

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
OCTOBER 26, 2006

Chairman Abbott called the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Commission to order and all Commissioners were present. Bids were requested to be submitted and Commissioner Hess gave an invocation.

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

Commissioner Dunn made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Hess, all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Henderson presented a certificate of achievement on behalf of the Commission to Matthew Maniscalco, in recognition of outstanding achievements in baseball at Oxford High School, Mississippi State University, and the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Josh Beshears was presented a certificate of achievement from Chairman Abbott on behalf of the Commission in recognition of outstanding achievements in baseball at Oxford High School, Southern Union College, Berry College, and Winnipeg of the Canadian Frontier League.

Special recognition was given to the School Resource Officers (SRO's) in the county schools. All participants of the program, which began as a COPS in Schools grant, were commended for the excellent service provided. Charles Giles, Principal of Pleasant Valley High School, credited his school's SRO with helping him resolve a serious incident at the school.

Commissioner Downing presented a proclamation recognizing the achievements of farmers, rural townspeople, and city residents who make our Nation's agricultural production and distribution system successful. A motion was made by Commissioner Downing, and seconded by Commissioner Hess, to proclaim the week of November 17-23, 2006, as Farm-City Week in Calhoun County, and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (PROCLAMATION IN FILE)

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners, following a motion to adopt by Commissioner Downing and a second to the motion by Commissioner Dunn.

Sheriff Larry Amerson thanked the Commission for considering proposed revisions to the Calhoun County Civil Service Rules in order to enhance recruiting efforts for employment of deputy sheriffs. He was also appreciative of the Commission's understanding for the urgent need to replace non-operable patrol cars in a timely manner.

Mayor Joseph Roberson of Ohatchee commended the Commission for their cooperation and support, particularly concerning the school resource officers.

The nuisance declaration on property of Walter McCain, Case No. 1706-2005, located at 0 Elston Avenue, Anniston, was continued until January 25, 2007, as recommended by Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano. Mr. McCain was present and advised he was making progress with the cleanup. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to continue the matter for three months, Commissioner Dunn seconded the motion, and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

The nuisance abatement on property of Debra S. Hays, Case No. 1771-2006, located at 7153 US Hwy 431, Alexandria, was continued for six months, as recommended by Mr. Pirritano. Ms. Hays was not present. Commissioner Dunn made a motion to continue the case until April 26, 2007, Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion, and a vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Henderson made a motion to proceed with the nuisance abatement on property of Roberta F. Leonard, Case No. 1824-2006, located at 310 Rice Avenue, Anniston, as recommended by Mr. Pirritano. The owner was not present. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Downing, all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Henderson, and seconded by Commissioner Dunn, to proceed with the nuisance abatement on property of Robert and Debra McFarlane, Case No. 1784-2006, located at 511 Arnold Drive, Anniston, as recommended by Mr. Pirritano. The owners were not present. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

The nuisance abatement on property of Lisa Mahieu, Case No. 1667-2005, located at 316 E. 54th Street, Anniston, was continued until November 30, 2006, as recommended by Mr. Pirritano. The owner was not present. Commissioner Dunn so moved, Commissioner Hess seconded the motion, and a vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of the motion.

County Administrator Ken Joiner opened bids for a used vehicle for the Sheriff Department. Commissioner Dunn made a motion to award the bid to the low bidder, pending review by the County Administrator. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion, and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Bids were received on October 24, 2006, for the sale of timber (Bid No. FY07-32) located in the northeast quarter of Section 15, Township 15 South, Range 8 East, in Calhoun County. County Engineer Charles Markert advised the timber is on land at McClellan that will be used to relocate the Calhoun County Highway Department. A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn, and seconded by Commissioner Hess, to award the bid to the highest bidder, Steed Timber Company, for the bid amount of \$6,275.00, as recommended by the County Engineer.

Commissioner Dunn made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Hess, to dismiss the nuisance declaration on property of Randall D., Robert, and Gary McDonald, Case No. 1773-2006, located at 0 Old Gadsden Hwy, Anniston, as recommended by Mr. Pirritano. The owners

were not present. Mr. Pirritano advised that the owners have made sufficient progress to cleanup the property. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Dunn made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Downing, to continue until January 25, 2007, the nuisance declaration on property of Barbara Woodall, Case No. 1789-2006, located at 51 Todt Drive, Ohatchee, as recommended by Mr. Pirritano. Mark Lugo, who is renting the property, was present and asked for additional time for cleanup. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

The nuisance declaration on property of Cassie and Jerry King, Jr., Case No. 1790-2006, located at 0 Todt Drive, Ohatchee, was continued until November 30, 2006, as recommended by Mr. Pirritano. Mr. King was present and advised that he is making progress toward cleaning up the property. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to continue for one month, Commissioner Downing seconded the motion, and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Downing to continue for one year the nuisance declaration on property of Thomas Murray, Case No. 1822-2006, located at 300 Rice Avenue, Anniston, as recommended by Mr. Pirritano. The Commissioners received a letter from the owner asking for a continuance due to his health problems. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Dunn, all Commissioners voted to allow for a continuance until October 25, 2007.

An agreement with Thompson Engineering for engineering design revisions to Peeks Hill Road Bridge was presented by County Administrator Ken Joiner. Mr. Joiner advised the fee for the professional services is \$3,600.00. Commissioner Downing made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement, pending approval of the County Attorney. Commissioner Dunn seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Commissioner Dunn made a motion to authorize publication in *The Anniston Star* of the Financial Statement for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, pending review and approval by County Administrator Ken Joiner, as required by the Code of Alabama. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Henderson, a vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in agreement. (FINANCIAL STATEMENT ATTACHED)

County EMA Director Dan Long presented four agreements for Homeland Security grant funding as follows: (1) City of Jacksonville (JPD and JFD) - \$41,000.00; (2) Calhoun County E-911 - \$30,000.00; (3) Piedmont Rescue Squad - \$6,000.00; and (4) Calhoun County Hazmat Team - \$30,000.00. Commissioner Downing made motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreements, pending review and approval of the County Attorney. Commissioner Dunn seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (AGREEMENTS IN FILE)

The Chairman was authorized to sign an agreement with the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Central Alabama Chapter, Inc., for funding in the amount of \$1,000.00, as presented by County Administrator Ken Joiner. Commissioner Hess made a motion to authorize the

Chairman to sign the agreement, Commissioner Downing seconded the motion, and a vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of the motion. (AGREEMENT ATTACHED)

The Chairman was authorized to execute a lease agreement, which is basically the same as previously executed for the same purpose, with the Calhoun County Horseshoe Club, Inc., for its use of the Ohatchee Barn property, at a cost of \$20.00 per month for 180 days, beginning November 1, 2006. The motion was made by Commissioner Henderson, seconded by Commissioner Dunn, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners. (LEASE IN FILE)

County Administrator Ken Joiner presented an Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement dated February 6, 2004, with 2WR Holmes Wilkins Architects Inc., for the Calhoun County Highway Department Administrative Facility and Operations Complex project. Mr. Joiner advised that the amendment revises the basic compensation rate for the project as shown in Exhibit "A". A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Hess, all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

A resolution was presented by County Administrator Ken Joiner designating Farmers & Merchants Bank as the County Depository for the period January 1, 2007, through December 31, 2008. Commissioner Dunn made a motion to adopt the resolution as recommended by the County Administrator. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Hess, the vote was unanimously in favor of adopting the resolution as read. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Commissioner Downing made a motion to adopt a resolution as presented by County Administrator Ken Joiner concerning revisions to the Civil Service Board rules to enhance recruiting efforts for employment of deputy sheriffs. Commissioner Hess seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

County Extension Coordinator David West announced a Fall Fest to benefit Calhoun County 4-H will be held on Saturday, October 28th, at McClellan.

Solid Waste Coordinator Butler Green announced a Free Day at the Calhoun County Landfill will be held on Saturday, October 28th, with Mike Cassidy as the official "Dumpmaster".

Commissioner Hess congratulated the Jacksonville State University Volleyball Team for having the longest winning streak in the nation – having won 39 consecutive games so far, dating back to 2005.

Following commendations by all Commissioners about outgoing Chairman Rudy Abbott, Commissioner Hess made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunn, and all Commissioners voted in favor of adjourning.

The meetings for November were announced as follows: Tuesday, November 14, 2006, at 10:00 a.m., which is a special date for new commissioners inauguration; and Thursday, November 30, 2006, at 10:00 a.m., which is a special date due to the Thanksgiving Holidays.