

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
DECEMBER 15, 2022

Chairman Wilson called to order the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Commission at 10:00 a.m. Also present were Commissioner Shears, Commissioner Howell, and Commissioner Patterson. Commissioner Shears gave an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Commissioner Patterson presented a special recognition to the 2022 Hawkeyes Rifle Club, which competed at the National Championship. Commissioner Patterson also presented a recognition award to Ms. Sarah Sloughly for her accomplishment as an Alabama 4-H State Ambassador.

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

County Administrator, Mr. Mark Tyner, presented a second reading for an ABC Board Application for a license to sell 050 – Retail Beer and 070 – Retail Table Wine, off premises only, submitted by SSSS22 LLC, d/b/a Choccolocco Food Mart, located at 3400 Choccolocco Road, Suite A, Anniston, 36207. Commissioner Shears made a motion to approve the application. Commissioner Patterson 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) 75 Fieldstone Way, Jacksonville, owned by Mark & Larry Hamlin; (2) 65 Fieldstone Way, Jacksonville, owned by Annie Hudgins; (3) 3210 Oakridge Avenue, Anniston, owned by Judy & Bennie Barr; (4) 3218 Oakridge Avenue, Anniston, owned by Judy & Bennie Barr; (5) 4500 Asbury Avenue, Anniston, owned by Grace McKinney and Brandy Bryant. Owners were properly notified of the meeting, but were not present and no one spoke on the behalf of the owners. Commissioner Patterson made a motion to proceed. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (5 RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Reggie Stewart, recommended declaring public nuisance abatements on the following properties: (1) 329 Rice Avenue, Anniston, owned by Billy and Carolyn Reeves; (2) 1117 West 49th Street, Anniston, owned by William and Maria Commons; (3) 3911 Boxwood Avenue, Anniston, owned by Bobby Montalto; (4) 907 Vigo Avenue, Weaver, owned by Kenneth Harrast ET AL; (5) 15 Timike Drive, Anniston, owned by Hermenio Santos; (6) 60 Turley Drive, Anniston, owned by Debbie Everly. Owners were properly notified of the meeting, but were not present and no one spoke on the behalf of the owners. Commissioner Howell made a motion to declare. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (6 RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Tyner presented a resolution to award the bid for the Steinburg Bridge Removal to the sole bidder, Jerry Doss Construction, for the amount of \$161,500.00. Commissioner Patterson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Howell 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 Public Nuisance Demolition/Removal on multiple properties to Belle It Out Bell's Contracting and Wendy Thornton based on the lowest responsive, responsible bid for each property. Properties 1, 2, 3, and 10 were awarded to Belle It Out Bell's Contracting. Properties 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 were awarded to Wendy Thornton. Commissioner Shears made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Tyner presented a resolution to extend the Pest Control Services with I.B. Enterprises, d/b/a Orkin, for an additional year at no increase in price. Commissioner Patterson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Tyner presented an updated Calhoun County Growers Permit and Rules and Regulations for the 2023 Calhoun County Farmers Market. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the permit as recommended by Dr. David West, County Extension Coordinator, and to authorize Dr. West to implement the rules and regulations through December 31, 2023. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (PERMIT IN FILE)

Mr. Tyner presented a service agreement with Quality Counts to provide CDL verifications of county employees through the Federal Clearinghouse. This is a two-year agreement from effective date of December 1, 2022. Commissioner Howell motioned to authorize the chairman to sign for and on behalf of the commission. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Tyner presented an agreement with DataWorks Plus for software and hardware support for the electronic fingerprint machine for the calendar year 2023 at the exact cost as last year, \$6,050.00. Commissioner Shears motioned to authorize the chairman to sign for and on behalf of the commission. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Tyner presented a Local Government Pistol Permit Revenue Loss Resolution, a fund administered through ADECA to replenish lost pistol permit fees. Commissioner Patterson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Tyner presented Alabama Emergency Management Agency EMPG FY 2022 Cooperative Agreement for a subaward for \$64,518.00. Commissioner Howell motioned to authorize the chairman to sign for and on behalf of the commission. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Tyner presented a one-year extension agreement with Avenu Insights to perform recovery collection services for business license taxes for the hourly audit service amount of \$77.45. Commissioner Shears motioned to authorize the chairman to sign for and on behalf of the commission. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a majority voice vote of Commissioners Wilson, Patterson, and Shears. Commissioner Howell abstained from voting. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Tyner presented a resolution to request an allocation from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund through the American Rescue Plan Act in the amount of \$196,403.20. Commissioner Howell made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Tyner presented an agreement to utilize Eulaton United Methodist Church as an existing county polling location. Commissioner Patterson motioned to authorize the chairman to sign for and on behalf of the commission. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Tyner presented a Safeware MOA, an agreement with the City of Gadsden and Etowah County to allow the EMA to access and utilize the emergency ALERT notification system, Everbridge. Commissioner Shears motioned to authorize the chairman to sign for and on behalf of the commission. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Tyner presented an ARPA resolution for the Landfill up to \$1,100,000.00. This project encompasses both equipment and improvements to the Transfer Station. Commissioner Patterson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Tyner presented an ARPA resolution for the White Plains Community Center, allocating up to \$750,000.00 to fund the demolition and construction of a community center in the White Plains area. Commissioner Shears made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. Commissioner Shears spoke about how this new center will benefit the White Plains community. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Tyner presented an ARPA resolution for the Alexandria Community Center, allocating up to \$125,000.00 to fund facility upgrades to include replacement of the roof at the Community Center. Commissioner Howell made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Tyner presented an ARPA resolution for the Thankful Park Community/Health Center, allocating up to \$750,000.00 to fund the center's construction. Commissioner Shears made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. Commissioner Wilson spoke about how this new center will replace two trailers currently being used and will provide health and dental services. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Tyner presented an ARPA resolution for the County Courthouse, allocating up to \$86,000.00 to fund facility upgrades. Commissioner Howell made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Tyner presented an ARPA resolution for Chief Ladiga Park, allocating up to \$750,000.00 to fund the construction of facilities improvements, including restrooms and additional parking. Commissioner Patterson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. George Dudchuck spoke about RMC Hospital and his opinions on how CEOs got pay raises, and the healthcare workers had not, causing the hospital to lose employees.

Ms. Chandy Gordon with the A.S.A.P. Foundation announced that the 50th Anniversary Gala would be held on February 7. She also introduced a new member of the foundation, Ms. Tasha Aguirre, who will be heading up a new program named SAFECARE.

Dr. David West, Extension Director, thanked the commission for acknowledging the 4-H students' achievements at the meeting. In addition, Dr. West announced a hog show at the Expo this upcoming weekend.

Commissioner Shears thanked Dr. West for his leadership and help with the 4-H program and for offering opportunities to those children participating.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Howell and seconded by Commissioner Shears. All Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion by voice vote. Accordingly, the meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.