

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
APRIL 27, 2006

Chairman Abbott called the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Commission to order and all Commissioners were present. The Chairman asked that bids be submitted and that the sheet being circulated for a public hearing be signed. Assistant County Engineer Brian Rosenbalm gave an invocation.

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

Commissioner Dunn made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented and Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. A unanimous vote of the Commissioners followed.

A proclamation was presented by Commissioner Dunn proclaiming May 2006, as Older Americans Month in Calhoun County. (PROCLAMATION IN FILE)

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) volunteers who helped prepare tax returns for citizens of Calhoun and Talladega counties. RSVP Director Denise Rucker reported that approximately 1,700 tax returns were prepared by thirty-eight volunteers working at six different sites throughout the two counties. The volunteers and RSVP staff were commended for their outstanding community service. Ms. Rucker presented to the County Commission a certificate and letter of appreciation from the Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service, for assisting with the program.

A proclamation was presented by Commissioner Downing, on behalf of the County Commission, to Alton Hall, Chairman of the Soil & Water Conservation Board, and Board Members Jimmy Cheatwood and Glenn Hawkins. The week of April 30 – May 7, 2006, was proclaimed as Soil & Water Stewardship Week in Calhoun County.

Commissioner Hess received special recognition from Scotty Duke, with Saks Youth Activities; Benji Howell, with Weaver Youth Activities; and Jeff Carroll, with Alexandria Youth Activities. Commissioner Hess was commended by these organizations for his efforts to improve their park facilities.

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

A Public Hearing was conducted by Diane McClellan, of East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission, to discuss the County's application to the FY2006 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) housing demolition project to remove slum and blight in the West End neighborhood; including demolition, clearance, disposal, grassing and seeding. Ms. McClellan advised that the program would be available to assist low to moderate income citizens, as determined by HUD. The program also requires that 51% of the residents of the neighborhood selected must have low to moderate income, as determined by the U. S. Census.

Federal funds allocated to Alabama total \$25,849,199. The total projected cost for the project in Calhoun County is \$445,144, with local match of \$45,144, and \$400,000 requested from CDBG funding. Anniston City Manager George Monk, Anniston Mayor Chip Howell, and private citizens, Mary Waldrep and Ervin Ferrell, all spoke in support of the project. The Chairman declared the public hearing to be closed. (TRANSCRIPT OF COMMENTS IN FILE)

Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano presented a resolution to authorize the application for a Community Development Block Grant for a demolition project to remove slum and blight in the West End area neighborhoods of Calhoun County. Commissioner Dunn made a motion to adopt the resolution and Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor of adopting the resolution. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

The bid received on April 21, 2006, for Personal Protective Equipment Medical Evaluations was awarded to Fran Byrd, dba Safety Statements, in the amount of \$55.00 per individual, as recommended by EMA Director Dan Long. Mr. Long advised that the apparent low bidder, Patient First, in the amount of \$50.00 per individual, did not comply with bid requirements: specifically, statement of work, paragraph 2, was not provided to allow for proper evaluation of vendor. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to award the bid to Safety Statements, based on complete compliance with bid requirements. Commissioner Dunn seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Dunn made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Hess, to award the bid received on April 13, 2006, for Siren Maintenance and Services in connection with the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program, to the only bidder, McCord Communications, for a total cost of \$109,125.60, as recommended by the EMA Director. A vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hess, and seconded by Commissioner Dunn, to award the bids for certain food and non-food items for the Calhoun County Jail, as recommended by the Sheriff. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (LIST ATTACHED)

Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano recommended proceeding with the nuisance abatement on property of Aubrey Tidwell, Case No. 1216-2004, located at 304 N. Marshall Street, Anniston. The owner was not present. Commissioner Henderson so moved, Commissioner Downing seconded the motion, and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

The nuisance abatement on property of David Sims, located at 1430 Jacksonville Street, Weaver, was continued until May 11, 2006, by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners, as recommended by Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano. Ms. Sims was present and stated that she is trying to clean up the property. Commissioner Downing made a motion to allow a two-week continuance and Commissioner Hess seconded the motion.

Commissioner Henderson made a motion to proceed with the nuisance abatement on property of William Freeman, Jr., Case No. 1244-2004, located at 2724 Newborn Street, Anniston, as recommended by Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano. Commissioner Hess

seconded the motion. The owner was not present. The Commissioners voted unanimously to proceed with the nuisance abatement. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

The nuisance abatement on property of Evelyn Farrow, located at 930 W. 49th Street, Anniston, was continued until May 11, 2006. Ms. Farrow was present and advised that she is working to clean up the property. Commissioner Hess made a motion to continue the matter, Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion, and a vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hess, and seconded by Commissioner Henderson, to proceed with the nuisance abatement on property of Michael Alexander, Case No. 1417-2005, located at 912 West 32nd Street, Anniston, as recommended by Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano. The owner was not present. All Commissioners voted to proceed with the nuisance abatement. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Commissioner Henderson made a motion to approve the ABC Board application for the sale of retail beer, off premises only, submitted by Brian Scott Jennings, dba Jennings Grocery, located at 798 Grayton Road South, in Ohatchee. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Hess, all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Henderson, and seconded by Commissioner Downing, to approve the ABC Board application for the sale of restaurant retail liquor, submitted by D. M. Bryant, Inc., dba Castaways, located at 4234 Bynum Leatherwood Road, in Anniston. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

A single bid was opened by Assistant County Administrator Faye Robertson for service provided for a county-wide computer simulation exercise for the Calhoun County Emergency Management Agency. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to refer the bid received from Auburn University to the EMA Director for review and a recommendation. Commissioner Hess seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Assistant County Administrator Faye Robertson opened three bids received for an x-ray scanner to be used at the Calhoun County Courthouse. Commissioner Downing made a motion to refer the bids received from L-3 Communications, of Fort Worth, Texas; Control Screening, of Greensburg, Pennsylvania; and Smith Detection, of Pine Brook, New Jersey, to the County Administrator, County Attorney, and the Presiding Judge for review and a recommendation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hess and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

Commissioner Henderson made a motion to refer the bids for a new latest model real time kinetic (RTK) GPS, received from Allen Precision Equipment, of Duluth, Georgia, and Hayes Instrument Co., Inc., of Shelbyville, Tennessee, to the County Engineer for review and a recommendation. Commissioner Dunn seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Henderson to adopt a resolution declaring a public nuisance on property of Donna Powers, Case No. 1657-2005, located at 504 South Colvin Street, Anniston, as recommended by Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano. The owner was not present. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Downing, a vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt a resolution declaring a public nuisance on property of Mavis Bowles, Case No. 1450B-2005, located at Eva Street, Anniston, as recommended by Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano. The owner was not present. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Downing, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Henderson to adopt a resolution declaring a public nuisance on property of Henry and Patsy Hughes, Case No. 1450A-2005, located at 63 Eva Avenue, Anniston, as recommended by Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano. The owners were not present. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Hess, a vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Henderson to adopt a resolution declaring a public nuisance on property of George and Addie Mae Johnson, Case No. 1443-2005, located at 29 Lincoln Street, Anniston, as recommended by Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano. The owners were not present. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Dunn, all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt a resolution declaring a public nuisance on property of John Phillip Guess, Sr., Case No. 1557-2005, located at 823 Vernon Drive, Anniston, as recommended by Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano. The owner was not present. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Downing, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt a resolution declaring a public nuisance on property of M & L Properties, Case No. 1596-2005 located at 171 Wildwood Drive, Jacksonville, as recommended by Environmental Enforcement Officer David Pirritano. The owners were not present. Commissioner Downing seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

A deed to return right-of-way property on Gate 8 Road to Jon K. Gilmer and his wife, Connie A. Gilmer, was presented by County Engineer Charles Markert. Mr. Markert advised that Calhoun County had obtained the property in 2004 for a road project that did not develop. Commissioner Dunn made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the deed. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (DEED ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn to adopt a resolution extending the contract for custodial services for the Calhoun County Emergency Operations Center, with Praisekleen, in the amount of \$1,570 per month, through April 30, 2007, as recommended by the EMA Director.

Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Henderson, all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

A resolution to amend certain court costs was presented by County Attorney Tom Sowa. Commissioner Hess made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented and Commissioner Dunn seconded the motion. A vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of adopting the resolution. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Commissioner Hess made a motion to appoint Curtis Franklin, 802 Wana Avenue, Weaver, to represent District 4 on the Calhoun County Beautification Board. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Downing, a vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in favor of the motion.

County Engineer Charles Markert recommended approving Finks Lake Subdivision, located off Lakewood Drive and Cain Creek Road. Mr. Markert advised that the proposed subdivision has been inspected and was found to meet the provisions of the subdivision regulations of Calhoun County. Commissioner Dunn made a motion to approve the subdivision and Commissioner Downing seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Henderson made a motion to authorize publication in *The Anniston Star* of the Financial Statement for the Fiscal Year period ending March 31, 2006, as presented by Assistant County Administrator Faye Robertson, and as required by the Code of Alabama. Following a second to the motion by Commissioner Downing, a vote of the Commissioners was unanimously in agreement. (FINANCIAL STATEMENT ATTACHED)

A resolution was presented by Assistant County Administrator Faye Robertson to increase funding for the Juvenile Drug Court grant in the amount of \$5,617. Commissioner Downing made a motion to adopt the resolution and Commissioner Dunn seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

County Attorney Tom Sowa presented two agreements to lease warehouse space from the Opportunity Center-Easter Seal to store certain items associated with the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program. A motion was made by Commissioner Hess, and seconded by Commissioner Dunn, to authorize the Chairman to sign the two agreements. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners. (AGREEMENTS ATTACHED)

Scott Barksdale, with the Spirit of Anniston, offered to assist with obtaining grant funding for needed repairs to the county's building located at 1118 Noble Street. Commissioner Downing advised that plans are being developed and the work should begin soon.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hess and seconded by Commissioners Henderson to adjourn the meeting. All Commissioners voted in favor of adjourning.

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, May 11, 2006, at 10:00 a.m.