

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
January 11, 2023

Chairman Shears called to order the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Commission at 10:00 a.m., and all Commissioners were present. Pastor Bill Snow of Edgewood Church gave an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Chairman Shears presented Pastor Bill Snow with a proclamation for his 40th Pastoral anniversary at Edgewood Church. The Chairman shared how Pastor Snow has helped minister to many families, including his own. Pastor Bill Snow thanked the Commission for the Proclamation and stated he has loved raising his family and doing ministry in Calhoun County.

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

Coroner Mr. Pat Brown commented that Pastor Snow has always been willing to help minister to the grieving families in our County and thanked the Pastor for being someone he could rely on.

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

County Administrator, Mr. Mark Tyner, presented an ABC Board Application for a license to sell 050 – Retail Beer and 070 – Retail Table Wine, off-premises only, submitted by Family Dollar Stores of Alabama LLC., d/b/a Family Dollar 33570, located at 6201 Highway 431, Alexandria, 36250. This was the second reading of the application. Commissioner Howell motioned to approve the application. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Environmental Programs Manager, Mr. Kraig Mize, recommended proceeding with the public nuisance abatements on the following properties: (1) 2422 Newborn Street, Anniston, owned by Flora Padgett (Est.) and Felicia Stoval. 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 abate as recommended. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. Mr. Mize continued with proceeding with the public nuisance abatements on the following properties: (2) 430 S. Hunter Street, Anniston, owned by Cecil and Mary Coleman; (3) 924 W. 49th Street, Anniston, owned by Jerry Craig; (4) 2718 Paul Street, Anniston, owned by Sara Moates (Est.) c/o Brian Moates; (5) 628 Parker Street, Anniston, owned by Wendy Thomas; and (6) 309 Russell Avenue, Anniston, owned by Catarino Gonzalez Torres. Owners were adequately notified of the meeting but were not present, and no one spoke on behalf of the owners. Commissioner Howell made a motion to abate as recommended. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. (6 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Kraig Mize, recommended dismissing public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 5328 Glade Road, Anniston, owned by Manuel Ferrera; and (2) 1005 Duncan Avenue, Anniston,

owned by Margie Vaughn c/o Ricky King. 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 dismiss as recommended. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Kraig Mize recommended approving invoices as shown in the itemized reports to be the cost of removal of public nuisances on the following property: (1) 2729 Simpson Street, Anniston, owned by Melvin Leigh, for \$526.00. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no one was present to represent the owners. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve the invoices. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (1 RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Kraig Mize recommended declaring public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 502 S. Colvin Street, Anniston, owned by Lovona Newell; (2) 1032 Pipe Street, Anniston, owned by Belinda and Kimberly Dark; (3) 610 Old Coldwater Road, Anniston, owned by Rita Bowman c/o Tammy Groff; (4) 4810 Old Birmingham Highway, Anniston, owned by Doral and Jerre Haynes; (5) 4900 Saks Road, Anniston, owned by Richard Barrett; (6) 6105 Autumn Trail, Anniston, owned by Penny Woodford; and (7) 260 Dawson Drive, Alexandria, owned by David Sikorski. Owners were adequately notified of the meeting. Mr. John Newell addressed the Commission regarding the property at 502 S. Colvin Street, explaining they had recently purchased the property and are currently working to make improvements and asked for more time. Commissioner Howell made a motion to dismiss this property. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. Mr. David Sikorski addressed the Commission regarding the property at 260 Dawson Drive, explaining the cars at the property are collectibles and that he attempts to keep them covered. Commissioner Henderson recommended to declare properties #2 through #7 as recommended. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. (6 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented an ABC Board Application for a license transfer to sell 050 – Retail Beer and 070 – Retail Table Wine, off-premises only, submitted by Circle K Stores Inc., d/b/a Circle K Store 2709314, located at 7640 Highway 431, Alexandria, 36250, where it was previously Mapco Express 5124. Commissioner Henderson motioned to waive the first reading and approve the application. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Mark Tyner presented an ABC Board Application for a license transfer to sell 050 – Retail Beer and 070 – Retail Table Wine, off-premises only, submitted by Yousef Yaquob Inc., d/b/a Express Mart 21, located at 6301 US Highway 278 W., Piedmont, 36272, where it was previously Samaa Food Mart. Commissioner Patterson motioned to waive the first reading and approve the application. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Mark Tyner presented an ABC Board Application for a license transfer to sell 160 – Special Retail Beer, Wine, and Liquor – More than 30 days, submitted by Fairways Grill Pine Hill LLC., d/b/a Fairways Grill Pine Hill, located at 6301 US Highway 278 W., Piedmont, 36272, where it was previously Pine Hill CC LLC. Commissioner Henderson motioned to waive the first reading and approve the application. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a resolution to extend the bid for Uniform Footwear and Boots for an additional year with Galls, LLC, at the same 20% discount off the catalog MSRP. The term for this extension is from February 9, 2024, through February 8, 2025. Commissioner Howell made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a resolution to declare one Chevrolet Trailblazer from the Appraisal Department as surplus property and to sell via GovDeals. Commissioner Patterson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a resolution to declare eight vehicles from the Highway Department as surplus property and to sell via auction. Commissioner Patterson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a resolution declaring a recycling container as surplus property to be donated to the City of Oneonta. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented an amendment to extend the existing agreement between the License Commissioner's office and Ingenuity for a two-year period. Commissioner Patterson motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement once in final form. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. (AMENDMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented an extension agreement with Avenu to extend services until the Department of Revenue begins performing this service on February 1, 2024. Commissioner Howell motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement once in final form. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Chairman Shears opened the floor for public comments.

Mr. Pat Brown with Piedmont Rescue EMS thanked the Commission for the appropriation given to the Rescue for their services and stated those funds helped purchase a new ambulance to help the citizens of Calhoun County.

Ms. Audrey Maxwell, Chamber of Commerce Tourism Director, invited the Commission to the Chamber Annual Meeting in Oxford on January 31, 2024. She also said that hotel hospitality resources were being offered to our local hotel staff later in the month, thanks to a grant. She also announced the upcoming Trumpet festival at the OPAC and a Dog Sledding competition at McClellan.

Mr. Myles Chamblee, EMA Director, gave an update on the potential severe weather coming into our area tomorrow and reminded everyone to prepare and have a plan.

Commissioner Howell announced that the Piedmont Polar Plunge will be held this weekend, January 13, at the Piedmont Aquatic Center. This annual event is a fundraiser for the Venecia Foundation, and he encouraged the other Commissioners to participate.

Ms. Gloria Floyd, County Attorney, recommended that the Commission move into an executive session to discuss with the attorney of record regarding the matter, Mr. Craig Dillard, County Administrator, Mr. Mark Tyner, Assistant County Administrator, Ms. Melissia Wood, and the County's Engineer, Mr. Rodney McCain, the legal ramifications/options regarding pending litigation. Ms. Floyd publicly declared that the discussion to be held meets the executive session exception regarding pending litigation. Commissioner Henderson made a motion that the Commission move into executive session for the stated purpose and as recommended by the County Attorney. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken of all Commissioners, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Chairman Shears stated there would be no further business for this regular meeting, and the Commission would not reconvene after the executive session. He announced the next Commission meeting would be January 25, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. The executive session began at 10:31 a.m. and concluded at 11:00 a.m.