

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
JANUARY 12, 2006

The regular meeting of the Calhoun County Commission was called to order by Chairman Hess, and all Commissioners were present. The Chairman asked that bids be submitted and that the sheet for a public hearing be signed. Commissioner Downing gave an invocation.

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

Sister Mary Roy, with the All Saints Interfaith Center for Concern, expressed appreciation to the Commissioners for contributing to and supporting the work of her organization.

The participants of the Chamber of Commerce Youth Leadership Calhoun County class, were recognized. Ms. Lynda Aker, the Chamber's YLCC sponsor, introduced the class, consisting of 32 juniors from 16 local high schools and one home school. All participants were commended for their leadership and accomplishments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Downing, and seconded by Commissioner Dunn, to adopt the agenda as presented. The agenda was adopted by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

Commissioner Downing presented a proclamation on behalf of the County Commission to the Anniston Rotary Club, in recognition of their support of the Opportunity Center, which is celebrating its 50th Anniversary. Representing the Rotary Club were Ms. Sheila Gilbert, Mr. Jim Miller, Ms. Cheryl Bragg, Mr. Bill Manning, and Mr. Ken Hoffman. Representing the Opportunity Center was Mr. Mike Almaroad.

Commissioner Dunn made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Downing, to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes were adopted by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn to award the bid for a track-type tractor for the Calhoun County Landfill, to the lowest compliant bidder, Tractor & Equipment Company, for the bid amount of \$296,105; to accept the offer of trade-in allowance of \$40,000 on the Komatsu D85-21, Serial #36586, that is on the County's current inventory; and to accept the financing package offered by Komatsu Financial, at a rate of 4%; as recommended by the County Administrator and the Solid Waste Coordinator. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

County Administrator Ken Joiner concurred with Sheriff Larry Amerson's recommendation to award the bid for the purchase of equipment for and installation of equipment in automobiles to be used by personnel of the Sheriff to the overall low bidder, McCord Communications. Following a second to this motion by Commissioner Abbott, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano recommended dismissing the nuisance abatement on property of R. L. Patterson and Nettie E. Patterson, located at 3540 Noble Street, Anniston. The Owners were not present. Mr. Pirritano advised that sufficient progress has been made by the owners to clean up the property. A motion was made by Commissioner Downing to dismiss the abatement, as recommended, and Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn, and seconded by Commissioner Henderson, to dismiss the nuisance abatement on property of Waymon and Judy Shaneyfelt, located at 513 South Ledbetter Street, Anniston, as recommended by Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano. The Owners were not present. Mr. Pirritano advised that sufficient progress has been made by the owners to clean up the property. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Downing made a motion to proceed with the nuisance abatement on property of Johnny Lee Dempsey and Donna M. Gorey, located at 1209 Chatwood Drive, Anniston, as recommended by Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. Mr. Dempsey was present and stated that he is in the process of restoring some old vehicles and would have them operational very soon. The Commissioners voted unanimously to proceed with the nuisance abatement. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano recommended proceeding with the nuisance abatement on property of Joe and Susan Ethridge, located at 321 Hubbard Circle, Anniston. The owners were not present. Commissioner Dunn so moved, Commissioner Downing seconded the motion, and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn, and seconded by Commissioner Downing, to dismiss the nuisance abatement on property of Truman Puckett, located at 1011 Hillcrest Drive, Anniston, as recommended by Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano. The Owner was not present. Mr. Pirritano advised that sufficient progress has been made by the owner to clean up the property. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

The nuisance abatement on property of Marvalene Heard, located at 12 Marx Street, Anniston, was continued until January 26, 2006, by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners, as recommended by Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano. Ms. Heard was present and stated that due to her illness the cleanup of the property is proceeding slowly, but she is making progress. Commissioner Dunn made a motion to allow a two-week continuance, and Commissioner Downing seconded the motion.

Commissioner Dunn made a motion to dismiss the nuisance abatement on property of John D. Harper, located at 921 West 53rd Street, Anniston. Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano advised that sufficient progress has been made by the new owner to clean up the property and he recommended dismissal. Mr. Tony Green, who has recently purchased the property, was present. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Henderson, all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Bids were opened by County Administrator Ken Joiner for an x-ray machine to be used at the Calhoun County Courthouse. Commissioner Dunn made a motion to refer the two bids received to the County Administrator for review and a recommendation. Commissioner Downing seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

One bid was opened by County Administrator Ken Joiner for furnishing and installing piers and pads, towers, coax, connectors, and surge protection for a Homeland Security Tower Project. County EMA Director Dan Long advised that the invitation to bid was sent to seven companies, but response was minimal due to the heavy work loads resulting from Hurricane Katrina. Mr. Long asked that he be allowed to negotiate a contract with the sole bidder and that the Chairman be authorized to sign the contract. Commissioner Downing so moved, Commissioner Dunn seconded the motion, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

A public hearing was convened for the purpose of hearing comments concerning the request of Ms. Carla Lopez to vacate a portion of an alley off Griffis Street, between Ledbetter Street and Corning Street. No one asked to speak concerning the matter and the public hearing was closed.

County Administrator Ken Joiner presented a resolution to vacate a portion of an alley off Griffis Street, as petitioned by Ms. Carla Lopez. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the resolution and Commissioner Abbott seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor of vacating the portion of the alley. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn to dismiss the nuisance abatement on property of William and Zelma Mattison, located at 109 Elston Avenue, Anniston, as recommended by Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano. Mr. Pirritano advised that sufficient progress has been made by the owners to clean up the property. Commissioner Downing seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted to dismiss the nuisance abatement.

Commissioner Dunn made a motion to dismiss the nuisance abatement on property of Charles Bolling, located at 126 West 36th Street, Anniston, as recommended by Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano. Mr. Pirritano advised that sufficient progress has been made by the owner to clean up the property. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted to dismiss the nuisance abatement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn to dismiss the nuisance abatement on property of Cassie Pruett-Bolling, located at 124 West 36th Street, Anniston, as recommended by Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano. Mr. Pirritano advised that sufficient progress has been made by the owner to clean up the property. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted to dismiss the nuisance abatement.

Commissioner Dunn made a motion to dismiss the nuisance abatement on property of Timothy Palmore, located at 1518 Washington Heights, Anniston, as recommended by Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano. Mr. Pirritano advised that sufficient progress has been made by the owner to clean up the property. Commissioner Downing seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted to dismiss the nuisance abatement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Downing to adopt a resolution declaring a public nuisance on property of Tommy and Kathy Gee, located at 6068 Church Street, Anniston, as recommended by Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano. The owners were not present. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Dunn, a vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

County EMA Director Dan Long requested authorization for the Chairman to sign Change Order #1 to the Engineering Associates, Inc. contract, dated February 24, 2005, providing for consulting services on the 800 MHz communications upgrade. Mr. Long advised that the change order provides needed coordination of the overall construction procurement plans removed from the Motorola contract by Modification #3. Commissioner Henderson so moved, Commissioner Abbott seconded the motion, and a vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of the motion. (CHANGE ORDER IN FILE)

The Chairman was authorized by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners to sign an agreement with the Anniston Museum of Natural History to store a Civil War artifacts collection recently purchased by the County Commission. Commissioner Henderson made the motion which was seconded by Commissioner Abbott. (AGREEMENT ATTACHED)

County Administrator Ken Joiner presented a resolution concerning a policy requiring the proceeds from the sale of collection items be used to acquire other items for the collection. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the resolution as read by the County Administrator. Commissioner Abbott seconded the motion, and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

A Department of Transportation resolution and agreement concerning a resurfacing project on Alexandria/Jacksonville Highway was presented by County Engineer Charles Markert. Commissioner Dunn made a motion to adopt the resolution, as recommended by the County Engineer, and Commissioner Abbott seconded the motion. A vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of adopting the resolution. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Revenue Commissioner Karen Roper requested by letter that the Chairman be authorized to sign Task Order #4 with G-Squared, LLC, in the amount of \$162,000. Ms. Roper advised that Task Order #4 provides professional mapping services for the northern two-thirds of the county, and the specifications are the same as those stated in the current contract with G-Squared, LLC, which expires December 20, 2006, and provided for the aerial photography for the southern one-third of the county. Commissioner Dunn made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign Task Order #4 with G-Squared, LLC, as recommended by the Revenue Commissioner. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Henderson, all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (TASK ORDER #4 ATTACHED)

Commissioner Dunn made a motion to adopt a resolution to extend the contract for uniforms and footwear for the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office and Correction Officers, with Terry's Uniforms, for a one-year period, effective September 1, 2005, as recommended by Sheriff Larry Amerson. Commissioner Abbott seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

The Chairman was authorized by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners to sign an agreement with the Anniston Water and Sewer Board for a water main extension on West 50th Street once it is in a form and content that is acceptable to the Commissioner for the district, Mr. Hess, the County Administrator, and the County Attorney. Commissioner Downing made the motion and Commissioner Dunn seconded the motion. (AGREEMENT ATTACHED)

Two applications for county road adoptions were presented by County Administrator Ken Joiner, as follows: 1) The Trainer Family – Alexandria Jacksonville Highway – from the intersection of Crow Farm Road to 1.9 miles West; and 2) Carmel Presbyterian Church – County Road 33 – from Highway 278 West one mile. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign both applications and Commissioner Abbott seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (APPLICATIONS IN FILE)

County EMA Director Dan Long presented five funding agreements for approval. Mr. Long advised that the agreements are funded 100% through the Alabama Department of Homeland Security grant for FY05. The agreements are as follows:

- 1) City of Weaver: \$4,300.00 for Metal Detection Door
- 2) City of Ohatchee: \$4,001.00 for Cameras for Municipal Courtroom

These agreements provide the funds needed to purchase and install security equipment for their municipal courtrooms.

- 3) Anniston Regional Medical Center: \$7,896.55 for the purchase and installation of a camera system and to provide greater and enhanced coverage for their back-up generator.
- 4) Anniston Police Department: \$22,275.00 for Level A Suits
- 5) Calhoun County Sheriff's Office: \$9,975.00 for Level A Suits

These agreements provide the funds needed to purchase personal protective equipment.

Commissioner Downing made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign all five funding agreements. Commissioner Dunn seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (AGREEMENTS IN FILE)

Commissioner Downing made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Dunn, to authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement with the Calhoun County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments, Inc., as presented by EMA Director Dan Long. Mr. Long advised the grant, in the amount of \$35,000, is funded 100% through the Alabama Department of Homeland Security, and will be used to purchase and install interoperable communications equipment. He further advised that any additional cost over \$35,000 will be the responsibility of the Association as outlined in the agreement. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the Commissioners. (AGREEMENT ATTACHED)

A resolution to extend the Interagency Agreement between the Office of Justice Programs, Center for Domestic Preparedness, and the Calhoun County Commission, was presented by County Administrator Ken Joiner. Commissioner Downing made a motion to adopt the resolution as read. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Dunn, the resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

County Administrator Ken Joiner presented an application for the sale of restaurant retail liquor, in the name of Diana Garmon and James Stephen Oliver, dba Oliver Mountain, located at 8195 McClellan Blvd., Anniston, Alabama 36206. This was the first reading of the application and no further action was required.

Commissioner Downing made a motion to appoint Ms. Vera Jordan to represent District 2 on the Calhoun County Beautification Board. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

County Administrator Ken Joiner recommended passage of a bank resolution, which is necessary in order to change the bank signatures due to the chairmanship rotation. Commissioner Dunn so moved, Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners. Comments and commendations followed from each Commissioner toward outgoing Chairman Hess and new Chairman Abbott. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Following a motion by Commissioner Downing and a second by Commissioner Henderson, the meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, January 26, 2006, at 10:00 a.m.