

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
OCTOBER 23, 2014

Chairman Hodges called to order the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Commission. Also present were Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Hudson, and Commissioner Hess. County Engineer Brian Rosenbalm gave an invocation.

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

Commissioner Hess made a motion to adopt the agenda, followed by a second from Commissioner Hudson. All Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion.

The Commissioners proclaimed the week of October 23-31, 2014, as Red Ribbon Week in Calhoun County. Proclamations were presented to Anniston City Councilman, Seyram Selase, who is Executive Director of the Agency for Substance Abuse Prevention, and to Melanie Smith, what was representing the East Central Alabama Young Marines.

Sheriff Larry Amerson requested that the contract for In-Car Video Cameras be rebid due to the cameras which were previously bid not being available for certain vehicles. County Administrator Ken Joiner was asked to research the matter. The Sheriff also asked that the Commissioners begin looking at replacing and/or modernizing the outdated thirty year old Calhoun County Jail. Discussion followed and all agreed there is a need. It was suggested that a County Jail Task Force be appointed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hudson to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion and all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion.

Environmental Enforcement Officer Theodore Smart recommended proceeding with the abatement of a public nuisance on property located at 217 Tillman Avenue, Anniston, owned by John W. Frier. The owner was notified of the meeting but was not present. A motion was made by Commissioner Hudson to proceed as recommended by Mr. Smart. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion, and all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Commissioner Hess made a motion to dismiss the abatement of a public nuisance, as recommended by Mr. Smart, on property located at 139 Boozer Drive, Jacksonville, owned by Douglas A. and Terri B. Simpson. Commissioner Hudson seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hudson and seconded by Commissioner Wilson to proceed as recommended by Mr. Smart with the abatement of a public nuisance on property located at 95 Lloyd Drive, Anniston, owned by Betsy James. The owner was notified of the meeting but was not present. All Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Commissioner Hudson made a motion to declare a public nuisance as recommended by Mr. Smart on property located at 4109 Springhill Drive, Anniston, owned by Dennis D. Scott. The owner was notified of the meeting but was not present. Following a second to the motion from Commissioner Wilson, there was a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Smart recommended declaring a public nuisance on property located at 2200 West D Street, Anniston, owned by Katy Cooper. The owner was notified of the meeting but was not present. Commissioner Hess made a motion to proceed as recommended and Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hudson and seconded by Commissioner Wilson to declare a public nuisance as recommended by Mr. Smart on property located at 11 Hunter Street, Anniston, owned by Jonathan and Roger Edward Ingram. The owners were notified of the meeting but were not present. All Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Commissioner Hess made a motion to declare a public nuisance as recommended by Mr. Smart on property located at 3595 Cedar Springs Road, Jacksonville, owned by Crystal Stephens. The owner was notified of the meeting but was not present. Following a second to the motion from Commissioner Wilson a vote of the Commissioners present was unanimously in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Commissioner Hudson made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Wilson to declare a public nuisance as recommended by Mr. Smart on property located at 5402 Rogers Avenue, Anniston, owned by Jimmy Parker, Jr. The owner was notified of the meeting but was not present. All Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Smart recommended declaring a public nuisance on property located at 1825 Old Choccolocco Road, Anniston, owned by Homer Couch Jr. Estate. The owners were notified of the meeting but no one was present to represent the owners. Commissioner Hess made a motion to proceed as recommended followed by a second from Commissioner Hudson. A vote of the Commissioners present was unanimously in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hudson to declare a public nuisance as recommended by Mr. Smart on property located at 5408 Cash Street, owned by Alan Hollis. Rodney Hollis was present and stated that he had recently obtained the property from his brother and would do what needed to be done. Commissioner Hess seconded the motion and all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Joiner presented a resolution to award the bid for the Calhoun County Mitigation Plan Update, as recommended by the EMA Director, to Lee Helms Associates, LLC. Commissioner Hess made a motion to adopt the resolution and Commissioner Hudson seconded the motion.

The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Commissioner Hudson made a motion to approve and ratify a proposal/authorization with Integra Realty Resources – Birmingham for Valuation and Consulting Services, signed by Chairman Tim Hodges, for and on behalf of Calhoun County, on October 16, 2014. Mr. Joiner stated that the subject properties involved are currently occupied and utilized by Lowe's Stores. Following a second to the motion from Commissioner Wilson all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion. (PROPOSAL/AUTHORIZATION IN FILE)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hess and seconded by Commissioner Hudson to adopt a resolution that was recommended by the Association of County Commissions of Alabama opposing passage of Amendment 2 on the statewide ballot for the November 4th general election. This proposed constitutional amendment provides for an increase in the bonding authority paid from principal in the Alabama Trust Fund by \$50 million for capital improvements to Alabama National Guard Armories. The resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

The Chairman was authorized to sign an agency grant agreement, for and on behalf of Calhoun County, with the Alabama Department of Youth Services, to provide funding in the amount of \$250,000 for the Success Academy, a program of Family Links. Commissioner Hudson made the motion, Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion, and a vote of the Commissioners present was unanimously in favor of the motion. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Joiner presented a resolution to authorize the Chairman to execute a contract to appropriate general funds for the support of services and programs for an organization which is included in the Calhoun County's previously adopted budget. Commissioner Hess made a motion to adopt the resolution and Commissioner Hudson seconded the motion. All Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Commissioner Hudson made a motion to adopt a resolution that was presented by Mr. Joiner to authorize an application to ADECA for Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) funding in the amount of \$389,560.61 in Law Enforcement and Traffic Safety Division (LETS) support for the use of the 7th Judicial Circuit Domestic Violence Crime Unit. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hess to authorize the Chairman to sign a Memorandum of Understanding, for and on behalf of Calhoun County, with Family Links, to provide funding through the Alabama Department of Youth Services (DYS) for a Calhoun County Day School. Commissioner Hudson seconded the motion and all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion. (MOU IN FILE)

Mr. Joiner presented an application for a permit to conduct bingo within Calhoun County, submitted by Attorney J. L. Draper, on behalf of the Marine Corps League, Allan Ray Chaffin Detachment #1329. The location where the bingo is to be played is 445 White Oak Drive,

Glencoe, Alabama, in Calhoun County. A motion was made by Commissioner Hudson to approve the application subject to review and approval of any law enforcement agency in charge of the enforcement of bingo laws in the State of Alabama and Calhoun County. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion and all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

The Chairman was authorized to sign, for and on behalf of Calhoun County, an Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification between the Federal Government, the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office, and Calhoun County, as requested by Sheriff Larry Amerson. The agreement sets forth the requirements for participation in the federal Equitable Sharing Program and the restrictions upon the use of federally forfeited cash, property, proceeds, and any interest earned. Commissioner Hudson made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement and Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. All Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Commissioner Hudson made a motion to adopt a resolution that was presented by Mr. Joiner to change the commission meeting dates in November to Wednesday, November 12, 2014, and Wednesday, November 26, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Raffa Blackmon expressed concern about a continuing problem she is having with the Calhoun County Highway Department not cleaning the ditches along Bynum Leatherwood Road. Discussion followed. Mr. Rosenbalm was asked to meeting with her to discuss existing work schedules.

Mary Patchunka-Smith, Tourism Director for the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce, discussed upcoming events scheduled for the Calhoun County Agriculture Center, and other events in the area.

All Commissioners commended Rudy Abbott for his contributions to the county during his term as Commissioner for District 5. The Commissioners also commended outgoing Chairman Tim Hodges for his leadership.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hess to adjourn the meeting, followed by a second to the motion from Commissioner Hudson. The meeting was adjourned with a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present.

The meetings for November were announced as follows: Wednesday, November 12, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., which is the inauguration/orientation meeting for the new commission term, and Wednesday, November 26, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., which is a special date due to the Thanksgiving holidays.