

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
June 22, 2023

Chairman Wilson called to order the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Commission at 10:00 a.m., and all Commissioners were present. Commissioner Terry Howell gave an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Commissioner Henderson motioned to adopt the agenda, followed by a second motion from Commissioner Howell. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

EMA Director Myles Chamblee presented Ms. Danielle Chasse, Calhoun County EMA manager, with a certificate from the Commission recognizing her accomplishment of being awarded the 2022-2023 Alabama Association of Emergency Managers Rookie of the Year.

Commissioner Shears made a motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Environmental Programs Manager, Mr. Reggie Stewart, recommended proceeding with the public nuisance abatements on the following properties: (1) 423 E. 54th Street, Anniston, owned by Michael Woodall; (2) 5328 Glade Road, Anniston, owned by Manuel Ferrera; (3) 919 Smith Road, Weaver, owned by Margaret Hill; (4) 4108 Whiteside Drive, Anniston, owned by Gabrielle and Sherry Wright; (5) 931 Vaughn Street, Anniston, owned by End of the Road LLC.; and (6) 260 Dawson Avenue, Alexandria, owned by David Sikorski. Owners were adequately notified of the meeting but were not present, and no one spoke on behalf of the owners. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to proceed as recommended. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (6 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Reggie Stewart recommended dismissing public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 416 E. 54th Street, Anniston, owned by Charles Russell; (2) 101 E. 54th Street, Anniston, owned by Earline Haynes; (3) 2800 AL Highway 202, Anniston, owned by Brandford Properties of AL. Owners were adequately notified of the meeting but were not present, and no one spoke on behalf of the owners. Commissioner Shears made a motion to dismiss as recommended. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Reggie Stewart recommended declaring public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 211 Russell Avenue, Anniston, owned by Howard and Danny and Darrell Bradford; (2) 215 Russell Avenue, Anniston, owned by Mattie Neal; (3) 38 Jacks Drive, Anniston, owned by Charles and Dorothy White c/o Bobby Waldrop; (4) 1136 Rhodes Street, Anniston, owned by Randall Robertson; (5) 4305 Wellborn Avenue, Anniston, owned by Nual and Lena Forsyth; (6) 4215 Wellborn Avenue, Anniston, owned by (Estate) Wanda Robinson c/o Derek Johns. Owners were adequately notified of the meeting. Mr. Danny Bradford was present for the property of 211 Russell Avenue and said he would like to speak to Mr. Stewart after the meeting. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to declare as recommended. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (6 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

County Administrator, Mr. Mark Tyner, presented an AIA agreement for professional services to enlist architect services by Jay Jenkins Architecture LLC for the Chief Ladiga Landing Park ARPA project. Commissioner Patterson motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement ONCE IN FINAL FORM. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a grant application resolution through ADEM, Alabama Department of Environmental Management, for a stormwater project on Post Oak Road for \$150,000.00 with a minimum 35% match. Commissioner Howell motioned to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a resolution to authorize a one-time waiver of \$326.96 in liquor tax penalties for Roadside Grill. Commissioner Henderson motioned to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Jakob Williamson, Chamber of Commerce Public Affairs Coordinator, thanked the commissioners who attended the State of the Cities event along with thanking DHR for hosting.

Ms. Audrey Maxwell, Chamber of Commerce Tourism Director, announced upcoming events: the new professional softball team, Vipers, will have their first home game at Choccolocco Park this weekend; the State Tourism Department held training sessions teaching County tourism departments innovative ways to help get that information with local hotels and businesses; and there will be many activities around the Independence Day holiday, all will be posted on the Chamber's social media pages. Ms. Maxwell spoke about the monthly tourism stakeholder meetings. These are held at different locations to highlight different areas within the County.

Ms. Deanna McLeroy, with the Agency for Substance Abuse, brought newsletters to announce upcoming events.

Chairman Wilson announced the Calhoun County Job Fair that is scheduled for Friday, June 30th in the Extension Auditorium. Mr. Wilson thanked the administration staff for their quick response this past week when an employee had a medical emergency.

Commissioner Shears spoke about the shortages and struggles many EMS services have nationwide. He explained that forty-nine percent of Calhoun County is unincorporated and the importance of having these rural areas covered by our local EMS providers. Commissioner Shears stated Calhoun County has a plan to provide additional funding to Piedmont and Anniston EMS to help with keeping the County areas (specifically the unincorporated areas of the County) covered with EMS services. Administrator Tyner spoke to personally thank Ms. Melissia Wood and Ms. Gloria Floyd for their hard work in helping make this funding available.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Henderson and seconded by Commissioner Shears. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion by a voice vote. Accordingly, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, July 13th, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.