

SUMMARY OF MINUTES  
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION  
FEBRUARY 10, 2022

The regular meeting of the Calhoun County Commission was called to order by Chairman Patterson and all Commissioners were present. County Engineer Brian Rosenbalm gave an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. There was a moment of silence in remembrance of former Commissioner Rudy Abbott.

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

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

A plaque was presented to Commissioner Fred Wilson from Frazier Burroughs, Director of the Anniston Parks and Recreation Department, and LaRay Williams, Director for Anniston's Aquatic and Fitness Center at McClellan, in appreciation for his help with this year's Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday event in Anniston.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shears and seconded by Commissioner Wilson to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

Environmental Enforcement Manager Reggie Stewart recommended proceeding with the public nuisance abatements on the following properties: (1) 1071 West 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, Anniston, owned by Tony Hewitt c/o State of Alabama; (2) 2310 Adams Street, Anniston, owned by Shan Estel & Jill Mercatoris; (3) 69 Central City Circle, Anniston, owned by Lynwood Hawkins; (4) 207 Central City Circle, Anniston, owned by Lynwood Hawkins; (5) 51 Johnny Street, Anniston, owned by Angela Rayford & Anthony Riggins c/o Kenneth Haygood; (6) 2611 Eulaton Road, Anniston, owned by Land Home Properties LLC; (7) 40 Ohatchee Road, Ohatchee, owned by Coleman Tree Service LLC; (8) 105 North Colvin Street, Anniston, owned by Margaret Parrent; and (9) 14 Gray Drive, Ohatchee, owned by Branch Bank & Trust Co. The owners were notified of the meeting but no one was present to represent the owners. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to proceed, Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion, and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (8 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Stewart recommended dismissing the public nuisance abatements on the following properties: (1) 40 Ohatchee Road, Ohatchee, owned by Coleman Tree Service LLC, and (2) 31 Lone Oak Drive, Weaver, owned by Wanda Brown White and Sandra Brown. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to dismiss as recommended, Commissioner Shears seconded the motion, and a vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Henderson made a motion to declare public nuisances, as recommended by Mr. Stewart, on the following properties: (1) 1014 West 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, Anniston, owned by Kara L. Smith; (2) 413 Mountain Drive, Jacksonville, owned by Matthew W. and Jennifer R. Reaves; (3) 2310 West C Street, Anniston, owned by Allen and Wendy Gohde; and (4) 310 Merrellton Road, Jacksonville, owned by Amanda Brooks. The owners were notified of the meeting but no one was present to represent the owners. Following a second to the motion from Commissioner Shears, there was a unanimous vote in favor of the motion. (4 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

A motion was made by Commissioner Shears to adopt a resolution that was presented by County Administrator Mark Tyner to allow participation in the ACCA Joint Bidding Program, which streamlines the process for bidding for counties participating in Investing in Alabama Counties program. Commissioner Shears made a motion to adopt the resolution, followed by a second to the motion from Commissioner Wilson. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Hess and seconded by Commissioner Henderson, the following resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners, levying taxes for the ad valorem tax year commencing on October 1, 2021, and other fiscal years and periods, also fixing license fees for the sale, storage and distribution of alcoholic beverages, and fixing other license, franchise and privilege taxes, and fixing certain permit fees and certain county privilege, license and excise taxes, and certain sales taxes and use taxes. (TAX LEVY RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Commissioner Wilson made a motion to reappoint Mrs. Jackie Brown to continue serving on the Highland Health Systems Board. This is an at-large appointment that will expire April 2028. Commissioner Hess seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Henderson and seconded by Commissioner Hess to reappoint Kip Chappell to continue representing the County Commission at-large on the Longleaf Botanical Gardens Board. This is a five-year term that will expire February 9, 2027. The motion carried with the following roll-call vote: Yeas – Commissioner Shears, Commissioner Henderson, Commissioner Hess, and Chairman Patterson; Nay – Commissioner Wilson.

Commissioner Henderson made a motion to reappoint the following members to continue serving on the Calhoun County 911 District Board of Directors: representing District 3 – Chief Gary Sparks, representing District 5 – Sheriff Matthew Wade; and representing the Commission At-Large – Van Roberts, Sr.; and to appoint the representative for District 4 – Chief Jeff Waldrep. These are four-year terms that will expire March 1, 2026. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shears, and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hess to appoint Kristen Fargason to represent District 4 on the Calhoun County Department of Human Resources Board of Directors. This is an unexpired term that will expire September 1, 2023. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion and a vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Mr. Tyner presented a resolution opposing the passage in the Alabama Senate of SB157, which will lift the weight restrictions on county roads and bridges for logging trucks. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the resolution, Commissioner Hess seconded the motion, and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Rosenbalm recommended approving Mountain View Phase 9 Subdivision, located in District 2. The proposed subdivision was reviewed and inspected by the Calhoun County Engineering Department and was determined to meet the provisions of the subdivision regulations of Calhoun County. Commissioner Shears made a motion to approve as recommended, Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion, and there was a unanimous vote of the Commissioners in favor of the motion.

Chamber of Commerce Tourism Director Audrey Maxwell discussed the following: (1) Job Fair today at the Anniston City Meeting Center, in conjunction with the Calhoun County Economic Development Council and the City of Anniston, with over sixty companies participating; (2) 42<sup>nd</sup> Heritage Festival on February 19th, celebrating Black History Month, at Longleaf Botanical Gardens; and (3) World Games tourism advertising for Calhoun County, working with Regions Bank. Public Affairs Director Kate Jaudon announced the Chamber will be hosting political forums in April.

Dr. David West advised that Arbor Week in Alabama is the last week in February, and Arbor Day in Calhoun County is February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Hess announced the Northeast Alabama 1A-7A Regional Basketball Tournament begins next week at Jacksonville State University, water lines are being run to the camp grounds at the McClellan Horse Trails, and softball tournaments begin next weekend at Woodland Park.

Commissioner Henderson and Commissioner Shears announced the US National Softball Team will be playing the Japanese National Team during the World Games at Choccolocco Park. Commissioner Shears advised that the National Junior College Championship, State 1A-7A Softball Championships, and State 1A-7A Baseball Championships will be played this year at Choccolocco Park and Jacksonville State University. Volunteers are needed and are welcomed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Henderson and seconded by Commissioner Hess. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, February 24, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.