

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 13, 2020

Chairman Hodges called to order the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Commission. Also present were Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Hess, and Commissioner Patterson. 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 as presented. Following a second to the motion from Commissioner Patterson, all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Hess presented a certificate of recognition to William McCoy Ginn, a student at Saks Elementary School, commending him for outstanding achievements in his first year of participation during the 2019-2020 Swine Show Season. McCoy was three times a Grand Champion in Showmanship, four times a Grand Champion in Breeding Gilt Class, and was the 2020 State Champion in Breeding Gilt Class.

EMA Director Michael Barton presented a proclamation on behalf of the Commissioners proclaiming February 16 through 21, 2020, as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Calhoun County. He also discussed Alabama's Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday scheduled for February 21-23, 2020. The EMA staff was commended for their dedicated service in the community.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hess and seconded by Commissioner Wilson to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting. All Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Patterson made a motion to dismiss the public nuisance abatement, as recommended by Acting Interim Environmental Enforcement Officer Barbara Hardcastle, on property located at 2081 Old Choccolocco Road, Anniston, owned by Reginald Chatman. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hess and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present.

Ms. Hardcastle recommended dismissing the public nuisance abatement on property located at 513 Loy Street, Anniston, owned by Samuel Frank Muller. Commissioner Hess so moved, Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion, and all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Hess made a motion to dismiss the public nuisance abatement, as recommended by Ms. Hardcastle, on property located at 19 Jean Blvd., Anniston, owned by Roland E. Smitherman. Following a second to the motion from Commissioner Wilson, a vote of the Commissioners present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hess and seconded by Commissioner Wilson to dismiss the public nuisance abatement, as recommended by Ms. Hardcastle, on property located at 204 Brenda Road, Anniston, owned by Steven Richard Stiffler Sr. and Staggs. All Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Hess made a motion to dismiss the public nuisance abatement, as recommended by Ms. Hardcastle, on property located at 423 Lenlock Lane, Anniston, owned by Stanley Boykin and Janice Dowdle. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion and all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion.

Ms. Hardcastle recommended dismissing the public nuisance abatement on property located at 4815 Bellvue Road, Anniston, owned by Herschel May. Commissioner Patterson so moved, Commissioner Hess seconded the motion, and a vote of the Commissioners present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Hess made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Wilson to dismiss the public nuisance abatement, as recommended by Ms. Hardcastle, on property located at 517 Cherokee Trail, Anniston, owned by Jack Boxley. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present.

A motion was made by Commissioner Patterson to dismiss the public nuisance abatement, as recommended by Ms. Hardcastle, on property located at 1209 Louise Drive, Weaver, owned by American General Finance c/o Kerri Pruitt. Commissioner Hess seconded the motion and all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion.

Ms. Hardcastle presented an invoice in the amount of \$426.00, as shown in the itemized report to be the cost of removal of a public nuisance on property located at 311 Weaver Lane, Weaver, owned by Kathi O'Neal. The owner was notified of the meeting but was not present. Commissioner Hess made a motion to approve the invoice and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson. A vote of the Commissioners present was unanimously in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

County Administrator Mark Tyner presented a resolution to award the bid for Uniform Footwear and Boots for the Sheriff's Office and Jail to Galls, LLC, as recommended by the Sheriff and County Administrator. Commissioner Patterson made a motion to adopt the resolution, followed by a second to the motion by Commissioner Hess. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Patterson and seconded by Commissioner Wilson to approve and ratify an Interpreter Service Agreement with the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind, signed on January 30, 2020, by Chairman Tim Hodges, for and on behalf of Calhoun County. The services will be provided to the Calhoun County Probate Court at the rate of \$55.00 per hour, for the period October 1, 2019, through September 30, 2020. All Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Tyner presented for the first reading an ABC Board application for a license to sell 050 – Retail Beer and 070 – Retail Table Wine, off premises only, submitted by Discount Foods Inc., dba Food Outlet Jr Store 465, 120 Spring Branch Drive, Alexandria. Since this location had a previous license, Commissioner Hess made a motion to waive the second reading and approve the application. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried with a unanimous vote of Commissioners present.

Commissioner Hess made a motion to adopt a resolution that was presented by Mr. Tyner to declare as surplus certain vehicles and equipment assigned to the Calhoun County Highway Department, and to offer these items for sale through GovDeals. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion and all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hess to authorize the Chairman to sign, for an on behalf of Calhoun County, a Southern Real Estate Sales Contract with KYMULGA LLC, for the purchase of 77.79 acres of property off Nesbit Lake Road for use by the Calhoun County Highway Department as a chert pit. The total cost of the contract is \$170,900, to be paid at closing, by April 10, 2020. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion and a vote of the Commissioners present was unanimously in favor of the motion. (CONTRACT IN FILE)

Mr. Tyner presented a resolution authorizing and approving a financing agreement through Regions Equipment Finance Corporation to acquire eight dump trucks with bodies and two tractors for use at the Calhoun County Highway Department. The total amount financed is \$1,433,490, and the interest rate is 1.83%. Commissioner Hess made a motion to adopt the resolution, followed by a second to the motion from Commissioner Wilson. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Commissioner Patterson made a motion to adopt a resolution levying taxes for the ad valorem tax year commencing on October 1, 2019, and other fiscal years and periods, also fixing license fees for the sale, storage and distribution of alcoholic beverages, and fixing other license, franchise and privilege taxes, and fixing certain permit fees and certain county privilege, license and excise taxes, and certain sales taxes and use taxes. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion and all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

A resolution was presented by Mr. Rosenbalm authorizing the execution of an agreement with the State of Alabama Department of Transportation to provide for the resurfacing of a portion of Alexandria-Jacksonville Highway in Districts 4 and 5. Commissioner Hess made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Patterson, to adopt the resolution. All Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Commissioner Patterson made a motion to adopt a resolution to accept certain ROW property along Extension #2 of Bama Trail, located off Mudd Street in District 3, from Noah H. Holmes, Lester Avery, and Sheila Avery. The motion also included waiving certain requirements and accepting the road for maintenance, as presented by Mr. Rosenbalm. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion and all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Patterson and seconded by Commissioner Wilson to adopt a resolution to accept certain ROW property along Extension #2 of Bama Trail Cul de Sac, located off Mudd Street in District 3, from Noah H. Holmes. The motion also included waiving certain requirements and accepting the road for maintenance, as presented by Mr. Rosenbalm. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

There were reports and discussions regarding various upcoming events scheduled throughout the county, including a Master Gardner Conference in 2021, a Chamber of Commerce Economic Forum, Tourism meetings, Black Heritage Festival, Leap of Kindness Day, Chamber Night at JSU Basketball, and Regional High School Basketball Tournament at JSU.

Commissioner Hess made a motion to adjourn, followed by a second to the motion from Commissioner Wilson. The meeting was adjourned with a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present.

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, February 27, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.