

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 27, 2014

The regular meeting of the Calhoun County Commission was called to order by Chairman Hodges and all Commissioners were present. Pastor Cedric J. Duncan, of First Missionary Baptist Church in Anniston, gave an invocation.

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

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

To commemorate African American History Month, Commissioner Wilson introduced Ava Smith, from Jacksonville Christian School, who sang "The Greatest Love of All." Proclamations were presented by Commissioner Wilson to Mrs. Georgia Calhoun and Dr. Clarence Jarrels, in recognition of their community spirit and devotion to Calhoun County.

Janis Burns, President-Elect for the Alabama Recreation and Parks Association, presented a special achievement award to Commissioner Abbott for outstanding service made to the cause of recreation in Alabama. Ms. Burns accepted the award on behalf of Commissioner Abbott at a special banquet in Birmingham on February 11, 2014. She commended Commissioner Abbott for the improvements he made at Germania Springs Park in Jacksonville, and at parks throughout the county.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hudson to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting. There was a second to the motion from Commissioner Wilson, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

Commissioner Hess made a motion to proceed, as recommended by Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano, with the abatement of a public nuisance on property located at 173 Wildman Road, Anniston, owned by Elester and Cora Smith. The owners were notified of the meeting but were not present. Commissioner Hudson seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Hudson to proceed as recommended by Mr. Pirritano with the abatement of a public nuisance on property located at 1323 Clairmont Drive, Weaver, owned by Betty Cantrell. The owner was notified of the meeting but was not present. A vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Commissioner Hess made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Abbott to proceed, as recommended by Mr. Pirritano, with the abatement of a public nuisance on property located at 1151 Jamback Road, Anniston, owned by John Phillip and Martha Jean Guess. The owners were notified of the meeting but were not present. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Pirritano recommended dismissing the nuisance abatement on property located at 306 Smith Street, Anniston, owned by Stephen Brian and Christopher Cooper. Commissioner Hudson so moved, Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hess to proceed, as recommended by Mr. Pirritano, with the abatement of a public nuisance on property located at 0 Alabama Highway 202, Anniston, owned by Edward W. and Eleanor Q. Kytte. Dorothy Smith and Edward Kytte were present and stated they were working hard to clean up the property, but medical conditions had slowed them down. Mr. Pirritano agreed to work with them. Commissioner Abbott seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Commissioner Hess made a motion to proceed, as recommended by Mr. Pirritano, with the abatement of a public nuisance on property located at 807 N. Ledbetter Road, Anniston, owned by Mary Jo and Benny Norris Williams. The owners were notified of the meeting but were not present. Following a second to the motion from Commissioner Hudson, a vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Commissioner Wilson made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Hudson to declare a public nuisance, as recommended by Mr. Pirritano, on property located at 3620 Haygood Street, Anniston, owned by Minnie Lucretia Teague. The owner was notified of the meeting but was not present. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hudson to declare a public nuisance, as recommended by Mr. Pirritano, on property located at 1427 Gladden Lane West, Alexandria, owned by William E. and Delores F. Trapp. William Trapp was present and stated he is working on cleaning up the property. Mr. Pirritano agreed to meet with him to go over the requirements after the meeting. There was a second to the motion from Commissioner Wilson and a unanimous vote of the Commissioners in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Pirritano recommended declaring a public nuisance on property located at 1903 Old Anniston/Gadsden Highway, Gadsden, owned by Charles A. Burnham. Mr. Burnham was present and advised the property was damaged in the tornado of 2011, was transferred to a government mortgage entity, and is no longer in Mr. Burnham's name. Mr. Pirritano advised he is aware of the situation but the declaration is necessary at this time. Commissioner Hess made a motion to proceed as recommended and Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

An agreement with Bill Whittaker Architecture, to provide architectural services for renovations to the existing 19 shower rooms in the Calhoun County Jail, was presented by Mr. Joiner. The compensation rate shall be 7% of the cost of construction. Commissioner Hudson made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement for and on behalf of Calhoun County, once the agreement is in final form. Commissioner Hess seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Joiner presented an Authorizing Resolution concerning the acquisition of equipment to be used by the Calhoun County Highway Department. The lease purchase of the equipment is financed through Hancock Bank, at the rate of 1.14% per annum. Commissioner Abbott made a motion to adopt the resolution once in final form, followed by a second to the motion from Commissioner Hess. A vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson to appoint the following citizens to the Calhoun County 911 District Board of Directors, for four-year terms beginning March 1, 2014: representing District 3 – Oxford Police Chief Bill Partridge, representing District 4 – Rita Carlisle, representing District 5 – Calhoun County Sheriff Larry Amerson, and representing the Commissioners at-large – Curtis D. McCants. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Abbott and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

Commissioner Wilson made a motion to appoint the following citizens to represent the Commissioners on the District Attorney's Citizen's Advisory Council: representing District 1 – Titus Storey, representing District 2 – Shannon Felder, and representing District 3 – Wayne Carden. Commissioner Hudson seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

EMA Director Jonathan Gaddy advised that Calhoun County has received funding in the amount of \$8,000 from the State of Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (formerly State Department of Homeland Security) for services and equipment necessary to operate the Alabama Regional Incident Support Unit (ARISU) Region 7 (R7) emergency communications vehicle housed at Calhoun County EMA. Commissioner Hudson made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the two grant agreements, for and on behalf of Calhoun County, as follows: 1) \$6,000 for period of performance 1/1/14 – 7/31/14, and 2) \$2,000 for period of performance 1/1/14 – 12/31/14. Following a second to the motion from Commissioner Wilson the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners. (AGREEMENTS IN FILE)

Commissioner Hudson made a motion to authorize Dr. David West, County Extension Coordinator for the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, to apply on behalf of Calhoun County for Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama funding to improve the in-school Nutrition Education Program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hess to authorize the Chairman to sign a contract, for and on behalf of Calhoun County, with Harold Mayall, Jr., for the installation of stucco at the County owned building formerly known as the "Fred's" building. Mr. Joiner advised the total cost of the project is \$11,000. Commissioner Abbott seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (CONTRACT ATTACHED)

Mr. Joiner presented an employment contract with Kevin Freeman to provide for maintenance and repairs at Janney Furnace Park, at a cost of \$9.00 per hour, effective _____. Commissioner Hudson made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract, once it is

in final form. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Hess, a vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of the motion. (CONTRACT ATTACHED)

Walt Frazier addressed the Commissioners regarding his concern for the health and safety of citizens in Calhoun County, due to exposure to PCB's and bad air quality.

Commissioner Hess made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Abbott seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned with a unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, March 13, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.