

SUMMARY OF MINUTES  
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION  
FEBRUARY 14, 2019

The regular meeting of the Calhoun County Commission was called to order by Chairman Wilson and all Commissioners were present. County Engineer Brian Rosenbalm gave an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

EMA Director Michael Barton presented a proclamation on behalf of the Commissioners in recognition of Severe Weather Awareness Week, February 18 through 22, 2019.

Commissioner Patterson made a motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting. There was a second to the motion from Commissioner Hess and a unanimous vote of the Commissioners in favor of the motion.

Environmental Program Manager Theo Smart recommended proceeding with the abatement of a public nuisance on property located at 427 Russell Avenue, Anniston, owned by Chandell and Delbert Worley. The owners were notified of the meeting but were not present. Commissioner Hodges made a motion to proceed as recommended and Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hess to proceed as recommended by Mr. Smart with the abatement of a public nuisance on property located at 409 Rice Avenue, Anniston, owned by Bruce Sylvester Ogle. The owner was notified of the meeting but was not present. Following a second to the motion from Commissioner Hodges, a vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Smart recommended dismissing the public nuisance abatement on property located at 212 Monsanto Road, Anniston, owned by Albert G. Taylor. Mr. Taylor was present and stated he was working with the residents to clean up the property. Commissioner Hodges made a motion to dismiss as recommended, Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion, and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Hess made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Henderson to dismiss the public nuisance abatement, as recommended by Mr. Smart, on property located at 121 Dogwood Lane, Jacksonville, owned by Ronald E. and Johnnie R. Ellington. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

Mr. Smart recommended dismissing the public nuisance abatement on property located at 205 Rice Avenue, Anniston, owned by Barry W. and Joann Gatlin. Commissioner Hess so moved,

Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion, and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hodges to declare a public nuisance, as recommended by Mr. Smart, on property located at 0 Dearmanville Road, Anniston, owned by Phillip Ted Hughes. The owner was notified of the meeting but was not present. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion and a vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Commissioner Patterson made a motion to declare a public nuisance, as recommended by Mr. Smart, on property located at 85 Geoff Lane, Anniston, owned by Elbert R. Davison. The owner was notified of the meeting but was not present. Following a second to the motion from Commissioner Hess, there was a unanimous vote of the Commissioners in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Smart recommended declaring a public nuisance on property located at 4904 Cleghorn Avenue, Anniston, owned by Carl M. and Geraldine B. Warner. The owners were notified of the meeting but were not present. Commissioner Hess made a motion to proceed as recommended and Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

A resolution was presented by Mr. Rosenbalm in support for legislation to increase the rate of Alabama's gasoline and diesel fuel taxes in order to provide substantial new revenue to be utilized on road and bridge repairs and renovation at the county level during the 2019 Regular Legislative Session. Commissioner Hess made a motion to adopt the resolution, Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion, and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Henderson and seconded by Commissioner Patterson to reappoint Herbert N. Palmore to represent District 1 on the Calhoun County 911 District Board of Directors. This is a four-year term that will expire March 1, 2023. A vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hodges and seconded by Commissioner Hess to reappoint Chief Shane Denham to represent the Commissioners At-Large on the 911 District Board of Directors. This is a four-year term that will expire March 1, 2023. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Hodges made a motion to reappoint Freeman Fite and Bill Robison to continue representing Calhoun County on the McClellan Development Authority, for three-year terms beginning March 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hess and the motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

A Memorandum of Understanding with Calhoun County Community Punishment and Correction Authority was presented by Assistant County Administrator Melissia Wood. The MOU provides for services and funding to identify and aid in the determination of incarcerated individuals who

have verifiable characteristics and circumstances of being eligible for release from the County Jail, and shall be compensated at an annual amount not to exceed \$94,587.38. Commissioner Patterson made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the MOU for and on behalf of Calhoun County and Commissioner Hodges seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (MOU IN FILE)

Commissioner Hess made a motion to approve and ratify a Pitney Bowes rental agreement, signed by Chairman Fred Wilson, for and on behalf of Calhoun County, on February 8, 2019. Ms. Wood advised the agreement provides for the lease of a SendPro 2000 Mailing System with PSD/Meter, 15 lb. Integrated Scale, 15" Color Touchscreen Monitor, 160/95 Speed Feature, 100 Departmental Accounting Feature, InView Departmental Accounting and Drop Stacker with full support, maintenance, installation and training. The total cost of the contract is \$447.51 per month billed quarterly in arrears at \$1,342.53. Following a second to the motion from Commissioner Henderson, a vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of the motion. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Rosenbalm presented a resolution providing for an agreement with the State of Alabama to upgrade traffic signal equipment on US 431 at Saks Road, Lenlock Lane, Gate 5 Road, and AL 144 and Post. The agreement also provides for installation of a new traffic signal on US 431 at AL 204 and Peeks Hill Road. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the resolution and Commissioner Hess seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED/AGREEMENT IN FILE)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hess to adopt a resolution that was presented by Ms. Wood authorizing an application for grant funding in the amount of \$5,000 through the Coosa Valley Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council to purchase lights and produce energy savings for Woodland Park ball field. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Henderson and the motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Commissioners. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Commissioner Patterson made a motion to adopt a resolution that was presented by Ms. Wood authorizing an application for grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$350,000 to be used to develop, implement, and enhance local recycling, reuse, and waste minimization projects and programs through the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, Land Division, under the Solid Waste Program. Commissioner Hodges seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Commissioner Hodges discussed the Department of Human Resources Foster/Adoptive Homes recruitment efforts. The shortage of foster homes in Calhoun County has caused some children to be placed in foster care out of the county. He encouraged participation in Trauma Informed PS-Mapp (TIPS), which allows potential foster/adoptive families an opportunity to understand the needs of children in the foster care system.

Numerous citizens expressed their concerns for upcoming animal control changes in Calhoun County. Those addressing the Commissioners were Leroy Cobb, Sheila Patterson, Freda Cobb,

Amory Newton, Lindy Jones, Terry Howell, Gudrun Van Dyke, Steve Findley, Hope Walker, Janice Clark, and Dr. Lisa Panthell.

Dr. David West inquired about the reopening of Bains Gap Road. Commissioner Hodges advised that the Fish and Wildlife Service, not the Calhoun County Commission, would have to answer that question.

Commissioner Hess made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Henderson to adjourn the meeting. A vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of the motion.

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, February 28, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.