissioners were present. The Chairman asked that bids be submitted and that everyone sign the sheet being circulated for a public hearing. County Engineer Charles Markert gave an invocation.

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

Commissioner Dunn made a motion to adopt the agenda and Commissioner Hess seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor of adopting the agenda.

Special recognition was given to the Red Cross of Calhoun and Cleburne Counties and Grace Baptist Church for providing assistance to Hurricane Gustav evacuees in Calhoun County. Certificates were presented to Carol Kirk, Manager of the Red Cross of Calhoun and Cleburne Counties, and to Wayne Woods, Pastor, and Alicia Jones, of Grace Baptist Church.

Melanie Hill, representing the Spirit of Anniston, presented special recognitions to Sheriff Larry Amerson, Chief Deputy Matthew Wade and Deputy Eric Starr, for assisting with the Farmers' Market at Zinn Park throughout the summer.

U. S. Marine recruiters, Sergeant Leon Hatcher and Gunnery Sergeant Matthew Sekellick, were recognized and commended.

Terry Snell, Kronospan Facility Engineer, was recognized.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Downing, all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Downing made a motion to declare a public nuisance on property located at 518 Virginia Avenue, Anniston, owned by Dewayne and Gail Reid, as recommended by Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano. The owners were not present. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Hess, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Pirritano recommended dismissing the nuisance abatement on property located at 2985 Parkwood Drive, Anniston, owned by Trinna Zimmerman. Commissioner Hess so moved, Commissioner Downing seconded the motion, and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hess, and seconded by Commissioner Abbott, to declare a public nuisance on property located at 0 AL Hwy 204, Jacksonville, owned by S. J. and S. Jean

McDonald. The owners were not present. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

No responses were received for the re-bid of Gasoline, Diesel Fuel, Etc. (FY08-20).

County Administrator Ken Joiner opened the only bid received for the purchase of a Biodiesel Processor (Re-Bid)(FY08-41). Commissioner Dunn made a motion to refer the bid, from Biodiesel Logic Inc., of Arab, to the County Engineer for review and a recommendation. Commissioner Downing seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

A public hearing was held concerning the proposed vacation of a portion of Mount Zion Road, as requested by the Mount Zion Baptist Church of Alexandria, Alabama. Speaking in opposition to the vacation were residents of Zion Road, Sara Holley and Jerry Jones. Speaking in favor of the vacation were Gary Ragsdale, Pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church; Trudy Hardegree, resident of Gate 5 Road and church member; and Sheriff Larry Amerson, church member. After all comments were heard from the public, the Chairman declared the public hearing to be closed. (SUMMARY OF COMMENTS IN FILE)

County Engineer Charles Markert recommended vacating a portion of Mount Zion Road, as requested by the Mount Zion Baptist Church of Alexandria, Alabama, for safety reasons. Commissioner Hess, the Commissioner for the district in which this road is located, made a motion to vacate the road, with the understanding that proper signage will be in place, cemetery access will not be restricted, and existing fire hydrants will be accessible to all current residents. Commissioner Downing seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Downing, and seconded by Commissioner Abbott, to accept for maintenance Casey Court, in Cherry Acres Subdivision. Mr. Markert advised that the road, located in district 2, was built in accordance with the Subdivision Regulations of Calhoun County. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Hess made a motion to approve Farmer's & Merchant's Bank as the 2008 Revenue Commissioner's Depository, as requested by Revenue Commissioner Karen Roper. Commissioner Downing seconded the motion and a vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hess to re-appoint Chris Page to serve a four-year term on the Anniston-Calhoun County Library Board of Directors. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Downing, all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

A one-year contract extension was presented by Mr. Joiner to employ Butler Green Waste Management, Inc. to provide consultant services related to the County solid waste facilities and programs, through September 30, 2009. Commissioner Dunn made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract, Commissioner Abbott seconded the motion, and a vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of the motion. (CONTRACT ATTACHED)

Mr. Joiner advised that problems with gas supplies in the area may require a deviation from the county's current fuel contract with Green Oil Company, and that fuel may need to be obtained through the East Alabama Cooperative Purchasing Association, which has contracted with Quality Petroleum of Alabama, Inc. at a rate of \$0.08 over OPIS per U.S. gallon. He recommended that the county's bid with Green Oil Company be extended for thirty days in order to allow for the Gasoline, Diesel Fuel, Etc. to be re-bid as soon as possible. Commissioner Downing so moved, Commissioner Hess seconded the motion, and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Hess then made a motion to authorize the purchase of fuel in emergency situations through the East Alabama Cooperative Purchasing Association. Commissioner Abbott seconded this motion, and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

The contract for residential solid waste collection and disposal with Veolia ES Waste Services Southeast, Inc. was extended for a period of three years. Commissioner Abbott made a motion to adopt a resolution as presented by Mr. Joiner to extend the contract and Commissioner Hess seconded the motion. A vote of the Commissioners was as follows: Yeas – Commissioner Dunn, Commissioner Downing, Commissioner Hess, and Commissioner Abbott. Abstained – Chairman Henderson. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Downing to authorize the Chairman to sign Change Order #6, in the amount of \$4,312.50, for the construction of a Calhoun County Highway Department Complex. County Engineer Charles Markert advised that the change order provides for the installation of a 150-amp breaker to service the Fuel Center. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Dunn, all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (CHANGE ORDER IN FILE)

Commissioner Dunn made a motion to adopt a resolution making the Calhoun County Commission's Policy for Capitalization and Depreciation of Assets applicable to the assets formerly held by the Anniston-Calhoun County Fort McClellan Development Joint Powers Authority, as presented by Mr. Joiner. Commissioner Hess seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Joiner presented a resolution to adopt the 2008-2009 budget, which includes a one-time lump sum bonus for retirees. Following explanation about the budget and commendations to the commission office staff in preparation of the budget, Commissioner Dunn made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Hess seconded the motion, and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION & BUDGET ATTACHED)

Commissioner Hess made a motion to approve a public works project for the relocation of the McClellan Development Authority Headquarters to the building known as the "Rock House," located at 4975 Bains Gap Road, Anniston, AL 36205, as recommended by Mr. Joiner. The purpose of the relocated, according to Mr. Joiner, will be to save on utilities and to provide a better space for operations. The total cost will not exceed \$50,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Downing, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Bill Johnson, Director of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, discussed Governor Riley's initiative to partner with faith and community based organizations to provide social services in order to keep jail inmates from returning to prison following their release. Calhoun County and Commissioner Abbott were commended for their leadership and assistance in establishing the Substance Abuse Center in Calhoun County.

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

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, October 9, 2008, at 10:00 a.m.