

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
September 14, 2023

Chairman Shears called to order the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Commission at 10:00 a.m., and all Commissioners were present. The pastor of Edgewood Church, Dr. Bill Snow, gave an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Commissioner Henderson motioned to adopt the agenda, followed by a second motion from Commissioner Howell. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Commissioner Patterson made a motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Environmental Programs Manager, Mr. Reggie Stewart, recommended proceeding with the public nuisance abatements on the following properties: (1) 3531 Ammons Street, Anniston, owned by Curtis Ware; (2) 3600 Ammons Street, Anniston, owned by Curtis Ware; (3) 1001 Cherokee Trail, Anniston, owned by Kevin Humphries; (4) 249 Martin Lane, Ohatchee, owned by Roy and Leanne Etheridge; (5) 1117 W. 49th Street, Anniston, owned by William and Mariea Commons Jr.; (6) 504 S. Colvin Street, Anniston, owned by Lovona Newell; (7) 507 S. Colvin Street, Anniston, owned by James Henderson; (8) 1625 Marx Street, Anniston, owned by Deborah Tipton. The owners were adequately notified of the meeting. Mr. Milton Elston addressed the Commission regarding 3531 Ammons Street and 3600 Ammons Street. He explained that the owner, Mr. Curtis Ware, is in a nursing home, but they are getting the property at 3531 Ammons Street cleaned up, and the 3600 Ammons Street property is being sold. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to declare as recommended. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (8 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Reggie Stewart recommended dismissing public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 306 Rice Avenue, Anniston, owned by Amy Joiner; (2) 75 Fieldstone Way, Jacksonville, owned by Mark and Larry Hamlin; (3) 65 Fieldstone Way, Jacksonville, owned by Annie Hudgins; and (4) 0 Creek Trail, Anniston, owned by Indian Oaks Golf Course Inc., c/o RCO Enterprises Inc. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no one was present to represent the owners. Commissioner Patterson made a motion to proceed with invoices. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Reggie Stewart recommended approving invoices as shown in the itemized reports to be the cost of removal of public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 0 Old Birmingham Highway, Anniston, owned by Jerre Haynes, for \$8,526.00; and (2) 331 Old Gadsden Highway, Anniston, owned by Truman Puckett, for \$7,526.00. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no one was present to represent the owners. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to proceed with invoices. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Reggie Stewart recommended declaring public nuisances on the following properties:

(1) 2253 Alexandria-Wellington Road, Alexandria, owned by Gary Truitt; (2) 0 Morrisville Road (Pin#31255), Anniston, owned by Curtis and Betty Ware; (3) 245 Smith Street, Oxford, owned by Robert and Donna Hale; (4) 1071 W 33rd Street, Anniston, owned by Tony Hewitt; (5) 907 Vigo Ave, Weaver, owned by Kenneth Harrast; (6) 2033 Old Choccolocco Road, Anniston, owned by Cathy Hopson and John Taylor (EST); (7) 2081 Old Choccolocco Road, Anniston, owned by Reginald Chatman; and (8) 2045 Old Choccolocco Road, Anniston, owned by Cathy Hopson and John Taylor (EST). The owners were adequately notified of the meeting. Mr. Walt Frazier addressed the Commission regarding 0 Morrisville Road, stating that he is the real estate agent working with the owner, Mr. Ware, to get it cleaned and sold. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (8 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

County Administrator, Mr. Mark Tyner, presented a resolution to award the bid for HVAC Units to the sole bidder, WeatherTech, for one year beginning September 14, 2023. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a resolution to award Highway Department Half-Ton Trucks to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder, Sunny King Ford. Commissioner Howell made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a resolution to award Plantmix – F.O.B. Cold Mix to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder, Vulcan Materials. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a resolution to award Traffic Striping to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder, Ozark Striping Company, LLC. Commissioner Patterson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a resolution to extend the awarded bid for Bush Hogging Services with Bailey's Bushhogging for an additional year, October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, with no change in price. Commissioner Howell made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a resolution to extend the awarded bid for EMA Landscape Maintenance with AllGreen Lawn Care for an additional year, October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, with no change in price. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a resolution to extend the GPS Monitoring Services with American Electronic Monitoring for an additional year, October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, with no change in price. Commissioner Patterson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a resolution to extend the Woodland Park Sports Complex Concessions with Osborn Brothers and Flowers Baking Company of Birmingham for an additional year, October 14, 2023, through October 13, 2024, with permissible price increases. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner said Driver's Choice sent a 30-day notice stating they cannot finish the Vehicle Maintenance and Repairs bid award after September 30, 2023. Mr. Tyner presented a resolution to award the Vehicle Maintenance and Repair bid for the remaining contract time, effective October 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024, to Alexandria Brake and Muffler Service. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a resolution declaring concrete bridge panels and caps from the Highway Department as surplus property and to sell via GovDeals. Commissioner Patterson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a five-year term agreement with Alabama Power to upgrade seventy-six lights across the County to LED. Commissioner Howell motioned to authorize the chairman to sign for and on behalf of the Commission. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented an agreement with The Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Inc., effective October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2026. This is to provide funding to the Chamber of Commerce to develop and promote tourism and conventions in Calhoun County. Commissioner Wilson motioned to authorize the chairman to sign for and on behalf of the Commission. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. Ms. Linda Hearn, Chamber Executive Director, and Audrey Maxwell, Chamber Tourism Director, each thanked the Commission for their continued support to help market tourism for the County. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented an agreement extension for Friends of Janney Furnace from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2026, to assist with the operation and maintenance of Janney Furnace Park. Commissioner Henderson motioned to authorize the chairman to sign for and on behalf of the Commission. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented Calhoun County Highway Department's FY24 Diversified Computer Services Agreement with the same price as the prior year, \$8400.00. Commissioner Henderson motioned to authorize the chairman to sign for and on behalf of the Commission. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a Property Transfer Deed to transfer the Ohatchee Barn from the County to the Town of Ohatchee. Commissioner Henderson motioned to authorize the chairman

to sign for and on behalf of the Commission. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (DEED IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a Construction Management Service Agreement with Scout for the Jail Medical Wing. This will allow the utilization of Scout to assist with project management services for the Jail Medical Unit addition. Commissioner Patterson motioned to authorize the chairman to sign for and on behalf of the Commission. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a DYS Grant Resolution for the Robert E. Lewis Academy, a program of Coosa Valley, allowing the County to be the payee for the FY2024 diversion grant for \$433,160.00. Commissioner Howell made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a DYS Grant Resolution for the Family Court Success Academy, a program of United Way, allowing the County to be the payee for the FY2024 diversion grant for \$265,788.00. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. Mr. Shannon Jenkins, president of the Calhoun County United Way, thanked the Commission for supporting this diversion program that helps kids in legal situations. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Tyner presented a Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant Resolution for the County to submit a grant application for \$60,800.00 to continue funding the VAWA program for use by the 7th Judicial Circuit Domestic Violence Crime Unit. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Tyner presented a State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program Resolution for the County to submit a grant application for these funds. Commissioner Howell made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented the FY2024 Budget Resolution with a balanced budget. Commissioner Patterson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. The Commissioners commended the Administration on their hard work in preparing this budget. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Ms. Audrey Maxwell, Tourism Director, expressed appreciation for the partnership with the Commission in helping tourism in our County. She announced that local business, Nunnally's Noble Frame and Gallery, won Retailer of the Year. She informed the Commission that they are currently working with the State Department of Tourism and hope to have announcements soon of new events coming to our area.

Mr. Arif Shad addressed the Commission by saying he has only been a resident of Calhoun County for a few months. However, they wanted to recognize the kindness of several employees he has met and has gotten help from since coming to the area. He mentioned a special thanks to County employee Dennis Nunnally.

Dr. Jose Reyes, Calhoun County Schools Superintendent, gave updates on the renovations happening at several school buildings, saying that as of October 1, all of the Elementary School gyms will have air conditioning. He announced that the new program with Honda will begin at the Career Tech on January 1, 2024. He invited everyone to attend many school sports events to support the County students.

Mr. Phil Brown, who resides on Rhode Street, told the Commission of a halfway house coming on his street and would like to know if anything can be done to stop this from being put in a residential area. He spoke about his concerns about safety for the kids and older adults in the neighborhood.

Chairman Shears stated that the Commission has met with State officials to look into the businesses of halfway homes to see what regulations could be implemented. Commissioner Howell also said that he has received multiple complaints from residents, especially in the Saks community, and the Commission is working with our State officials to find a solution.

Mr. Mike Lipscomb, resident of Saks, expressed his concerns regarding the halfway houses in his community, saying there are at least six within a two-mile radius. He asked the Commission to help look into any guidelines that can be put in place to help monitor these businesses.

Mr. Wayne Rhodes, resident of Saks, asked how the halfway houses are financed and stated his concerns with having so many in one community.

Ms. Margie Smith, resident of Rhodes Street, stated she felt unsafe having a halfway house put so close to her residence.

Ed Turner, General Manager of Anniston Water Works, updated that the new Wellborn water tank placement is underway and thanked the Commission for their help in making this happen.

Commissioner Henderson thanked County Engineer Rodney McCain and the Highway Department employees for the new parking lot at Janney Furnace.

Commissioner Patterson also thanked the Highway Department crew for paving the Piedmont High School Ag Department's parking lot and helping cover a pipe at the Pleasant Valley schools.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Howell and seconded by Commissioner Henderson. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion by a voice vote. Accordingly, the meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, September 28, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.