

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
OCTOBER 13, 2022

Chairman Patterson called to order the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Commission at 10:01 a.m. Also present were Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Henderson, and Commissioner Hess. Commissioner Wilson gave an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Commissioner Henderson motioned to adopt the agenda, followed by a second motion from Commissioner Wilson. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present.

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

Chairman Patterson opened a public hearing and called on County Engineer Rodney McCain to address those in attendance. Mr. Rodney McCain explained the contents of the Petition to vacate of a ROW in Booker T. Washington Heights Subdivision in District 1. Ms. Renata Maddox petitioned to vacate Lot 1, in Block 12, an unused alley between her vacant lot and adjoining properties, to install a septic system. There was a notice of the public hearing as required by Ala. Code § 23-4-20. A written correspondence addressed to the Commission by Ms. Ida Aaron was read aloud by the County Attorney, Ms. Gloria Floyd. Mr. McCain's understanding of the letter expressed concerns with the County granting a road vacation behind the Washington Heights Baptist Church. Mr. McCain addressed the concern by stating there seemed to be a misunderstanding about the requested road vacation location. He explained that the Petition did not address the road behind the church. The petition requested a vacation of vacant property 400 feet to the west of the road mentioned in the letter. Ms. Aaron was not present at the meeting, and no one asked to speak concerning the proposed vacation. Mr. McCain confirmed there were no adverse issues concerning the proposed vacation. Based on the explanation given by Mr. McCain, Attorney Floyd recommended that the Commissioners move forward with road vacation. Chairman Patterson closed the public hearing.

County Administrator, Mr. Mark Tyner, presented a second reading for an ABC Board Application for a 160- Special Retail- More than 30 days, submitted by Oak Meadow Event Center LLC, located at 268 Bryant Road, Ohatchee, AL, 36271. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to approve the application. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present.

Environmental Programs Manager, Reggie Stewart, recommended proceeding with the public nuisance abatements on the following properties: (1) 4810 Old Birmingham Highway, Anniston, owned by Doral and Jerre Haynes; (2) 400 Permita Court, Anniston, owned by Henry Penick; (3) 5534 Saks Road, Anniston, owned by Robin McNeal and Bobbi Turner; (4) 0 Eulaton Pike Road, Anniston, owned by Larry Sims and Eugenia Coppitt; (5) 703 West 44th Street, Anniston, owned by John and Lona Pitts; (6) 408 North Marshall Street, Anniston, owned by DSV SPV2 LLC; (7) 507 Oak Lane, Anniston, owned by Jason Hooper; (8) 2729 Simpson Street, Anniston, owned by Melvin Leigh. 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. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (8 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Reggie Stewart recommended dismissing the public nuisance abatement on the following properties: (1) 11 Tiffany Lane, Ohatchee, owned by Victoria and Tabitha Mannick; (2) 2428 Griffith Street II, Anniston, owned by Rebecca Woodrow; (3) 614 Post Oak Road, Alexandria, owned by Pamela Phillips; and (4) 91 East 54th Street, Anniston, owned by Earline and Ralph Haynes. Owners were notified of the meeting but were not present, and no one spoke on behalf of the owners. Commissioner Hess made a motion to dismiss as recommended. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present.

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) 221 West 43rd Street, Anniston, owned by Lesley Johnson, in the amount of \$326.00; (2) 41 Boozer Drive, Jacksonville, owned by Alan Investments III LLC, in the amount of \$226.00; (3) 4504 Saks Road, Anniston, owned by Key Properties LLC, in the amount of \$201.00; (4) 4604 Saks Road, Anniston, owned by Fix Pad Holdings LLC, in the amount of \$276.00; (5) 4900 Saks Road, Anniston, owned by Richard Barrett, in the amount of \$201.00; (6) 1014 West 32nd Street, Anniston, owned by Kara Smith, in the amount of \$1,026.00; and (7) 6105 Autumn Trail, Anniston, owned by Penny Woodford, in the amount of \$201.00. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no one was present to represent the owners. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to proceed with invoices. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (7 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Tyner presented a resolution to award the bid for GPS Monitoring Equipment and Services to the low bidder, American Electronic Monitoring, for \$5.00 per day, or \$150.00 per month, for years 1, 2 & 3. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Tyner presented a resolution to award the bid for Rebuild Alabama Resurfacing of Rocky Hollow Road to the lowest bidder, Vulcan Materials Asphalt and Construction, LLC, for the amount of \$790,488.65. Commissioner Hess made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Tyner presented a resolution to award the bid for Calhoun County Safe rooms to the lowest bidder, Aqua Marine Enterprises, Inc., for Detail 1 at \$119,450.00 and Detail 2 at \$168,795.00. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Tyner presented a resolution to extend the bids for Concessions for the Sports Complex, Woodland Park, to Osborn Brothers and Flowers Baking of Birmingham. This one-year extension is effective October 14, 2022, until October 13, 2023. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Tyner presented a resolution for a twelve-month contract extension with Jon Garlick, LPC, for Counseling Services for Prospective Law Enforcement. These services provide psychological evaluations for the Sheriff's Department at \$136 per hour, not less than one hour or more than two hours each. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Tyner presented a resolution for the resurfacing of Eulaton Gate Road. This project resurfaces Eulaton Gate Road from Bynum Leatherwood Road to the end of county maintenance at the Anniston Army Depot. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Tyner presented an agreement with Calhoun County Fair, Inc., to allow the Calhoun County Fair to utilize the Agri-Center for Countywide fair and carnival events October 18-24, 2022. Commissioner Hess motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of the Commission. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (AGREEMENT ATTACHED)

Mr. Tyner presented an agreement for laboratory services with Quest Diagnostics Clinical Laboratories, Inc., to provide lab services not covered under the Inmate Medical provider to the County inmates. Commissioner Henderson motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of the Commission. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (AGREEMENT ATTACHED)

Don Hopper, Director of the Calhoun County EDC, and Anthony Athienitis, Kronospan's Chief Financial Advisor, addressed the Commission regarding expansion at Kronospan. They are improving the lumber yard with a forty-five million dollar expansion and will add five new jobs. Mr. Tyner presented a resolution for twenty-year tax abatement. Commissioner Hess made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Tyner presented an ARPA Funds Resolution to upgrade the Calhoun County 911 Communications System. This resolution allocates \$2,188,702.59 from Revenue Replacement Funds to fund the Public Safety Radio Upgrade. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Tyner presented an ARPA Funds Resolution to purchase vehicles for the Highway Department. This resolution allocates approximately \$350,000.00 to purchase eight vehicles for the Highway Department from Revenue Replacement Funds. Commissioner Hess made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Tyner presented a resolution supporting Amendment 2, which would authorize state and local governments to incentivize broadband expansion, and Amendment 7, which would standardize economic development powers to all counties whether or not they have a

constitutional amendment. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Tyner presented a recommendation for the MPO Citizens Advisory Committee District 3 – Ms. Anne Key. This is a four-year term, August 2022- August 2026. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to make the appointment. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present.

Mr. Tyner presented a resolution for the Recreational Trails Program Funds for a grant of \$300,000.00 for the Camp McClellan Horse Trails project with a \$75,000 match. Commissioner Hess explained that the funds would help construct a trailhead campsite facility with utilities to support horseback and hiking trails. Commissioner Hess made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Tyner presented a resolution for a road vacation in Booker T. Washington Heights Subdivision that Ms. Renata Maddox petitioned to vacate Lot 1, in Block 12, an unused alley between her vacant lot and adjoining properties for the installation of a septic system. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Tyner presented a resolution to declare lighting fixtures removed from Woodland Park as surplus property and to convey 20 LED fixtures to Saks Youth. The remaining fixtures will get disposed of via GovDeals. Commissioner Hess made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Tyner presented a change order for the Calhoun County Courthouse Repainting Project. The change order is for \$7,614.00 to include a door revision and the addition of handrails on the south and west sides of the Courthouse. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the order. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present.(CHANGE ORDER IN FILE)

Mr. Justin Nance, representing the local nursery Creekside Farms, spoke to the Commission regarding ordinances for cannabis. The State of Alabama will begin issuing licenses in 2023 for businesses to be able to grow or distribute medical cannabis. Mr. Nance asked the Commission to consider the adoption of cannabis agriculture, saying it would create jobs and bring in extra revenue. Chairman Patterson invited Mr. Nance to a Commission work session so the Commissioners could get more information regarding this matter.

Mr. Chris Abernathy, with ASAP Foundation, informed everyone that National Drug Take Back Day will be on October 29. They will be set up at several local pharmacies to take old, unused, or expired medications while giving a chance to win a television to anyone that participates.

County Superintendent Dr. Reyes publicly congratulated the Alexandria and Ohatchee Varsity volleyball teams for making it to the County Championship game and Wellborn for doing a great job in hosting the tournament. He informed us of several renovation projects at several of our

County schools. He thanked District 4 Commissioner J.D. Hess for approving the paving of Frank Little Drive by the Alexandria Elementary School.

Ms. Linda Hearn, Chamber of Commerce Director, reminded everyone of the Business Expo at the Anniston Meeting Center on October 18. In addition, she congratulated Bridgewater Interiors, a local business in Oxford, for winning the 2022 Large Manufacturer of the Year.

Ms. Audrey Maxwell, Chamber of Commerce Tourism Director, announced Commerce is working with the State on upcoming projects, including producing an All-in-One ticket for attractions in our region.

Ms. Diane Hanvey, a citizen of Anniston, expressed her concern about the overpopulation of cats in the area. She commented on the Snip-It program is an excellent service but says the limit of buying only five vouchers makes it hard for residents to make a difference in the stray population. She asks the Commission to consider removing the ticket limit, especially for the citizens that go through the training to become a rescue.

Ms. Roxy Copeland, a citizen from Anniston, says she has helped rescue abandoned animals in her area. She also asks the Commission to reconsider the limit of five vouchers for the Snip-It tickets.

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

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.