

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
March 14, 2024

Chairman Shears called to order the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Commission at 10:00 a.m., and all Commissioners were present. Sheriff Matthew Wade gave an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Chairman Shears recognized Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and presented a proclamation to Ms. Pati Tiller, Executive Director of The Arc of Calhoun and Cleburne Counties. Ms. Tiller thanked the Commission for consistently supporting The Arc's mission to serve citizens with developmental disabilities and be a resource for their families.

The Sheriff and fellow employees of the Sheriff's Office presented a \$1,000.00 check to Ms. Naomi Richards, Calhoun County Animal Control Director, to sponsor adoption fees. Commissioner Howell spoke about the hard work that the Sheriff's Office and Animal Control are doing to help with the calls regarding roaming animals. Sheriff Wade expressed the necessity of teaching education for pet owners to spay and neuter and said the deputies had collected the money amongst themselves to donate to Animal Control.

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

Sheriff Wade announced that the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office PCA Pro Rodeo will be on March 22 and 23 at Choccolocco Park. He presented the Commissioners a special made belt buckle to celebrate the fundraising event.

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

Environmental Programs Manager, Mr. Kraig Mize, recommended dismissing public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 1822 Old Gadsden Highway, Anniston, owned by Timothy R. & Jessica Anderson; (2) 1109 W. 49th Street, Anniston, owned by Arlene Addie; (3) 120 Eastwood Drive, Anniston, owned by Samuel Craig & Cynthia L. Holland; (4) 610 Old Coldwater Road, Anniston, owned by Rita Bowman; (5) 319 S. Stebbins Street, Alexandria, owned by Kay Craft; (6) 312 S. Hollingsworth Drive, Anniston, owned by Sam's Properties LLC; (7) 5815 Medders Street, Anniston, owned by Tina L. Anger; (8) 3108 Old Birmingham Highway, Anniston, owned by Paul H. Yeatman; and (9) 249 Martin Lane, Ohatchee, owned by Roy & Leanne Etheridge. Owners were adequately notified of the meeting but were not present, and no one spoke on behalf of the owners. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to dismiss as recommended. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Kraig Mize recommended declaring public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 101 W. 35th Street, Anniston, owned by Corridor Gardens Intown LLC; (2) 702 Cedar Springs Road, Weaver, owned by Brandon & Travis Jr. Dover; (3) 81 Seminole Trail, Ohatchee,

owned by Clinton Dolin, Sr.; (4) 97 Seminole Trail, Ohatchee, owned by Clinton Dolin, Sr.; (5) 96 Seminole Trail, Ohatchee, owned by Kathy & David Ouimet; (6) 1209 Louis Drive, Weaver, owned by American General Finance; (7) 4638 Skyline Drive, Anniston, owned by Melvin Reeves, Sr.; (8) 2504 Old Birmingham Highway, Anniston, owned by Betty Smith; (9) 904 N. Ledbetter Street, Anniston, owned by Henry Muniz; (10) 3624 Old Birmingham Highway, Anniston, owned by Jeffrey & Katernia Humphrey; (11) 2729 Simpson Street, Anniston, owned by Melvin Leigh; (12) 494 Mahlep Lane, Alexandria, owned by Troy Nathan & Rhonda Kay Wilkerson; (13) 524 Mahlep Lane, Alexandria, owned by Peggy & Audrey E. Owens and Janice Staggs; (14) 1014 W. 32nd Street, Anniston, owned by Kara L. Smith; (15) 931 Vaughn Street, Anniston, owned by End of the Road LLC; (16) 2305 Roy Webb Cutoff Road, Piedmont, owned by Justin Smith & Rebecca McDaniel; (17) 5887 New Liberty Road, Jacksonville, owned by Michael Earl Bryan; (18) 79 Sawyer Street, Anniston, owned by Joshua & Mariah Riggins; (19) 1405 Willett Street, Anniston, owned by Wesley & Jennifer Angel; (20) 1115 Alexandria Road SW, Jacksonville, owned by Jerry Leon & Sadie Mae Ginn; (21) 1119 Alexandria Road SW, Jacksonville, owned by Billy D. & Regina Michelle Yates; (22) 41 Boozer Drive, Jacksonville, owned by Alan Investments III LLC; (23) 10 North Avenue, Anniston, owned by Renee Snyder & Jakiel Dean; (24) 11 North Avenue, Anniston, owned by Richard & Morre Parker; (25) 3519 Gurnee Avenue, Anniston, owned by Dupree Dominique; (26) 16 W. 34th Street, Anniston, owned by Emerald Starr Porter; (27) 900 W. 32nd Street, Anniston, owned by Ibrahem Saeed Bafail; (28) 905 W. 32nd Street, Anniston, owned by John S. Burgess. The owners were adequately notified of the meeting. Owners present who addressed the Commission: Mr. Steve Dover, representing 702 Cedar Springs Road, said work is being done at the property to correct the nuisance; Mr. Clinton Dover, Sr., representing both 81 & 91 Seminole Trail, said he is still working on properties but it will take time since he has no help; Ms. Joyce Muniz, representing 904 N. Ledbetter Street, stated that the property has been sold; Ms. Renee Snyder said she had paid someone to clean the property and the property has since been sold at tax auction; and Ms. Emerald Porter, representing 16 W. 34th Street, stated she was unsure why her property was being declared. Mr. Kraig Mize asked all owners present to meet with him after the meeting to discuss each of their properties. Commissioner Henderson recommended to declare as recommended. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. (28 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented an ABC Board Application for a license to sell 050 – Retail Beer and 070 – Retail Table Wine, off-premises only, submitted by DOLGENCORP LLC., d/b/a Dollar General Store 30036, located at 1568 Alexandria Road, Weaver, AL. This was the first reading of the application; no formal action was required.

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a resolution to award the NOAA Weather Alert Radio bid to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder, Midland Radio Corporation. Commissioner Patterson 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 resubdivision plat for Holland Subdivision, which the County Engineer recommended. This plat meets the provisions of resubdivision regulations. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to authorize acceptance of the plat and to authorize the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. (LETTER IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a resolution to declare seven dump trucks and two lowboy trailers from the Highway Department as surplus property and to sell via JM Wood Auction. Commissioner Howell made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a resolution for a property transfer to the City of Anniston for a small tract across from the Anniston Train Station, as listed in the warranty deed. 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 an ARPA resolution for the Jail Medical Unit Addition, approving 100% design completion and budget. Commissioner Patterson motioned to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented an employment contract modification for Sports Complex Director of Operations. This modification is a three-year extension until February 22, 2027. Commissioner Henderson motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract for and on behalf of Calhoun County. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a resolution for the AKC Reunite Universal Microchip Scanner, allowing the County to apply for this scanner to be used by Animal Control. Commissioner Howell motioned to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. Commissioner Howell said this scanner would be another tool that would benefit animal control. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Mark Tyner recommended appointing Mr. John Rogers to represent the Commission on the Health Care Authority of the City of Anniston Board of Directors. This appointment is to fill the upcoming vacancy for the Place #9 seat, effective April 1, 2024, to May 31, 2028. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to make the appointment. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Chairman Shears opened the floor for public comments.

Ms. Audrey Maxwell, Chamber of Commerce Tourism Director, said she was honored to have met with park services to discuss an upcoming Freedom Riders monument coming to the area. She spoke about upcoming events: Anniston St. Patrick Day Run, Sheriff Rodeo, CMP to host a shooting match, and the NASCAR race coming next month.

Mr. Jakob Williamson, Chamber of Commerce Public Affairs Coordinator, announced that the Chamber is hosting their first State of the County on Friday and thanked the commissioners for their effort to make this happen.

Ms. Pati Tiller, Director of The Arc, thanked the Commission for the proclamation and announced that March 21 is official Down Syndrome Awareness Day and asked everyone to wear mismatched socks to show support.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Henderson and seconded by Commissioner Howell. All Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion by a voice vote. Accordingly, the meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, March 28, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.