

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
APRIL 12, 2007

The regular meeting of the Calhoun County Commission was called to order by Chairman Dunn and all Commissioners were present. The Chairman asked that bids be submitted and that the sheet being circulated for a public hearing be signed.

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

There were comments and a moment of silence in memory of former District 5 Calhoun County Commissioner Ralph Johnson, who died recently.

Pastor Randy Postell, of First Baptist Church of Saks, gave an invocation.

Commissioner Hess made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Downing, all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

The Saks High School Volleyball Team was recognized for winning the 2006 4A State Championship. Team members were presented certificates of recognition.

Fred Couch and Charles Doster presented information concerning an official state water trail for small boats, including kayaks, canoes and small motor boats. They asked the Commissioners to support the project. Mr. Couch reported that at almost 700 river miles this would be the longest river trail in the United States located entirely within one state. Commissioner Downing made a motion to support the Alabama Scenic Rivers Trail as presented and to send a letter to counties and communities adjacent to or nearby the trail urging their support. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Members of the Music @ McClellan Committee, including Pete Conroy and Josephine Ayers, requested continued support of the program. The committee members presented certificates of appreciation to the Commissioners.

A proclamation in honor of National Telecommunicator's Month was presented to Jerry Jackson, Calhoun County 911 District Director.

Diane McClellan, with East Alabama Regional Planning Commission, conducted a public hearing to discuss the county's application to the FY 2007 CDBG program to conduct a Housing Demolition Project to remove slum and blight in the West End neighborhood. Comments addressed were as follows: Elmyra Jackson asked how properties are to be submitted. Ms. McClellan advised that citizens can call for assistance. Dan Whisenhunt asked if the project is for demolition only. Ms. McClellan stated it was only for demolition, and the maximum amount of the project is \$400,000. Commissioner Henderson asked if the state legislators would be contacted for assistance. Ms. McClellan said they had been contacted in previous years and will be contacted again this year. There were no further comments and the Chairman declared the public hearing to be closed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hess, and seconded by Commissioner Downing, to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

Commissioner Henderson made a motion to approve the applications for the sale of retail table wine and retail beer, off premises only, submitted in the name of Barakat, Inc., dba Crystal Springs One Stop, located at 30 Alabama Highway 204, Wellington. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Downing, a vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of approving the applications.

Commissioner Henderson made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Hess, to declare a public nuisance on property of Benny Carl Lovell, Case No. 2029-2006, located at 1023 W. 32nd Street, Anniston, as recommended by Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano. The owner was not present. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

The nuisance abatement on property of Dallas R. and Deborah C. Williams, Case No. 2032-2006, located at 0 Reaves Road, Anniston, was dismissed, as recommended by Mr. Pirritano. The owners were not present. Commissioner Henderson made the motion to dismiss, Commissioner Downing seconded the motion, and a vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Henderson made a motion to dismiss the nuisance abatement on property of Fred and Peggy Murray, Case No. 1917-2006, located at 2429 Bibb Street, Anniston, as recommended by Mr. Pirritano. Carl Murray was present to represent the owners. Mr. Murray stated the property cleanup is almost complete. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Downing, all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Henderson to proceed with the nuisance abatement on property of Robert Mathews, Case No. 1631-2005, located at 24 Gray Drive, Ohatchee, as recommended by Mr. Pirritano. Robert Mathews was present and stated he was making slow progress. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Downing and carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Commissioner Henderson made a motion to proceed with the nuisance abatement on property of Marcus Pettus, Case No. 2065-2006, located at 517 S. Hillman Street, Anniston, as recommended by Mr. Pirritano. The owner was not present. Commissioner Downing seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

A single bid was received and opened by Assistant County Administrator Faye Robertson for the removal of non-operational motor vehicles located on properties that have been declared to be a public nuisance. A motion was made by Commissioner Hess, and seconded by Commissioner Downing, to refer the only bid received to the Environmental Enforcement Officer for review and a recommendation. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Abbott to award the bid for one or more tractors, with options, to the only bidder, Beshears Tractor & Equipment, subject to review and approval of the County Attorney, for the bid amounts as follow: Kubota L2800 4WD Tractor - \$9,920.00; Kubota LA463 Loader - \$3,410.00; Rear Blade 60" Compatible - \$230.00; and Rear-Mount Mower Compatible - \$1,560.00. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Downing, a vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of the motion.

A single bid was opened by Assistant County Administrator Faye Robertson for the rental of a soil compactor. Commissioner Henderson made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Hess, to award the bid, subject to review and approval of the County Attorney, to the only bidder, Thompson Tractor Company, for the bid amounts as follows: Monthly (28 days, 176 hours usage) - \$9,262.00; Weekly (7 days, 40 hours usage) - \$3,368.00; Daily (8 hours usage) - \$1,157.75; Equipment delivery charge within Calhoun County (\$0 if county picks up) - \$600.00; and Equipment pick-up charge within Calhoun County (\$0 if county returns) - \$600.00. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Henderson to declare a public nuisance on property of Calvin D. Prichett, Case No. 1915-2006, located at 909 Lloyd Street, as recommended by Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano. The owner was not present. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Downing, all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Applications for the sale of retail table wine and retail beer, off premises only, in the name of Bhatt Corporation, dba Big B Grocery Outlet, located at 3400 Choccolocco Road, Anniston, were presented by Assistant County Administrator Faye Robertson. This was the first reading of both applications and no further action was required.

Commissioner Hess made a motion to adopt a resolution to declare the following vehicles from the Calhoun County Landfill to be surplus property and to offer these vehicles for sale through GovDeals.com: 873 Bobcat Skid Steer Loader, VIN#OPDT00831; 1999 Silver Ram 1500 V8, VIN#3B7HC16Y3XM542004; and 2001 White Ram 1500 V8, VIN#1B7HC16Y21S771482. Commissioner Abbott seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Downing to authorize the Chairman to sign a cooperative agreement with the Alabama Emergency Management Agency for FY 2007 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) funding in the amount of \$36,881 Federal, plus \$2,832 State, for a total allocation of \$39,713. Commissioner Hess seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Commissioner Hess made a motion to ratify the Chairman's signature, dated April 4, 2007, to an application for a High Risk Rural Roads Program project, as requested by the County Engineer. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Henderson, all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (APPLICATION IN FILE)

A motion was made by Commissioner Henderson, and seconded by Commissioner Downing, to appoint Dennis Reaves, of Oxford, to represent District 3 on the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MOP) Citizens Advisory Committee. This is an unexpired term, which will end in August 2010. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

A resolution to clarify previous action by the County Commission concerning site development for the Kronospan Project was presented by County Attorney Tom Sowa. Commissioner Abbott made a motion to adopt the resolution as read. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Henderson, all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

L. L. Burt, who resides at 2609 Old Gadsden Highway, asked for assistance with a problem of stolen cars, with no identification, being sold by unlicensed wrecker drivers in the area. Following discussion, Mr. Burt was advised that the County Commission has no authority to directly address this problem, and it was suggested that he contact the Calhoun County legislative delegation.

County Extension Coordinator Dr. David West announced the nominations for the Beautification Board Award are due this month. He also announced the Master Gardener Plant Sale at the Administration Building on Saturday, April 14th.

Solid Waste Consultant Butler Green announced a free day at the Calhoun County Landfill is scheduled for Saturday, April 21st, with Representative Barbara Boyd as the honorary "dumpmaster."

A motion was made by Commissioner Hess to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Downing seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted to adjourn.

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, April 26, 2007, at 10:00 a.m.