

SUMMARY OF MINUTES  
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION  
October 26, 2023

Chairman Shears called to order the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Commission at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioner Wilson and Commissioner Howell present. Pastor Roland Brown of Golden Springs Baptist gave an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Chairman Shears presented Mr. Jason Lindell, with the Agency for Substance and Abuse Prevention, with a proclamation from the Commission proclaiming October 23-31, 2023, as Red Ribbon Week in Calhoun County and urging all citizens to support a drug-free environment.

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

Chairman Shears introduced the newly appointed District Attorney for Calhoun and Cleburne County, Ms. Lynn Hammond. Ms. Hammond thanked the Commission for their hard work and announced her readiness to serve in her new role.

Commissioner Howell 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 of the Commissioners present.

Environmental Programs Manager, Mr. Kraig Mize, recommended proceeding with the public nuisance abatements on the following properties: (1) 245 Smith Street, Oxford, owned by Robert and Donna Hale; (2) 1071 W. 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, Anniston, owned by Tony Hewitt; (3) 2033 Old Choccolocco Road, Anniston, owned by Cathy Hopson and John Taylor (EST); (4) 2081 Old Choccolocco Road, Anniston, owned by Reginald Chatman; and (5) 2045 Old Choccolocco Road, Anniston, owned by Cathy Hopson and John Taylor (EST). Owners were adequately notified of the meeting but were not present, and no one spoke on behalf of the owners. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to declare as recommended. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (5 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Kraig Mize recommended dismissing public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 3600 Ammons Street, Anniston, owned by Curtis Ware; (2) 504 S. Colvin Street, Anniston, owned by Lovona Newell; (3) 2253 Alexandria-Wellington Road, Alexandria, owned by Gary Truitt; (4) 907 Vigo Avenue, Weaver, owned by Kenneth Harrast; (5) 2306 West D Street, Anniston, owned by Andria Perry; and (6) 0 Morrisville Road (Pin #31255), Anniston, owned by Curtis and Betty Ware. Owners were adequately notified of the meeting but were not present, and no one spoke on behalf of the owners. Commissioner Howell made a motion to dismiss as recommended. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present.

Mr. Kraig Mize recommended to table the invoices as shown in the itemized reports to be the cost of removal of public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 630 S. Colvin Street,

Anniston, owned by Ronald and Donna Baumhardt, for \$3,026.00; and (2) 516 S. Ledbetter Street, Anniston, owned by Karen Gautney, for \$5,526.00. The owners were notified of the meeting. Ms. Tammy Moreno, of 630 S. Colvin Street, says she is the new owner and that demolition was done around the time she took ownership without having a chance to clean and demo herself. Ms. Karen Pinkard addressed the Commission regarding 516 S. Ledbetter Street, asking for a breakdown of the invoice for the demolition work done at the property. Mr. Wilson made a motion to table each invoice. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present.

Mr. Kraig Mize recommended declaring public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 1051 W. 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, Anniston, owned by April Coggins. Owners were adequately notified of the meeting but were not present, and no one spoke on behalf of the owner. Commissioner Howell made a motion to declare as recommended. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (1 RESOLUTION IN FILE)

County Administrator, Mr. Mark Tyner, presented an ABC Board Application for a license transfer to sell 050 – Retail Beer and 070 – Retail Table Wine, off-premises only, submitted by MD Naser LLC., d/b/a Food Mart 17, located at 30 Alabama Highway 204, Wellington, 36279. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to waive the first reading and to approve the application. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present.

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a resolution to extend the ACCA Region 6 Debris Removal with D&J Enterprises, Inc., effective November 1, 2023, to October 31, 2024. Commissioner Howell made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a resolution for the Jail Medical Unit Addition acknowledging 65% completion of the design phase for the Mental Health Medical Unit at the County Jail and authorizing JMR+H to proceed to the 95% level of the design phase. Commissioner Howell motioned to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Tyner presented an agreement with GoFormz, Inc., for online forms used by the Coroner's office. The total cost is \$864, effective October 28, 2023, and will expire on October 27, 2024. Commissioner Howell motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement for and on behalf of Calhoun County. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by the voice vote of the Commissioners present. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a resolution declaring an obsolete 1987 MCR Repeater from the Sheriff's Office as surplus property and to be disposed of. Commissioner Howell made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a broadband agreement with Charter Communications to provide internet services within the unincorporated areas of the County. Commissioner Wilson motioned

to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement for and on behalf of Calhoun County, once in final form. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by the voice vote of the Commissioners present. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a Memorandum of Agreement to extend nutrition assistance at the County Jail with Stacey Johnson, RD, LD, for \$650 monthly. This agreement is effective until November 10, 2024. Commissioner Howell motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement for and on behalf of Calhoun County. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (MOA ATTACHED)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a three-year Employment Contract for the Human Resource Manager, commencing October 23, 2023, to October 23, 2026. Commissioner Wilson motioned to authorize the chairman to sign for and on behalf of the Commission, once in final form. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (CONTRACT IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a Polling Place Change Resolution to relocate Beat 1, Box 4, from Jacksonville First Baptist Church at 230 7th Street NE, Jacksonville, AL, to Rowe Hall at 804 Church Avenue NE, Jacksonville, AL. Commissioner Howell made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Tyner recommended reappointing Mr. Gerald Wilkerson to represent the Commission on the Coosa Valley Youth Services Board. This three-year term is effective November 1, 2023, to November 1, 2026. Commissioner Howell made a motion to make the appointment. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present.

Dr. David West, County Extension Coordinator, announced it was Extension Week in Alabama and thanked the Commission for their partnership. He then introduced 4-H State Ambassador Madelyn Cone. Miss Cone spoke to the Commission about the importance of 4-H Camps and her assignment to speak to leaders in the community in an attempt to help get sponsorships for students to attend.

Ms. Audrey Maxwell, Chamber of Commerce Tourism Director, spoke on the success of the recent Business Expo and the mountain biking event, Fat Tire Fest, and announced the 4th Annual Sporting Clay Shoot tomorrow, October 27. She thanked all the local businesses for participating in the Business Fall Decorating Contest and said the winner was Mad Hatter Cupcake.

Brittney Reaves, Public Information Officer, announced that there will be an adoption event at the Animal Control this Saturday from noon until four o'clock. She said sponsorships will cover the first eight animals' adoption fees.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Howell and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. All Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion by a voice vote. Accordingly, the meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, November 9, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.