

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
MAY 26, 2005

Chairman Hess called the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Commission to order. Also attending were Commissioner Dunn, Commissioner Henderson, and Commissioner Abbott. Commissioner Henderson gave an invocation.

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

Mr. Ralph Nolte, with Westinghouse-Anniston, presented a check in the amount of \$15,000 to Calhoun County, in payment of penalty mitigation funds to be used to purchase emergency response equipment.

Mr. James Randolph, a junior at Jacksonville High School, presented a speech entitled "Celebrating Our Veterans' Service," for which he recently won first place in the VFW's Voice of Democracy Speech Competition.

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

The bid for portable message signs in connection with the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program was awarded to the lowest bidder meeting all specifications, Jim Chandler & Associates, Inc., for the bid amount not to exceed \$59,940.00, as recommended by EMA Director Dan Long. The motion to award the bid was made by Commissioner Dunn and was seconded by Commissioner Henderson. A vote of the Commissioners present was unanimously in favor of adopting the motion.

Chief Deputy Matthew Wade thanked the Commissioners and the County Highway Department, on behalf of the Sheriff, for assisting the Sheriff's Department in law enforcement matters.

Lt. Richard Smith, with the Calhoun Cleburne County Drug and Violent Crime Task Force, presented information concerning 2006 funding. Lt. Smith stated that the federal funding for 2006 has been reduced by twenty-five percent and would be phased out completely by 2007. He also presented a report of 2005 statistics for the task force. There was further discussion concerning the critical needs for drug intervention and education to help control the growing drug problem.

A resolution to accept the cost estimate submitted by the Anniston Water Works and Sewer Board for a fire hydrant at or near 1108 Old Coldwater Road, Anniston, Application #05-195 for Rita K. Smith was presented by County Administrator Ken Joiner. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the resolution and Commissioner Abbott seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present.

A motion was made by Commissioner Henderson to appoint Commissioner Dunn as the voting delegate and Commissioner Hess as the alternate delegate for the National Association of Counties Annual Conference being held July 15-19, 2005, in Honolulu, Hawaii. Commissioner Abbott seconded the motion and a vote the Commissioners present was unanimously in favor of adopting the motion.

Three resolutions were presented by County Administrator Ken Joiner to change polling places as follows: 1) from Oxford Elementary School to Church of Christ of Betta View Hills; 2) from Coosa Valley Saddle Club to Boiling Springs Baptist Church; and 3) from Reads Mill Store to Oak Grove Baptist Church. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the resolutions and Commissioner Abbott seconded the motion. A vote of the Commissioners present was unanimously in favor of adopting the resolutions. (3 RESOLUTIONS ATTACHED)

The Chairman was authorized by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present to sign a one-year extension of the contract to employ Ms. Jennifer Yates as Calhoun County Recycling and Waste Reduction Coordinator, effective June 16, 2005. The motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and was seconded by Commissioner Henderson. (CONTRACT ATTACHED)

County Administrator Ken Joiner presented a contract with Warren, Averett, Kimbrough & Marino, LLC, for proctoring Civil Service Exams. Commissioner Abbott made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract on behalf of the County, as recommended by the County Administrator. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Henderson, all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion. (CONTRACT ATTACHED)

County Engineer Charles Markert advised that six roads in the White's Gap Subdivision – Betty Court, Eva Lane, Mary Drive, Starla Lane, Dorothy Drive, and Jones Street – are in Calhoun County, but lie within the subdivision jurisdiction of the City of Jacksonville. Mr. Markert advised that the roads have been inspected and approved in accordance with the subdivision regulations of the City of Jacksonville, and he recommended approving them for maintenance as county roads. Commissioner Dunn so moved, Commissioner Abbott seconded the motion, and all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn, and seconded by Commissioner Henderson, to adopt a resolution, as read by County Administrator Ken Joiner, concerning a petition for refund of overpaid sales taxes submitted by Bruno's Supermarkets, Inc. The resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

County Engineer Charles Markert presented a consulting agreement and authorization for Earth Tech of North Carolina, Inc. to proceed with redesigning a replacement bridge on Brown Bridge Road over Choccolocco Creek. Mr. Markert advised that a revision of the original plan was required by Fish & Wildlife to protect endangered species found in the creek. Commissioner Abbott made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement and Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. All Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Commissioner Dunn made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign Supplemental Agreement Number 2 to the contract between Calhoun County and McCartney Construction Co. for resurfacing, restoration, and rehabilitation of Mudd Street Road, CSEPP Evacuation Project No. CCP-08-79-04, as recommended by County Engineer Charles Markert. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Henderson, all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

There was discussion concerning the Calhoun County Sports Hall of Fame. Mr. Bill Jones advised that the induction ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 11th, at the Anniston City Meeting Center, and a permanent display is being set up in the County Administration Building. Commissioner Rudy Abbott was congratulated for being selected as one of the ten inductees. Commissioner Abbott was also congratulated for being selected for the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame.

Commissioner Henderson announced there will be a Memorial Day Celebration on Monday, May 30th, at Centennial Memorial Park in Anniston.

Park and Recreation Director Isaiah Evans advised that the White Plains Park groundbreaking is scheduled for Tuesday, May 31st.

There was no further business to come before the Commission and the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting was announced for Thursday, June 9th, at 10:00 a.m.