

SUMMARY OF MINUTES  
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION  
August 10, 2023

Chairman Wilson called to order the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Commission at 10:00 a.m., and all Commissioners were present. Commissioner Patterson 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 Patterson made a motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Chairman Wilson opened a public hearing at 10:02 a.m. and called on County Administrator Mark Tyner to address those in attendance. A public hearing was then conducted regarding the proposed Commission redistricting plan which will alter the boundaries of the districts to provide equal distribution of the district populations based on the federal decennial census. The opportunity to address the Commission was then offered. Anniston resident Mr. Ralph Bradford Sr., addressed the Commission regarding the new district boundaries. He expressed concern over District 1 having the least amount of land mass. The County GIS Manager, Mr. Robert Scheitlin, explained how districting boundaries are based on federal law and population counts. With there being no others wishing to address the Commission, Chairman Wilson declared the public hearing to be closed. The public hearing ended at 10:22 a.m.

Environmental Programs Manager, Mr. Reggie Stewart, recommended proceeding with the public nuisance abatements 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. 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, Anniston, owned by Donna Barton. Owners were adequately notified of the meeting. Mr. Rob Irwin addressed the Commission regarding 138 W. 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, explaining that he recently changed the deed to his name and is working on cleaning up the property. Commissioner Howell made a motion to declare as recommended. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (9 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

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) 329 Rice Avenue, Anniston, owned by Billy and Carolyn Reeves, for \$5,026.00; (2) 2423 Newborn Street, Anniston, owned by Dennis Free, for \$3,526.00; and (3) 331 S. Ledbetter Street, Anniston, owned by Harold, c/o Greg, Winningham, for \$376.00. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no one was present to represent the owners. Commissioner Shears made a motion to proceed with invoices.

Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Reggie Stewart recommended declaring public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 1001 Cherokee Trail, Anniston, owned by Kevin Humphries; (2) 249 Martin Lane, Ohatchee, owned by Roy and Leanne Etheridge; (3) 1117 W. 49<sup>th</sup> Street, Anniston, owned by William and Mariea Commons Jr.; (4) 504 S. Colvin Street, Anniston, owned by Lovona Newell; (5) 507 S. Colvin Street, Anniston, owned by James Henderson; (6) 1625 Marx Street, Anniston, owned by Deborah Tipton. 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 Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (6 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

County Administrator, Mr. Mark Tyner, presented a recommendation to award the bid for Jail Inmate Supplies to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Bob Barker. 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 various highway department bids as follows: Mechanic and Service trucks to Sunny King Ford; Plant Mix – FOB Plant to Midsouth Paving, Inc.; Bituminous Surface Treatment to Charles E. Watts, Inc.; Gasoline/Diesel to R.K. Allen; and Micro Surface Treatment to Whittaker Construction. Commissioner Shears 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 agreement with the State of Alabama to resurface Eulaton Gate Road to Bynum Leatherwood Road. 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 FY2023 Calhoun County Transportation Plan in accordance with the Rebuild Alabama Act. The plan includes the following projects: Mahlep Lane, 64th Street Bridge, and Choccolocco Road. Commissioner Howell motioned to authorize the chairman to sign for and on behalf of the Commission. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (PLAN IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a 5307 Urban Public Transportation Program Resolution to designate the East Alabama Regional Commission to provide transportation services in the urbanized unincorporated areas of Calhoun County. The County's commitment is \$52,113.00 for FY2024. 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 Long Term Detention Subsidy DYS agreement to designate Coosa Valley Youth Services to receive state funds for Calhoun County for FY2024. Commissioner Patterson 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 a permit and agreement to allow the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge of Weaver to host a county wide car show event at the Agri-Center on October 28, 2023. 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 an employment contract modification for the Court Liaison, Christy Shirley, for a term of three years commencing September 1, 2023, and ending September 1, 2026. Commissioner Henderson motioned to authorize the chairman to sign for and on behalf of the Commission. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented an agreement with HealthEquity to administer the Flexible Spending Account through Aflac for three years commencing September 1, 2023, and ending September 1, 2026. 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 a Coast Maintenance Software Agreement to provide a work order system to be utilized by the maintenance department for one year at approximately \$1,200.00. Commissioner Patterson 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 a travel policy modification, which will omit the meal deduction. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the amendment. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (MODIFICATION ATTACHED)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a Landfill Permit Modification resolution that will allow the county to receive construction and demolition materials from areas outside the county; modification also increases the average daily volume to 500 tons daily. Commissioner Patterson 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 recommended reappointing Rails-to-Trails Board appointees Mr. James Glover for District 1 and Mr. Dick Bell for District 5. These terms will end on August 1, 2028. Commissioner Patterson made a motion to make the appointment. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Mark Tyner recommended reappointing DHR Board of Director appointees Ms. Jackie Brown for District 1 and Ms. Kristen Fargason for District 4. These terms will renew for another six-year term, ending September 1, 2029. Commissioner Howell made a motion to make the appointment. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a resolution for redistricting single member Commission District. The recommendation is to adopt the map altering single-member district boundaries as presented per the authority provided in the Code of Alabama. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to

adopt the resolution. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Tyner presented a resolution to cancel the date of the commission meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 24, 2023, due to the majority of the Commissioners attending an ACCA function. The next meeting will take place on September 14, 2023. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Tyner presented a resolution to change the county depository bank signatures due to the chairmanship rotation and to authorize Commissioner Shears to sign on County accounts as he assumes the Chairmanship from September 4, 2023, through June 20, 2024. Commissioner Howell made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Ms. Chandy Gordon, with A.S.A.P., announced they are collecting items for their SafeCare Program event on September 9, 2023, to help expecting mothers. She introduced Mr. Eugene Jacobs, who will oversee the A.S.A.P. Faith division.

Mr. Jay Moorehouse, with D.H.R., announced they will host a Job Fair on September 6, 2023.

Dr. Jose Reyes, Calhoun County Schools Superintendent, gave updates on the renovations happening at several school buildings. He announced the new school year had started very well.

County Extension Coordinator Dr. David West thanked everyone attending the watermelon-tasting event earlier this week. He announced that the 4H Shooting sports ammo and bows were stolen from the storage building several months ago and asked anyone who wants to assist the program in replacing these items to give a tax-deductible donation by texting AL418 to the number 71777.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Howell and seconded by Commissioner Henderson. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion by a voice vote. Accordingly, the meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.