

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
JUNE 11, 2020

The regular meeting of the Calhoun County Commission was called to order by Chairman Hodges. Also present were Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Henderson, and Commissioner Hess. County Engineer Brian Rosenbalm gave an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Hess to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Henderson and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present.

Environmental Programs Manager Reggie Stewart recommended proceeding with the abatement of a public nuisance on property located at 3306 Noble Street, Anniston, owned by Neal and Doris P. Kilgore. The owners were notified of the meeting but were not present. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to proceed as recommended, followed by a second to the motion from Commissioner Hess. All Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Stewart presented an invoice in the amount of \$576.00, as shown in the itemized report to be the cost of removal of a public nuisance on property located at 1330 Pelham Street, Anniston, owned by Charles and Betty Cook. The owners were notified of the meeting but were not present. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve the invoice and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Henderson. A vote of the Commissioners present was unanimously in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

A motion was made by Commissioner Henderson to approve the invoice that was presented by Mr. Stewart in the amount of \$376.00, as shown in the itemized report to be the cost of removal of a public nuisance on property located at 360 Foster West Road, Jacksonville, owned by R & R Capital Holdings LLC. The owners were notified of the meeting but no one was present to represent the owners. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion and all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Commissioner Hess made a motion to approve the invoice that was presented by Mr. Stewart in the amount of \$576.00, as shown in the itemized report to be the cost of removal of a public nuisance on property located at 416 East 54th Street, Anniston, owned by Sylvia Thomaston (Est). The owners were notified of the meeting but no one was present to represent the owners. There was second to the motion from Commissioner Wilson, and a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Stewart presented an invoice in the amount of \$276.00, as shown in the itemized report to be the cost of removal of a public nuisance on property located at 1032 Pipe Street, Anniston, owned by Belinda and Kimberly Dark. The owners were notified of the meeting but were not present. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to approve the invoice, Commissioner Hess seconded the motion, and all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

County Administrator Mark Tyner presented a resolution to provide for a \$2.50 per hour hazardous pay supplemental, due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic, for Calhoun County employees working onsite at or for the Calhoun County Jail, Calhoun County Sheriff's Office and/or Calhoun County Emergency Management Office, for their scheduled shifts beginning March 19, 2020, and ending May 3, 2020. Commissioner Hess made a motion to adopt the resolution, followed by a second to the motion from Commissioner Henderson. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Tyner presented a resolution authorizing the Chairman to sign a letter of intent to purchase the following equipment for the Calhoun County Highway Department in FY21: Eight (8) Heavy Duty Truck Chassis and two (2) Heavy Duty Low Boy Tractors from Nextran Truck Center, and eight (8) 16' Steel Dump Bodies from Childersburg Truck Service. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to adopt the resolution and Commissioner Hess seconded the motion. All Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Commissioner Hess made a motion to adopt a resolution that was presented by Mr. Tyner to authorize an application for grant funding, through the Coosa Valley Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D), in the amount of \$7,000, for the purchase, installation and associated cost for new playground equipment for Webster's Chapel. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion and all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

County Engineer Brian Rosenbalm recommended acceptance of additional right of way for a cul-d-sac on a portion of Garrett Mitchell Drive, which has been maintained for many years by the County Highway Department by prescription. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to waive certain minimum design standards as presented by Mr. Rosenbalm and accept the right of way for maintenance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Henderson and a vote of the Commissioners present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Henderson to approve Lonesome Pine Subdivision, Addition #1, for acceptance into inventory and maintenance, as recommended by Mr. Rosenbalm. According to Mr. Rosenbalm, the proposed subdivision meets the provisions of the subdivision regulations of Calhoun County. Following a second to the motion from Commissioner Henderson, all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Rosenbalm presented a Non-Reimbursable Agreement with Spire Alabama Inc. for Relocation of Utility Facilities on Public Right-of-Way for improvements at the intersection of Bynum Leatherwood Road (CR 109) at Old Gadsden Hwy. There would be no cost to the county. Commissioner Hess made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement for

and on behalf of Calhoun County. There was a second to the motion from Commissioner Henderson and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Commissioner Hess made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign, for and on behalf of Calhoun County, a non-binding underwriter engagement letter with Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc., relating to a potential municipal securities transaction. Mr. Tyner stated the transaction will provide funds for remodeling the Calhoun County Jail and construction of an agriculture center in Calhoun County. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion and all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion. (LETTER IN FILE)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hess to adopt a resolution that was presented by Mr. Tyner to change the county bank depository signatures, effective June 21, 2020, due to the chairmanship rotation from Commissioner Hodges to Commissioner Henderson. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion and the resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present. Commissioners, as well as Anniston Mayor Jack Draper, expressed appreciation to outgoing Chairman Hodges for his leadership over the past months during the COVID-19 pandemic. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Several employees from the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office and Jail asked the Commissioners to consider giving them what they believe to be the same benefits that other nonessential county employees had received during the shutdown of county offices due to COVID-19. They indicated the small hazardous pay increase the Commissioners voted to give them for continuing to report to work during the shutdown is considered an insult. They asked to be compensated their regular full-time pay for 248 hours (31 days of closure) in addition to their regular full pay received for hours worked.

Commissioners heard from Peter Leavitt, a Jacksonville resident who is known throughout the area as "Peter the Patriot". He spoke in support of the Constitution and the rights of all citizens.

Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Hess seconded the motion, and all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion.

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, June 25, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.