

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
OCTOBER 9, 2008

The regular meeting of the Calhoun County Commission was called to order by Chairman Henderson and all Commissioners were present. Rep. Randy Wood gave an invocation.

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

Senator Del Marsh and Representative Randy Wood advised the Commissioners that they have asked the Governor and the State Attorney General to investigate the gas shortage, as well as the increased prices for gas, in Calhoun County, when compared to the surrounding areas.

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

Revenue Commissioner Karen Roper was commended for outstanding leadership and Appraiser Woody Welch was commended for outstanding work related to the McClellan property evaluations.

EMA Director Dan Long was recognized for receiving the Alabama Association of Emergency Management (AAEM) Special Achievement Award for Notable Achievements in the Field of Emergency Management, and for being elected by his peers to serve as President-Elect of the association.

Students from Auburn University presented a landscape design plan for Thankful Park. Dr. David West advised that the RC&D Council, along with the Calhoun County Beautification Board and the County Extension Office, worked with the students and volunteers in the Thankful Community to develop the park plan. Master Gardeners William Tippins and Jerome Freeman were specifically recognized for their valuable assistance.

Commissioner Downing was presented an environmentally friendly t-shirt from Dr. David West in appreciation for his support of the Community Garden at McClellan.

Probate Judge Alice Martin announced that sample ballots for the upcoming general election, including the proposed statewide amendments, are available in her office for distribution.

Commissioner Hess made a motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Dunn, all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn to award the bid for a Biodiesel Processor (FY08-41) to the only bidder, Biodiesel Logic Inc., of Arab, Alabama, for the bid amount of \$23,500.00, as recommended by the County Engineer. Commissioner Downing seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

Commissioner Hess made a motion to proceed with the nuisance abatement on property located at 0 AL Hwy 204, Jacksonville, owned by S. J. and S. Jean McDonald, as recommended by Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano. The owners were not present. Commissioner Downing seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

A motion was made by Commissioner Downing, and seconded by Commissioner Dunn, to proceed with the nuisance abatement on property located at 518 Virginia Avenue, Anniston, owned by Dewayne and Gail Reid, as recommended by Mr. Pirritano. The owners were not present. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Commissioner Dunn made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Downing, to dismiss the following nuisance abatements, as recommended by Mr. Pirritano: (1) 2050 Choccolocco Road, Anniston, owned by Carrie Brown; and (2) 125 Meadow Glen Drive, Jacksonville, owned by Fred Hamlin Estate. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

Mr. Pirritano presented an invoice in the amount of \$2,000.00, for the cost of removing a public nuisance on property located at 29 Lincoln Street, Anniston, owned by George & Addie May Johnson. Commissioner Dunn made a motion to adopt a resolution to approve the invoice and Commissioner Downing seconded the motion. A vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

An invoice in the amount of \$1,500.00 was presented by Mr. Pirritano, for the cost of removing a public nuisance on property located at 1011 Folsom Avenue, Anniston, owned by Lincoln Carter. Norris and Teresa Taylor were present to represent the owner and asked for a reduction in the amount because of extenuating circumstances. Commissioner Downing made a motion to table the matter in order to review the charges. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Dunn, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

Commissioner Downing made a motion to continue for sixty days, until December 11, 2008, a public nuisance declaration on property located at 312 Williamson Avenue, Anniston, owned by AWH Incorporated. Stan Hill was present to represent the owner and advised that he is working to remove the nuisance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunn and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hess, and seconded by Commissioner Downing, to dismiss the nuisance declaration on property located at 528 Dagon Drive, Anniston, owned by Geoff Carroll, as recommended by Mr. Pirritano. The owner was not present. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

County Administrator Ken Joiner presented a resolution to accept financial aid in the amount of \$33,000 to extend the Drug-Free Schools Program through the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs. Commissioner Dunn made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented, Commissioner Hess seconded the motion, and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Commissioner Dunn made a motion to appoint Jerome Freeman, of Anniston, to represent District 1 on the Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizens Advisory Committee. This is an unexpired term that expires in August 2010, which was vacated by James L. Smith. Commissioner Hess seconded the motion, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

The Chairman was authorized by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners to sign a quit claim deed with Mount Zion Baptist Church of Alexandria, for certain property on Mount Zion Road which was previously vacated by the Calhoun County Commission. Commissioner Hess made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the deed, as recommended by County Attorney Tom Sowa. Commissioner Downing seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (DEED ATTACHED)

Mr. Joiner presented an agreement with East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission for Transportation Services for Fiscal Year 2009. Commissioner Dunn made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement and Commissioner Downing seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (AGREEMENT ATTACHED)

An agreement with Calhoun/Cleburne Children's Center, Inc. to provide funding in the amount of \$37,428, was presented by Mr. Joiner, who advised the funds will be used for investigative and law enforcement services to identify and aid in the prosecution of individuals who sexually and/or physically abuse children, and/or neglect children, as well as counseling to children who have been sexually and/or physically abused, and/or neglected. Commissioner Downing made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement, followed by a second from Commissioner Dunn. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Solid Waste Consultant Butler Green presented an engineering services proposal from Kelly Engineering, LLC, to provide engineering services for the Calhoun County Construction/Demolition Landfill re-design and permit modification, at a cost of \$15,500. Mr. Green advised the re-design utilizes existing properties and will extend the usage of the landfill for approximately six years. Commissioner Downing made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Dunn, to authorize the Chairman to sign the proposal. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (PROPOSAL IN FILE)

Commissioner Downing made a motion to authorize the Chairman to execute on behalf of the county, as successor to the Anniston-Calhoun County Fort McClellan Development Joint Powers Authority, a contract, once it is in acceptable form and content to the Chairman and County Administrator, with CDG Engineers for services and work for the Iron Mountain Road bridge replacement over South Branch Creek. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Dunn, all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (CONTRACT IN FILE)

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

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, October 23, 2008, at 10:00 a.m.