

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
July 27, 2023

Chairman Wilson called to order the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Commission at 10:00 a.m., and all Commissioners were present. Chairman Wilson gave an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Commissioner Henderson motioned to adopt the agenda, followed by a second motion from Commissioner Howell. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Commissioner Shears made a motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Environmental Programs Manager, Mr. Reggie Stewart, recommended proceeding with the public nuisance abatements on the following properties: (1) 174 Warrior Circle, Ohatchee, owned by Robert Duran and Angela Barclay, and (2) 814 S. Hollingsworth Drive, Anniston, owned by Rachel Haynes c/o Mary. Owners were adequately notified of the meeting but were not present, and no one spoke on behalf of the owners. Commissioner Shears made a motion to proceed as recommended. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. Mr. Stewart recommended more time before proceeding with a public nuisance abatement on the following property: (1) 0 Creek Trail, Anniston, owned by Indian Oaks Community Golf Course Inc./RCO Enterprises. Owners were adequately notified of the meeting but were not present, and no one spoke on behalf of the owners. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to table the abatement. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. Commissioners took a roll call vote. The motion was carried by a majority voice vote by Commissioner Henderson, Commissioner Shears, Commissioner Wilson, and Commissioner Patterson. Commissioner Howell abstained from the vote. (2 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Reggie Stewart recommended dismissing public nuisances on the following property: (1) 5433 Rogers Avenue, Anniston, owned by John Smith. Owners were adequately notified of the meeting but were not present, and no one spoke on behalf of the owners. Commissioner Patterson made a motion to dismiss as recommended. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Reggie Stewart recommended approving invoices as shown in the itemized reports to be the cost of removal of public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 4810 Old Birmingham Highway, Anniston, owned by Doral Haynes and Jerre Etals, for \$2,526.00. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no one was present to represent the owners. Commissioner Howell made a motion to proceed with invoices. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Reggie Stewart recommended declaring public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 124 Mountain Drive, Jacksonville, owned by Maurice and Jessica Cross; (2) 2729 Simpson Street, Anniston, owned by Melvin Leigh; (3) 2733 Simpson Street, Anniston, owned by Suburban Living LLC; (4) 406 Sequoya Drive, Anniston, owned by Geoffrey and Sabrina

Robertson; (5) 413 Mountain Drive, Jacksonville, owned by Matthew, William, and Jennifer Reaves; (6) 150 Old County 109, Anniston, owned by Michael Dempsey; (7) 6008 Holly Trace, Anniston, owned by Deborah Davis; (8) 6012 Holly Trace, Anniston, owned by William Denny; and (9) 138 W. 43rd Street, Anniston, owned by Donna Barton. Owners were adequately notified of the meeting but were not present, and no one spoke on behalf of the owners. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to declare as recommended. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (9 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

County Administrator, Mr. Mark Tyner, presented a recommendation to reject all bids for the Modification to Revenue Office and to rebid the project. Commissioner Howell made a motion to proceed. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a resolution to award the bid for Rebuild Alabama – Resurfacing a portion of Bynum Leatherwood Road to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Vulcan Materials Asphalt and Construction, LLC, for the amount \$626,533.25. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a resolution to award the bid for Mobile Kitchen Unit Rental to the sole bidder, Mobile Kitchens USA, for the two-month period amount of \$70,190.00 plus any daily fees that exceed that time frame per the bid agreement. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented an employment contract modification for the Assistant Engineer, Chris Gann, for a three-year term, commencing August 10, 2023, and ending August 9, 2026. Commissioner Patterson motioned to authorize the chairman to sign for and on behalf of the Commission. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a resolution for Flexible Spending Accounts Services to utilize Aflac to administer these accounts for three years, during which there will be no monthly administration cost to employees. Commissioner Shears made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a resolution for Camp McClellan Horse Trails RTP Grant – Archeological Study. This is to utilize MRS Consultants, LLC, to perform a Phase I cultural assessment study for \$3,700.00. Commissioner Howell made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented an agreement with the City of Heflin. This agreement is to house City of Heflin inmates for a fee of \$28.00 per day and will extend until terminated by either party. Commissioner Shears motioned to authorize the chairman to sign for and on behalf of the Commission. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented an agreement with Anniston EMS for services to be provided and an appropriation for \$30,000.00. Commissioner Henderson motioned to authorize the chairman to sign for and on behalf of the Commission. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented the County Board of Equalization Nominations for Jamie “Red” Etheredge and Dr. Marlon Jones; nominations are due to the state by August 1, 2023. Commissioner Patterson motioned to submit these names for consideration. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (NOMINATION FORM IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a grant application resolution for a joint grant with the City of Anniston for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. The total grant amount for both entities is \$66,384.00, with the County’s portion being \$19,915.20, and will be utilized by law enforcement. Commissioner Howell made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a grant application resolution for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant on behalf of the 7th Judicial Major Crimes Unit to purchase cameras and equipment to enhance public safety, and is not to exceed \$40,000.00. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a telecommunication agreement with TCI, starting August 1, 2023. Commissioner Shears motioned to authorize the chairman to sign for and on behalf of the Commission, ONCE IN FINAL FORM. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a resolution to declare collapsing coliseum bleachers as surplus and to offer for sale via GovDeals. Commissioner Howell made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. Commissioner Shears asked for clarification from the Administrator. Mr. Tyner explained these bleachers have been stored at the Agri-Center for several years, taking up needed space. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented an ARPA agreement for Geotechnical Professional Services for the Jail Medical/Mental Health Construction to enlist these services to be provided by Building and Earth for \$6,200.00. Commissioner Henderson motioned to authorize the chairman to sign for and on behalf of the Commission. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Ms. Chandy Gordon, with A.S.A.P., announced they would be hosting a back-to-school event from 12:00-5:00 today, collecting school supplies for students. She also said that on July 31, 2023, they would have another Barbers Against Bullets event to promote non-violence.

Ms. Audrey Maxwell, Chamber of Commerce Tourism Director, announced that the OPAC would host the Miss Alabama Volunteer State Pageant this weekend. In a couple of weeks, they will have the 2nd annual Rubato International Piano Competition, bringing tourism to our area.

She announced that “Restaurant Week” will come later in August, where several local restaurants will be highlighted and promoted. The Chamber is also partnering with Jacksonville State University for a Career Fair scheduled for August.

County Extension Coordinator Dr. David West thanked the Commission for their support at the recent beautification awards. Dr. West reported that the 4H Camp at the Community Gardens was a success this summer. He also announced that the final advisory board meeting would be at noon today and invited the Commissioners to attend.

Ms. Sammi Stephenson with Anniston E.M.S. thanked the Commission for their support and wanted to express their appreciation for the appropriation that was voted on earlier in the meeting.

Commissioner Howell announced that the Calhoun County Sheriff’s Foundation has officially been formed and is in early operations. The Foundation aims to help raise funds for the County Sheriff’s Office to make purchases that the regular budget may not allow.

Commissioner Shears shared that tickets were still available for the fundraising event hosted by Community Enabler at the Anniston Meeting Center on Friday night, July 28. He also spoke on the upcoming piano competition coming to the OPAC. He announced that the center had recently received a \$300,000.00 piano, the only one of its kind in the entire southeast of the country.

Mr. Mark Tyner announced that the Commission would hold a Public Hearing on August 3, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. regarding the redistricting plan.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Henderson and seconded by Commissioner Shears. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion by a voice vote. Accordingly, the meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, August 10th, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.