

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
February 22, 2024

Chairman Shears called to order the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Commission at 10:00 a.m., and all Commissioners were present. Pastor Marcus Dunn, Sr. gave an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Commissioner Wilson recognized Black History Month and presented a proclamation to Pastor Marcus Dunn, Sr; for being a strong community advocate and leading by example. Pastor Dunn expressed he has a heart for serving his community and was touched and appreciated by the Commission for this recognition. Pastor Dunn says, "I am proud of our County and all of the good people we have in it."

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

Environmental Programs Manager, Mr. Kraig Mize, recommended proceeding with the public nuisance abatements on the following properties: (1) 120 Eastwood Drive, Anniston, owned by Samuel and Cynthia Holland.; (2) 38 Jacks Drive, Anniston, owned by Charles and Dorothy White c/o Bobby Waldrop; (3) 331 Old Gadsden Highway, Anniston, owned by Truman Puckett; (4) 1822 Old Gadsden Highway, Anniston, owned by Timothy and Jessica Anderson; (5) 20 W. 36th Street, Anniston, owned by Gumersindo Morales; (6) 3515 Gurnee Avenue, Anniston, owned by MBCM Investments LLC; (7) 3517 Gurnee Avenue, Anniston, owned by MBCM Investments LLC; (8) 3520 Gurnee Avenue, Anniston, owned by Jon Hendrix; (9) 3108 Old Birmingham Highway, Anniston, owned by Paul H. Yeatmen. Owners were adequately notified of the meeting but were not present, and no one spoke on behalf of the owners. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to abate as recommended. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (9 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Kraig Mize recommended dismissing public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 924 W. 49th Street, Anniston, owned by Jerry D. Craig; (2) 0 US Highway 21, Jacksonville, owned by Junior Gann; (3) 1011 Folsom Street, Anniston, owned by Carter Lincoln (Est) c/o Evangeline Taylor; (4) 881 Longshore Drive, Anniston, owned by Scott R. and Laretha Ivey; (5) 260 Dawson Drive, Alexandria, owned by David Sikorski; and (6) 304 Rowan Street, Anniston, owned by Elizabeth Phil Keef. 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 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) 413 Mountain Drive, Jacksonville, owned by Matthew William and Jennifer Reaves, for \$226.00; (2) 150 Old County

Road 109, Anniston, owned by Michael S. Dempsey, for \$226.00; (3) 814 S. Hollingsworth Drive, Anniston, owned by Rachel Juanita Haynes; (4) 711 Parker Street, Anniston, owned by Barbara and Jimmy Turner, for \$2526.00; and (5) 919 Smith Road, Weaver, owned by Margaret L. Hill. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no one was present to represent the owners. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to approve the invoices. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (5 RESOLUTION IN FILE)

County Administrator Mr. Mark Tyner presented a resolution to award the bid for Grass Cutting and Maintenance to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder, Maddox Lawn, for March 1, 2024, through October 31, 2024. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a resolution to award the Public Nuisance Demolition and Removal bid to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidders: Wendy Thornton – properties 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12 and 13 Commissioner; Belle It Out – property 5; and Greener Turf Services – property 14. Commissioner Howell made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a resolution to award the Soft Drink Sales for Sports Complex bid to the sole bidder, Coca-Cola Bottling Company. 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)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a resolution to award the Dodge Durango Pursuit Vehicle bid to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder, Greenway of Anniston, for \$41,115 each. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented an ARPA resolution to award the Improvement to Chief Ladiga Landing bid to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder, Hurst Construction LLC, for \$320,298.00. Commissioner Patterson explained how this project would provide a restroom and expand the parking lot, making it more inviting for people to visit. 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)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented temporary easement documents requested by Alabama Power to run a temporary line at the County Jail to operate the mobile kitchen units required by the renovation project. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to authorize the temporary easement. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (EASEMENT DOCUMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a resolution for an ADEM Recycling Grant for two Ford F-250 Super Duty trucks for \$93,410. Chairman Shears commented that adding these vehicles will significantly help our recycling program. Commissioner Wilson motioned to adopt the resolution

once in final form. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a resolution for authorization to apply for an Alabama Tourism Grant for, at most, \$5,200.00 for community-wide events to promote out-of-state tourism. Commissioner Wilson motioned to adopt the resolution once in final form. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a resolution to authorize a one-time waiver of \$4,997.28 in liquor tax penalties for Charlie's Tobacco Outlet. Commissioner Howell motioned to adopt the resolution once in final form. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Mark Tyner recommended appointing Mr. Jason Morris to represent the Commission on the McClellan Development Authority Board. This is a three-year term from March 2024 to March 2027. Commissioner Howell made a motion to make the appointment. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Chairman Shears opened the floor for public comments but first announced that Mr. Mark Tyner has put in his resignation scheduled for June 1. Chairman thanked Mr. Tyner for his hard work as the County Administrator.

Ms. Audrey Maxwell, Chamber of Commerce Tourism Director, says they are currently working with regional planners on the extension of the Chief Ladiga Trail and are happy to hear about the improvements that will be made to Ladiga Landing. She announced that the Chamber website, calhouncamber.com, has been updated to be accessibility friendly and has partnered with local municipalities to highlight areas of our County on their social media pages.

Mr. Jakob Williamson, Chamber of Commerce Public Affairs Coordinator, announced two candidate forums next week: Candidates for the Probate Judge position will be on February 27, and on February 29, there will be a forum for the candidates running for the Calhoun County Board of Education.

Mr. Allen George of the 7th Judicial Major Crimes Unit thanked the Commission for the support given to their unit. Mr. George announced that he is a candidate for the Board of Education and wants to bring the voices of parents and students to the Board.

County Extension Coordinator Dr. David West announced that the Arbor Day tree giveaway will be a success and thanked the Commission for their support. He also announced that the extension office will soon be offering nutrition classes.

Mr. Joe Lathers announced that he is running for a seat on the Board of Education. He wanted to formally introduce himself to the Commission by saying he was born and raised in Calhoun County, has children in the school system, and his wife is a school employee. He said he learned a phrase while in the Marines, "Leave the place better than how you found it," and that's what he would like to do by serving on the Board.

Mr. Myles Chamblee, EMA Director, announced that the severe weather preparedness tax holiday will be this weekend and a good time for everyone to stock up on needed supplies.

Mr. Craig Dillard, request to meet with the Commission to discuss legal ramifications/options regarding pending litigation that he is the attorney of record. Chairman Shears made a public declaration that the discussion to be held meets the executive session exception regarding pending litigation and would be held with Mr. Craig Dillard, County Administrator, Mr. Mark Tyner, Assistant County Administrator, Ms. Melissia Wood, and the County's Engineer, Mr. Rodney McCain, in attendance. Commissioner Patterson made a motion that the Commission move into executive session for the stated purpose. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken of all Commissioners, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Chairman Shears stated there would be no further business for this regular meeting, and the Commission would not reconvene after the executive session. He announced the next Commission meeting will be March 14, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. The executive session began at approximately 10:28 a.m. and concluded at approximately 11:02 a.m.