

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
July 25, 2024

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

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

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

Environmental Programs Manager, Mr. Kraig Mize, recommended proceeding with the public nuisance abatements on the following properties: (1) 1025 Hamm Street, Anniston, owned by Tamiko Russell; (2) 0 Hamm Avenue, Anniston, owned by Spirit ET AL; (3) 1625 Marx Street, Anniston, owned by Deborah Ann Tipton; (4) 3624 Old Birmingham Highway, Anniston, owned by Jeffrey W. & Katernia S. Humphrey; (5) 1014 Ivy Street, Anniston, owned by ALBC Properties LLC.; (6) 4811 Old Birmingham Highway, Anniston, owned Jean Marie T. Corrieri; (7) 1115 53rd Street W., Anniston, owned by Paul L. & Margie R. Pitts c/o Gary Pitts; and (8) 505 Howe Street, Weaver, owned by Christopher J. & Kelly M. Smith. Owners were adequately notified of the meeting but were not present, and no one spoke on behalf of the owners. Commissioner Shears motioned a motion to abate as recommended. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (8 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Kraig Mize recommended dismissing public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 514 S. Corning Street, Anniston, owned by Ruth Hayes c/o Patsy Moss; (2) 1726 Willett Street, Anniston, owned by Caradine Summers; (3) 2 Kay Street, Anniston, owned by Skyler Seals; (4) 152 Foster West Road, Jacksonville, owned by Cesar Cruz; (5) 1023 Old Gadsden Highway, Anniston, owned by Angel Summers Lynch (Est.) c/o Kayla Mitchell; (6) 11 North Avenue, Anniston, owned by Richard Parker & Brooklynee Moore; (7) 1945 Websters Road, Wellington, owned by Joshua Jon Pogue & Lori Williamson c/o Charlotte Pogue; and (8) 1119 Alexandria Road, Jacksonville, owned by Billy Yates & Regina Michelle. 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 Shears Wilson the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present.

Mr. Kraig Mize recommended approving invoices as shown in the itemized reports to be the cost of removal of public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 1307 Russell Drive, Weaver, owned by Joel Rodney Bence c/o Norman Bence, for \$576.00; (2) 4900 Saks Road, Anniston, owned by Richard W. Barrett, for \$301.00; and (3) 116 Ridgeview Drive, Alexandria, owned by Marco A. Lugo, for \$826.00. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no one was present to represent the owners. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the invoices.

Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (3 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Kraig Mize recommended declaring public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 29 Lloyds Road, Wellington, owned by Garry & Tammy Watkins, Barbara Robinson, Billy Watkins Sr. & Linda Robinson; (2) 3525 Oakridge Avenue, Anniston, owned by Houneal Hill (Est.) c/o Jean Chastain; (3) 1051 W. 33rd Street, Anniston, owned by April Coggins; (4) 4836 Saks Road, Anniston, owned by Aaron Jackson & Marqui Jackson; (5) 1407 Parkwood Drive, Anniston, owned by Eddie Hicks (Est.) c/o Brianne Wade; (6) 211 Russell Avenue, Anniston, owned by Howard Dale & Danny D. Bedford c/o Darrell Bedford; (7) 519 Dagon Drive, Anniston, owned by Windell & Frances Ann Orand (Est.) c/o Paul Orand; (8) 125 Martin Street, Anniston, owned by Amber E. Howell; (9) 1213 Carter Street, Anniston, owned by Jennie M. Jordan; (10) 426 Russell Avenue, Anniston, owned by G&H Property Group LLC; and (11) 5004 Post Oak Road, Anniston, owned by Hilton G. & Modena R. Ogle. Owners were adequately notified of the meeting. Mr. Mize stated he had spoken to Ms. Robinson with property #1 – 29 Lloyds Road and has asked to table this property. Mr. Aaron Jackson with property #4 – 4836 Saks Road, addressed the Commission saying he has plans to renovate the property. Ms. Brianne Wade with property #5 – 1407 Parkwood Drive, addressed the Commission saying that the property was part of the estate of her deceased father but she is willing to help resolve the nuisance. Commissioner Wilson motioned to table property #1 and Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. Commissioner Shears motioned to declare properties #2 - #11 as recommended. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (11 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

County Administrator, Mr. Jonathan Gaddy, presented a resolution to extend the bid for Jail Inmate Supplies with Bob Barker Company for an additional year with no price changes. Commissioner Patterson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution to extend various Highway Department bids: Plantmix in Place, FOB Plant and FOB Cold Mix, Aluminum Signs, Signposts, Traffic Stripe, Crushed Granite and Park/Rec. for an additional year with no price changes. 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. Gaddy presented an employment contract modification for the Project Manager/Land Surveyor. This three-year modification commences September 30, 2024, and extends until September 30, 2027. Commissioner Patterson motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract for and on behalf of Calhoun County. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented an employment contract modification for the Solid Waste Programs Manager. This three-year modification commences September 30, 2024, and extends until September 30, 2027. Commissioner Howell motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract for and on behalf of Calhoun County. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented easement documents requested by Alabama Power to run power equipment at the Ladiga Landing. Commissioner Patterson motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the easement document. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (EASEMENT DOCUMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution to purchase a Caterpillar 265 Compact Track Loader for \$102,865.00 for FY2025 for the County Landfill. Commissioner Shears made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented a Jail Lease Agreement modification among the city of Anniston and Calhoun County. This agreement commences on August 1, 2024, ending July 31, 2029. Commissioner Shears motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract for and on behalf of Calhoun County. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented the 2023 Memorandum of Participation (MOP) for a full valuation of the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB). This Joint Actuarial Study Program will be performed by Cavanaugh Macdonald Consulting, LLC. Commissioner Howell made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the memorandum, for and on behalf of Calhoun County. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution to declare roll-off bins, assigned to the Recycling Department, as surplus property and to be sold on gov. deals. Commissioner Patterson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented the FY2024 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Cooperative Agreement. The agreements provide for a state allocation of \$2,979.00. Commissioner Howell made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement, for and on behalf of Calhoun County. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution to authorize the County to join an application with the East Alabama Regional Planning Commission for the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy introduced the need to fill the Rails-to-Trails Board appointment for District 2, which expires on July 31. The new term will be a five-year period starting from August 1, 2024, and ending on July 31, 2029. Commissioner Shears made a motion to reappoint Mr. Michael Poe. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Gaddy introduced the need to fill the Rails-to-Trails Board appointment for District 3, which expires on July 31. The new term will be a five-year period starting from August 1, 2024, and ending on July 31, 2029. Commissioner Shears made a motion to reappoint Mr. Thomas Downing. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Gaddy introduced the need to fill the unexpired term for the District 4 seat on the DHR Board. Commissioner Howell motioned to appoint Ms. Robbie Hines. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Gaddy presented the need to fill the unexpired term for the District 2 seat on the Beautification Board. Commissioner Shears motioned to appoint Ms. Everette Studdard. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Gaddy presented the Revenue Commissioner's Report of Insolvent and Litigations for the tax year 2023. The amount collected for the prior year's insolvents and litigations was \$31,678.28. Commissioner Patterson motioned to accept the report and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Commissioner Howell motioned to appoint Commissioner Lee Patterson to serve on the 2024-2025 ACCA Legislative Committee. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Chairwoman Henderson opened the floor for public comments.

Dr. David West, County Extension Coordinator, thanked the Commission for attending the Beautification Board Award Luncheon and showing their support.

Ms. Chandy Gordon, with A.S.A.P., invited the Commission to their Faith-Based Support Specialist Training Conference that will be held in Oxford on September 19-20.

Ms. Britney Knox with DHR announced that they would be sponsoring a Job Fair on August 14th.

Mr. Bill Whittaker thanked the Commission for the opportunity to be able to work along with them to access the County properties.

Ms. Audrey Maxwell, Chamber of Commerce Tourism Director, said that there have been several meetings with different agencies for the Freedom Riders National Monument and is pleased to announce that the new monument plans are progressing. She announced that Calhoun County, along with Cities of Anniston and Oxford, would be participating in Alabama's 'Restaurant Week' August 17-24, 2024.

Ms. Lee Evancho thanked the Commission for their support of the Blue Line Foundation and the recent fundraising events.

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, August 8, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.