

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
November 9, 2023

Chairman Shears called to order the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Commission at 10:01 a.m., and all Commissioners were present. Mr. Tracy Shaddix, Youth Minister of Antioch Baptist Church, gave an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Commissioner Henderson motioned to adopt the agenda, followed by a second motion from Commissioner Howell. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Commissioner Patterson made a motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Environmental Programs Manager, Mr. Kraig Mize, recommended dismissing public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 1504 Piedmont Jacksonville Highway, Piedmont, owned by Rascoe and Donna Vinson; (2) 6105 Autumn Trail, Anniston, owned by Penny Woodford; (3) 124 Mountain Drive, Jacksonville, owned by Maurice and Jessica Cross; (4) 215 Russell Avenue, Anniston, owned by Mattie Mae Smith Neal; (5) 4215 Wellborn Avenue, Anniston, owned by Wanda Robinson (Estate); (6) 303 Dogwood Lane, Anniston, owned by AWH Inc.; (7) 4618 Saks Road, Anniston, owned by Johnny G. Jordan; (8) 1341 Dogwood Lane, Piedmont, owned by S. Franklin Murphy; (9) 406 Sequoya Drive, Anniston, owned by Geoffrey Robertson; (10) 255 Dawson Drive, Alexandria, owned by Sara Young; (11) 707 Parker Street, Anniston, owned by Kenneth Hallman c/o State AL; (12) 3882 US Hwy 78 E., Anniston, owned by Flint Conner; and (13) 1001 Cherokee Trail, Anniston, owned by Kevin Humphries. Owners were adequately notified of the meeting but were not present, and no one spoke on behalf of the owners. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to dismiss as recommended. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Kraig Mize recommended approving invoices as shown in the itemized reports to be the cost of removal of public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 630 S. Colvin Street, Anniston, owned by Ronald and Donna Baumhardt, for \$1,500.00; and (2) 516 S. Ledbetter Street, Anniston, owned by Karen Gautney, for \$2,750.00. 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 Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (2 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Kraig Mize recommended declaring public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 400 Permita Court, Anniston, owned by Henry Penick; (2) 463 Alexandria-Jacksonville Highway, Alexandria, owned by Herman Broome; and (3) 620 Sanota Drive, Anniston, owned by Havalah Hocking. Owners were adequately notified of the meeting but were not present, and no one spoke on behalf of the owners. Commissioner Patterson made a motion to declare as recommended. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (3 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

County Administrator, Mr. Mark Tyner, presented an ABC Board Application for a license transfer to sell 050 – Retail Beer and 070 – Retail Table Wine, off-premises only, submitted by Wildwood Grocery and Package, LLC, d/b/a Wildwood Grocery, located at 3576 Cedar Springs Road, Jacksonville, 36265, where it was previously Wildwood Food Mart. Commissioner Henderson motioned to waive the first reading and approve the application. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Mark Tyner presented an ABC Board Application for a license 011 – Lounge Retail Liquor – Class II (Package), submitted by Wildwood Grocery and Package, LLC, d/b/a Wildwood Package, located at 3576A Cedar Springs Road, Jacksonville, 36265. This was the first reading of the application; no formal action was required.

Mr. Mark 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, 5, 13, 18 and 19 were awarded to Belle It Out Bell's Contracting; Properties 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16 and 17 were awarded to Wendy Thornton; no bids received for properties 9 and 11. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a resubdivision plat for Deerfield Subdivision Phase 3, recommended by the County Engineer. This plat meets the provisions of resubdivision regulations. Commissioner Patterson made a motion to authorize acceptance of the plat and to authorize the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. (LETTER IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a contract for the property purchase of Wellborn Park, located at 3900 Eulaton Road, Anniston, that consists of 16.79 +/- acres for the purchase price of \$170,000.00 plus any applicable closing costs. Commissioners took a roll call vote. The motion was carried by a majority voice vote by Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Henderson, Commissioner Howell, and Commissioner Patterson. Chairman Shears abstained from the vote. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented an agreement with The Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama for funding of \$25,000.00 for four years to support the Challenger Learning Center of Northeast Alabama to promote science, technology, engineering, and math. Commissioner Howell motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement for and on behalf of Calhoun County, ONCE IN FINAL FORM. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by the voice vote. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a permit-lease use agreement with Gadsden State Community College to grant the use of specific County property for educational and skilled training purposes in a joint program with the Calhoun County Career Academy. Commissioner Patterson motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement for and on behalf of Calhoun County. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. Chairman Shears said he was proud that the Commission was able to help the students at the Career Academy. The motion carried unanimously by the voice vote. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented an agreement with McWhorter Co., Inc. for clearing and mulch work on the Animal Control premises donated by McWhorter Co. Inc. Commissioner Henderson motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement for and on behalf of Calhoun County. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. Commissioner Howell thanked McWhorter Co. for all the work done and will be done for Animal Control. The motion carried unanimously by the voice vote. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a public works resolution to allow repairs to the in-ground portion of the County's fuel island located at the Highway Department. Commissioner Howell made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented an employment contract modification for the County Attorney. Commissioner Patterson motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract for and on behalf of Calhoun County. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. Chairman Shears thanked Attorney Mrs. Floyd for her hard work for Calhoun County. The motion carried unanimously by the voice vote. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Tyner presented a resolution for the 2024 Holiday Schedule for County offices. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Tyner presented a resolution to cancel the date of the commission meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 23, 2023, and Thursday, December 28, 2023, to accommodate for the holidays. Commissioner Patterson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Chairman Shears explained that although he agreed to the Wellborn Park land purchase, he abstained from voting due to being a distant relative of the seller.

Commissioner Henderson said she was proud that the Commission could purchase the Wellborn Park land; it was something her late husband, Commissioner Eli Henderson, had always wanted to happen.

Ms. Audrey Maxwell, Chamber of Commerce Tourism Director, said that the holiday events are fast approaching, and everyone should check the Commerce website for the schedule of upcoming parades. She announced the Chamber will conduct a winter/Christmas decorating contest for local businesses, and nominations can be made on the Commerce website.

Ms. Summer Davis, Calhoun County Schools Deputy Superintendent, gave an update on the local County schools: congratulating the volleyball teams for making the State finals, Career Tech will have a new welding class opening in the fall of 2024, and the new Honda classroom will open in January, roofing projects are almost complete, and all the elementary gymnasiums now have air conditioning units.

Ms. Julie Borrelli introduced herself to the Commission, saying she is running for the Calhoun County Probate Judge position. She gave a brief personal history, stating she is a veteran and has been an attorney for over twenty years and appreciated the opportunity to address the Commission.

Mr. Jakob Williamson, Chamber of Commerce Public Affairs Coordinator, announced a reception on Tuesday, November 14. to meet elected officials at the Berman Museum in Anniston.

Commissioner Wilson asked all veterans in attendance to stand and acknowledged them for their service in honor of Veteran's Day.

Ms. Amanda Draper, Human Resource Manager, thanked the Commission for the upcoming Holiday Schedule.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Henderson and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion by a voice vote. Accordingly, the meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.