

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 9, 2006

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

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

Commissioner Hess made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented and Commissioner Dunn seconded the motion. All Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Dunn presented a resolution, on behalf of the Commission, to Mr. Rodney Owens and other representatives of the Kiwanis Club of Anniston. The resolution proclaimed the week of February 19-25, 2006, as Kiwanis Week, and February 25, 2006, as Kiwanis Pancake Day, in Calhoun County, Alabama.

Certificates of Recognition were presented by Commissioner Henderson, on behalf of the Commission, to Ms. Julie Kochan, 6th Grade Math Teacher at Wellborn Elementary School, in recognition of being named Calhoun County Schools JSU Hall of Fame Middle School Teacher of the Year for 2006; and to Ms. Melinda Staubs, 6th Grade Social Studies Teacher at Wellborn Elementary School, in recognition of being named Calhoun County Board of Education Elementary School Teacher of the Year for 2006.

Dr. David West, County Extension Coordinator, presented an Alabama Urban Forestry Award to Ms. Susie Franklin, and the 4-H Tree Amigos group of volunteers. Since 1995 this group of Master Gardeners has provided expertise to the program at Coosa Valley Youth Services. Mr. Wayne Carmello-Harper presented a check in the amount of \$10,000 from the Calhoun County Community Foundation to the 4-H Tree Amigos program.

Commissioner Dunn made a motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting. Following a second to the motion, the minutes were adopted by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present.

Circuit Court Clerk Ted Hooks requested funding for clerical assistance with absentee voting during the 2006 elections.

A motion was made by Commissioner Henderson to award the bid for an x-ray machine for use in the Calhoun County Courthouse to the overall low bidder, Rapiscan Systems, for the bid amount of \$21,000, as recommended by County Administrator Ken Joiner and Presiding Judge Jack Hughes. Commissioner Dunn seconded the motion and all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Hess made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Dunn, to award the bid for ten or more vehicles for the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office, to the only bidder, Sunny

King Ford, for the bid amount of \$27,967.44 per vehicle, and to authorize the Chairman to sign any and all documents necessary to finance the purchase, as recommended by County Administrator Ken Joiner and Sheriff Larry Amerson. All Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion.

The nuisance abatement on property of Byron Stanley and Teresa Hill located at 303 Dogwood Avenue, Anniston, was continued until March 9, 2006, by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present, as recommended by Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano. The owners were not present. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to allow a thirty-day continuance, and Commissioner Dunn seconded the motion.

County Administrator Ken Joiner advised that questions concerning the bid specifications for the Courthouse and Administration Building Security System need to be addressed; therefore, he recommended rejecting all bids and re-bidding the system at a later date. Commissioner Hess so moved, Commissioner Dunn seconded the motion, and all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Henderson made a motion to continue until February 23, 2006, the nuisance abatement on property of Aubrey Tidwell located at 304 N. Marshall Street, Anniston. Commissioner Dunn seconded the motion. Mr. Tidwell was present and stated that he is in the process of restoring some old trucks, which Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano stated were not operational. Following discussion, the Commissioners present voted unanimously to allow a two-week continuance.

Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano recommended proceeding with the nuisance abatement on property of William and Kathy Freeman located at 501 South Hillman Street, Anniston. The owners were not present. Commissioner Henderson so moved, Commissioner Hess seconded the motion, and all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Commissioner Henderson made a motion to proceed with the nuisance abatement on property of David Lamar King located at 3930 Bynum Leatherwood Road, Anniston, as recommended by Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. Mr. Douglas Lamar King was present to represent the owner. The following neighbors spoke of concerns about their health, safety, quality of life, and declining property values, and were in favor of proceeding with the nuisance abatement: Donna Johnston, Tommy Reaves, Raffa Blackmon, Joann Presley, Anita Hardy, and Alma Lindsey. The Commissioners present voted unanimously to proceed with the nuisance abatement. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Commissioner Dunn made a motion to proceed with the nuisance abatement on property of Charles E. and Dorothy M. White located at 424 County Road 109, Anniston, as recommended by Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano. The owners were not present. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Hess, all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn, and seconded by Commissioner Henderson, to dismiss the nuisance abatement on property of James G. Livingston located at 3120 Stevens Court, Anniston, as recommended by Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano. The Owners were not present. Mr. Pirritano advised that the property has new owners. All Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Dunn made a motion to re-appoint, for four-year terms beginning March 1, 2006, the following representatives to the 911 District Board of Directors: Mathew L. Lowery – District 3; Rita Carlisle – District 4; and Lucky King – District 5. Commissioner Hess seconded the motion and a vote of the Commissioners present was as follows: Yeas – Chairman Abbott, Commissioner Dunn and Commissioner Hess; Abstained – Commissioner Henderson.

A motion was made by Commissioner Henderson to appoint Joseph C. Lett, of Oxford, to the Calhoun County Bingo Regulatory Commission, for a five-year term to expire January 2011. It was noted that Betty Rankin, who had previously been appointed to this position, had declined to serve due to a conflict of interest. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Dunn, all Commissioners present voted in favor of the appointment.

County Administrator Ken Joiner presented an application for a license to sell retail beer, off premises only, submitted by Belinda L. James, dba Hurricane Hardware, 2525 Mayfield Road, Lincoln. Mr. Joiner explained that the application is for a change in location only from 5480 Mudd Street, Lincoln. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to waive the second reading and approve the application. Commissioner Dunn 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 authorize the Chairman to sign the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program Grant Award Agreement for Fiscal Year 2006; and the budget amendment, due to increased funding, as presented by County Administrator Ken Joiner. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present. (AGREEMENT & AMENDMENT IN FILE)

County Engineer Charles Markert presented the following roads, in the Boozer Shelton Addition to D'Armanville in District 2, for acceptance for maintenance: Rhodes Street, Nelson Avenue, and Hudson Avenue. Commissioner Hess made a motion to accept the roads as recommended by the County Engineer, Commissioner Dunn seconded the motion, and all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion.

As recommended by County Attorney Tom Sowa, and upon motion duly made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Henderson, the following resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present, levying taxes for the ad valorem tax year commencing on October 1, 2005, also fixing license fees for the sale, storage and distribution of alcoholic beverages, and fixing other license, franchise and privilege taxes, and fixing certain permit fees and certain county privilege, license and excise taxes, and certain sales taxes and use taxes. (TAX LEVY RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

County Administrator Ken Joiner presented an agreement with Calhoun-Cleburne Children's Center, Inc. to provide for \$25,000 to be used as matching funds for grants received from the State of Alabama and the Community Foundation. Mr. Joiner advised that the funding had been appropriated in the county's FY2005-06 budget. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement and Commissioner Dunn seconded the motion. Following discussion about the valuable service being provided for child abuse victims, all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion. (AGREEMENT ATTACHED)

The Chairman was authorized by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present to sign a Retention Reward Addendum to the contract with ITC Deltacom, as presented by County Administrator Ken Joiner. Mr. Joiner advised the addendum will extend the current contract for telephone service at the Emergency Operations Center for one year at a reduced rate. Commissioner Dunn made the motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the addendum and Commissioner Hess seconded the motion. (ADDENDUM IN FILE)

EMA Director Dan Long presented a contract in the amount of \$7,810.00, with Engineering Associates, Inc., the current 800 MHz radio consultant, to provide services, as specified, related to the Federal Communications Commission's mandated frequency reconfiguration program, regarding Nextel rebanding. Mr. Long advised that the FCC has mandated that Nextel pay for the requirements associated with the replacement of 20 of 22 current EMA frequencies, so there will be no cost to the county. Mr. Long further advised that the next phase of the project is to have Nextel negotiate an agreement with Calhoun County EMA, and prior to negotiations, a compliant plan needs to be developed to outline all requirements. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract with Engineering Associates, Inc. and Commissioner Hess seconded the motion. All Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion. (CONTRACT IN FILE)

Following a motion by Commissioner Hess, a second by Commissioner Dunn, and a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, February 23, 2006, at 10:00 a.m.