

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
JANUARY 14, 2021

Chairman Hess called to order the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Commission. Also present were Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Henderson, and Commissioner Patterson. Assistant Engineer Rodney McCain gave an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Michael Barton announced his resignation as EMA Director effective January 18, 2021. On behalf of the City of Anniston, City Manager Steven Folks presented a commemorative coin to Mr. Barton to show appreciation for his commendable service while leading the COVID-19 crisis team in Calhoun County. Chairman Hess presented a proclamation on behalf of the County Commission commending Mr. Barton for his outstanding service as EMA Director and wishing him continued success in his future endeavors.

Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the agenda, followed by a second to the motion from Commissioner Patterson. All Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion.

Animal Control Director Chris Westmoreland reported that in the last year the center has taken in 1,103 animals and 81.4 percent of them were adopted, rescued or reclaimed by owners.

A Free Day at the County Landfill on Saturday, January 16th, was announced by Landfill Manager Rodney Cox.

Mr. McCain advised that road work will result in minor closures in the next few days at the intersection of Hwy 431 and Hwy 109.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson 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.

Environmental Enforcement Officer Reggie Stewart recommended proceeding with the abatement of a public nuisance on property located at 1023 West 32nd Street, Anniston, owned by Benny Carl Lovell. The owner was notified of the meeting but was not present. Commissioner Patterson made a motion to adopt the resolution, Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion, and all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Stewart recommended declaring a public nuisance on the following properties: (1) US Hwy 78 E (Pin#23073), Anniston, owned by Richard Alabama Land Investment Inc.; (2) 998 Mary Jane Drive, Anniston, owned by Jerel Greathouse; (3) 6 Alice Street, Alexandria, owned by Katrina Elston; (4) 4900 Saks Road, Anniston, owned by Richard Barrett; (5) 4424 Elma Avenue, Anniston, owned by Billy Allen; (6) 5516 Chandler Street, Anniston, owned by Norman Bence; (7) 410 Williamson Avenue, Anniston, owned by Teresa Roberts; (8) 1001 Cherokee

Trail, Anniston, owned by Kevin Humphries; (9) 927 Maxanna Drive, Anniston, owned by Rogelio and Maria Aguilar; and (10) 331 East 54th Street, Anniston, owned by Billy G. Hodge. The owners of the properties were notified of the meeting but were not present. Commissioner Patterson made a motion to declare public nuisances all ten properties. Following a second to this motion from Commissioner Henderson, a vote of the Commissioners present was unanimously in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Stewart recommended declaring a public nuisance on property located at 6025 Holley Trace, Anniston, owned by George William and Shanna Mixson. The owners were present and stated they recently acquired the property and are in the process of remodeling and cleaning up. They felt they were being harassed by the neighbors and feared for their safety. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to table this declaration and asked Mr. Stewart to review the matter with the owners. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion and all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Henderson to adopt a resolution that was presented by County Administrator Mark Tyner to award the bid for Repair of Bridge on Boiling Springs Road and Grayton Road to The Bridge Builders of Alabama, LLC, as recommended by the County Engineer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson and the motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Commissioner Patterson made a motion to adopt a resolution that was presented by Mr. Tyner to award the bid for a New Full-Size SUV for the Highway Department to Cooper Chevrolet, as recommended by the County Engineer. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion and all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Tyner presented a resolution to extend a contract for a second year, through November 13, 2021, with Dana Safety Supply of Alabama, for the purchase and installation of equipment for Sheriff's office vehicles. Commissioner Henderson so moved, Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion, and a vote of Commissioners present was unanimously in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

An ABC Board transfer application was presented by Mr. Tyner for a 120 – Warehouse License, submitted by Gulf Distributing Company of Alabama LLC, dba Gulf Distributing Company of Alabama, 9100 US Hwy 431, Alexandria. The location was previously licensed for Supreme Beverage Company. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to waive the second reading and approve the application, Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion, and all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Henderson made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign renewal agreements for and on behalf of Calhoun County, once in final form, with Avenu Insights & Analytics for tax collection of Calhoun County's (1) Sales and Use Tax, (2) Lodging Tax, (3) Tobacco Tax, and (4) Discovery Recovery for Business Licenses. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson, and the motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present. (AGREEMENTS IN FILE)

A motion was made by Commissioner Patterson to authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement, for and on behalf of Calhoun County, once in final form, with Jay Jenkins Architecture. Mr. Tyner advised the contract provides consulting services for the construction of a Calhoun County Agricultural Events Center to be located in District 4. Following a second to the motion from Commissioner Henderson, all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Tyner presented an agreement with JMR+H Architecture, PC, to provide architectural services for Alterations and Additions to the Calhoun County Jail. Jay Jenkins Architecture is the Associate Architect for the project. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement for and on behalf of Calhoun County, once in final form. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion, and a vote of the Commissioners present was unanimously in favor of the motion. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Commissioner Henderson made a motion to appoint Toby Burt to fill an unexpired term on the Calhoun County Water & Fire Protection Authority, representing District 3. This position was vacated by the death of Echols Bryant, and will expire March 1, 2023. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson, and all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Henderson and seconded by Commissioner Patterson to authorize the Chairman to sign a contract, for and on behalf of Calhoun County, with Jon Garlick, LPC, for Counseling Services for Prospective Law Enforcement Officers for Calhoun County, as presented by Mr. Tyner. The effective date of the contract is January 8, 2021, for one year, with an option to extend for two additional one year terms. The cost for evaluations will be \$136 per hour. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present. (CONTRACT IN FILE)

Commissioner Patterson made a motion to adopt a resolution that was presented by Mr. Tyner to appoint Myles Chamblee as the Acting EMA Director, due to the resignation of Michael Barton, effective January 16, 2021. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion and all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Commissioner Henderson made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign a contract, for and on behalf of Calhoun County, with J. M. Wood Auction Co., Inc., for the sale of certain county owned trucks and equipment at the Calhoun County Highway Department, as presented by Mr. Tyner. The gross financial guarantee for the sale is \$1,410,500.00, with a 6% absolute commission rate being charged to gross sales. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion, and a vote of the Commissioners present was unanimously in favor of the motion. (CONTRACT IN FILE)

Mr. Tyner presented a resolution to amend certain fees, charges, and rates for the Calhoun County Animal Control services and programs. Commissioner Patterson made a motion to adopt the resolution, followed by a second to the motion from Commissioner Henderson. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Henderson to authorize the Chairman to sign a Permit and Lease Agreement, for and on behalf of Calhoun County, with the Calhoun County Archery Association for use of the Agri-Center for recreational events for County youths, from January 2021, through January 2022, with the option to extend on an annual basis. There was a second to the motion from Commissioner Wilson, and all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

An agreement with HZC Holdings, LLC, dba Servpro, was presented by Mr. Tyner, which provided emergency water restorative services at the Berman/Gayles Building, located at 1112 Noble Street, Anniston, due to a broken water pipe. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to approve and ratify the emergency agreement, signed on December 30, 2020, by Building Maintenance Specialist Jerry Harper. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion and a vote of the Commissioners present was unanimously in favor of the motion. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Commissioner Patterson made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign, for and on behalf of Calhoun County, a Proposal and Agreement, once in final form, with ATIS Elevator Inspections, LLC. Mr. Tyner advised the agreement provides for inspections and services for the elevator located at the Calhoun County Courthouse. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion and all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Tyner presented an agreement with Pitney Bowes, Inc. to provide a lease for ConnectRight Mailer Automated Addressing Software to process Calhoun County's courtesy tax notices, as requested by the IT Manager. The proposed cost is \$300.37 per month, billed quarterly at \$901.11, for twelve month intervals with a renewal after each fiscal year for no more than 36 months. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement for and on behalf of Calhoun County, once in final form. There was a second to the motion from Commissioner Wilson and a unanimous vote in favor of the motion from the Commissioners present. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

A proposed agreement with Terracon Consultants, Inc. to provide Geotechnical Engineering Services for proposed improvements to the Calhoun County Jail was presented by Mr. Tyner. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement for and on behalf of Calhoun County, once in final form. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion and all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Tyner presented an estimate from Larry Walker Land Surveying, Inc., to complete a Topographical Survey on the Calhoun County Jail Property, related to proposed jail improvement projects. Commissioner Patterson made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign any and all necessary paperwork for whichever options deemed necessary and appropriate, once in final form. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion and a vote of the Commissioners present was unanimously in favor of the motion. (LETTER IN FILE)

Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt an Extended Emergency Paid Sick Leave Policy, as presented by Mr. Tyner. The policy would extend retroactively from December 31, 2020, through March 31, 2021, the previously mandated eighty hours of emergency paid sick leave to assist employees affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. The motion was seconded by

Commissioner Wilson and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present. (POLICY ATTACHED)

Mr. McCain presented for approval the County Rebuild Alabama Annual Report for fiscal year 2020, in accordance with Act 2019-2, the Rebuild Alabama Act. The report shows expenditures in the amount of \$488,000 for Mudd Street resurfacing and traffic striping project, and \$310,000 for Ball Play bridge replacement. Commissioner Patterson made a motion to approve the report, Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion, and all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion. (REPORT IN FILE)

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Henderson and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. All Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion.

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, January 28, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.