

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
MAY 26, 2022

Chairman Patterson called to order the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Commission at 10:03 a.m. 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:

Commissioner Hess presented a proclamation to Coach Andy Shaw in honor of his retirement. Sheriff Wade expressed his gratitude to the Coach for being a positive impact for so many students.

Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the agenda, followed by a second to the motion from Commissioner Shears. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Henderson to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting. Commissioner Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Environmental Enforcement Secretary, Barbara Hardcastle, recommended proceeding with the public nuisance abatements on the following properties: (1) 221 W 43rd Street, Anniston, owned by Leslie Johnson; (2) 1324 Leyden Street, Anniston, owned by Barbara Day; (3) 11 Tiffany Lane, Ohatchee, owned by Victoria & Tabitha Mannick; (4) 41 Boozer Drive, Jacksonville, owned by Alan Investments III LLC; (5) 215 Russell Avenue, Anniston, owned by Darrell Bedford; and (6) 128 Bailey Street, Anniston, owned by Betty Gilbert. Owners were properly notified of the meeting, but were not present and no one spoke on the behalf of the owners. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to proceed. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. (6 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Ms. Hardcastle recommended dismissing the public nuisance abatement on the following property: 3592 Roy Webb Road, Jacksonville, owned by Andrew & Kay Lewiski. Owners were properly notified of the meeting, but were not present and no one spoke on the behalf of the owners. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to dismiss as recommended. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Ms. Hardcastle recommended declaring public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 319 Tillman Avenue, Anniston, owned by Kathy & William Taylor; (2) 4504 Saks Road, Anniston, owned by Key Properties, LLC; (3) 1940 Old Choccolocco Road, Anniston, owned by Jerlene & Olen Robinson; (4) 94 Bailey Street, owned by Mattie Minniefield; (5) 219 Hughes Street, Anniston, owned by House of Prayer Ministry Inc.; (6) 4604 Saks Road, Anniston, owned by Fix Pad Holdings LLC; (7) 4900 Saks Road, Anniston, owned by Richard Barrett; and (8) 150 Old County 109, Anniston, owned by Michael Dempsey. Owners were properly notified of the meeting. Mr. William C. Taylor, an owner of 319 Tillman Avenue, was present at the meeting. Mr. Taylor stated the property was in the process of being cleaned and due to health problems, he needed more time. This property was removed from the declaration list. No other owners were present and no one spoke on behalf of the owners. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to declare properties as a public nuisance. Commissioner Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. (7 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

County Administrator, Mark Tyner, presented there was a bid opening for LED Sports Lighting on May 24, 2022, and a recommendation to table this item for further review. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to table. Commissioner Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Tyner presented a resolution for Section 5311 Nonurbanized Area Public Transportation to declare East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission as the local implementing agency for the unincorporated areas of Calhoun County and commit to the amount of \$71,298.00 for Fiscal Year 2023. Commissioner Shears made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Tyner presented a resolution for East Alabama Regional Planning & Development Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) to endorse the CEDS process, encourage regional participation for the identification of job creating and business development. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Tyner presented a resolution to declare certain items, assigned to the EMA, to be surplus and to be donated to the Calhoun County Baptist Association Disaster Relief Group and to the Piedmont Fire Department; and to declare a 2011 Ford F-150 Truck, assigned to the EMA, to be surplus and to be offered for sale through GovDeals.com. Commissioner Hess made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Tyner presented a resolution to remove obsolete items, assigned to the EMA, from Calhoun County inventory. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Tyner presented a resolution for the Commission to submit an application for funding through the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA), under the Homeland Security Grant Program, to request \$12,478.00 in ALEA funds for the Calhoun County EMA to replace security entrance door and egress equipment on the EMA building. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Tyner presented a resolution for the Commission to submit an application for funding through the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA), under the Homeland Security Grant Program, to request \$2,188,702.59 in ALEA funds for the use of upgrading the 911 800 MHz radio system infrastructure. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Tyner presented a resolution for the Commission to submit an application for funding through the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA), under the Homeland Security Grant Program, to request \$53,091.00 in ALEA funds for the Calhoun County Animal Control to purchase a disaster and event response trailer. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt

the resolution. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Tyner presented a resolution to authorize the Assistant Administrator to electronically submit an application for a reimbursement of \$405,769.23 from the State of Alabama for housing State-responsible inmates from March through December 2021. These funds will be used under the requirements of the ARPA funds. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Tyner presented the Board Candidates as recommended by the Health Care Authority of The City of Anniston to fill for Place #10 effective as of June 1, 2022. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to appoint Fred Wilson to the Board of Directors for the Health Care Authority of the City of Anniston. Commissioner Hess seconded the motion. Commissioners took a roll call vote. Motion carried by a majority voice vote by Commissioner Patterson, Commissioner Shears, Commissioner Henderson and Commissioner Hess. Commissioner Fred Wilson abstained from the vote.

Ms. Kim Boyd, with the Chamber of Commerce, announced they will be helping host a Job Fair at the Oxford Civic Center on June 13th. The ribbon cutting for Lake Yahou will be rescheduled due to the weather and she informed that fishing license has to be purchased through the MDA.

Dr. David West thanked the Commission for helping sponsor Earth Day with the Extension Office, saying there was good participation at this event. He also expressed his thanks to the Master Gardeners who are keeping up with the Cane Creek Community Gardens.

Commissioner Hess recognized Mr. Scotty Duke who helps with the Southern Baptist Disaster Volunteer Team. Commissioner Hess thanked Mr. Duke for having a servant's heart and for helping the people in our County and surrounding areas. Mr. Duke told the Commission that the light towers, being donated from the EMA, will be of great help to their disaster teams that have to respond during the dark hours.

Mr. Christopher Abernathy, with the A.S.A.P. Foundation, reminded about the upcoming Gift of Flight event they are sponsoring on June 4th at the Anniston Regional Airport. He thanked the Commission for helping promote the event and says they have doubled the number of kids signed up to participate.

Commissioner Hess presented the Alexandria High School Softball Team, players and coaches, with Certificates of Achievement for their winning season and finishing as State Runner-up.

Leigha Cauthen, the government liaison from Jacksonville State University, thanked the Commission for their partnership and support for the school.

Commissioner Shears spoke of how well the State Baseball and Softball championship games went that were held at Choccolocco Park. He reminded everyone of the upcoming USA Olympic Softball team coming to the park on July 5th & 6th and how these events are a positive impact on the economy. The Commission are proud sponsors for these events and happy to promote them.

Commissioner Wilson asked for a moment of silence in remembrance for the 19 students and 2 teachers killed in the school shooting in Texas. Commissioner Wilson, a former educator, said it is heartbreaking to think that our students can easily be in harm's way. Sheriff Wade spoke that discussions have taken place in the Sheriff's Office to remind deputies that they always have to be ready to respond.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Hess and seconded by Commissioner Shears. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.