

SUMMARY OF MINUTES  
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION  
March 28, 2024

Chairman Shears called to order the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Commission at 10:00 a.m., and all Commissioners were present. Reverend Paul Vick, Pastor of Dearmanville United Methodist Church, gave an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Commissioner Wilson recognized Social Work Month and presented a proclamation to Calhoun County DHR Director Ms. Courtney Clark and social workers. Ms. Clark thanked all of the social workers that work hard for our community and county.

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

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

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 DOLGENCORP LLC., d/b/a Dollar General Store 30036, located at 1568 Alexandria Road, Weaver, AL. This was the second reading of the application. Commissioner Henderson motioned to approve the application. Commissioner Howell 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) 96 Seminole Trail, Ohatchee, owned by David & Kathy Ouimet; (2) 4638 Skyline Drive, Anniston, owned by Melvin C. Reeves Sr.; (3) 904 N Ledbetter Street, Anniston, owned by Henry Muniz; (4) 3624 Old Birmingham Hwy, Anniston, owned by Jeffrey W. & Katernia S. Humphrey; (5) 2729 Simpson Street, Anniston, owned by Melvin Leigh; (6) 494 Mahlep Lane, Ohatchee, owned by Troy Nathan & Rhonda Kay Wilkerson; (7) 524 Mahlep Lane, Ohatchee, owned by Peggy & Audrey E. Owens & Janice Staggs; (8) 931 Vaughn Street, Anniston, owned by End of the Road LLC.; (9) 1405 Willett Street, Anniston, owned by Wesley & Jennifer Angel; (10) 41 Boozer Drive, Jacksonville, owned by Alan Investments III LLC.; (11) 905 W 32nd Street, Anniston, owned by John S. Burgess. Owners were adequately notified of the meeting, and the following representatives were present: Ms. Rhonda Wilkerson, for property #6- 494 Mahlep Lane, requested more time due to sickness in their family, and her husband only has Saturdays to work on the property; Ms. Darren Sullivan, for property #7- 524 Mahlep Lane, also requested more time to finish cleaning up the nuisance on property; and Ms. Debra Young a neighbor to property #8- 831 Vaughn Street says the property has been vacant for years and she is trying to purchase it to clean it but is having a hard time contacting the owners. The commission tabled these three properties. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to abate properties #1-5 and #9-11 as recommended. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (8 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Kraig Mize, recommended dismissing public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 702 Cedar Springs Rd, Weaver, owned by Brandon & Travis R. Jr. Dover; (2) 88 Church Street S., Alexandria, owned by Joshua G. & Connie M. Starling; (3) 100 Happy Hollow Lane, Ohatchee, owned by Jeremy Wilson & Ashley Guthrie; (4) 16 W. 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Anniston, owned by Emerald Starr Porter; (5) 5887 New Liberty Road, Jacksonville, owned by Michael Earl Bryan; (6) 2718 Paul Street, Anniston, owned by Sara Ann Moates Estate; (7) 38 Jacks Drive, Anniston, owned by Charles & Dorothy White. Owners were adequately notified of the meeting but were not present, and no one spoke on behalf of the owners. Commissioner Patterson made a motion to dismiss as recommended. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Kraig Mize recommended declaring public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 2191 Parkwood Drive, Anniston, owned by Brian Wright & Jennifer Phipps; (2) 2211 Parkwood Drive, Anniston, owned by Katy A. Cooper; (3) 2210 Miller Street, Oxford, owned by Bobby Woodrow; (4) 4720 Old Birmingham Highway, Anniston, owned by Charles Crawford Estate; (5) 1503 Rockview Circle, Weaver, owned by James E. Reid; (6) 133 Glade Road W., Anniston, owned by John Escareno; (7) 640 Mountain Rd, Ohatchee, owned by John W. Sr. & Melda L. Turner; (8) 914 Patterson Street, Anniston, owned by Pragmatic Invest LLC.; (9) 51 Johnny Street, Anniston, owned by Sandra Evans; and (10) 1201 W. 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Anniston, owned by Willie Hudson & Geniva Fincher. Owners were adequately notified of the meeting, and the following representatives were present: Mr. Bobby Woodrow, representing property #3, 2210 Miller Street, said work is being done at the property to correct the nuisance and Mr. Jonathan Skinner representing property #5, 1503 Rockview Circle, said the property has been cleaned other than moving vehicles and he does not have ownership of those. The commission tabled property #5. 1503 Rockview Circle. Commissioner Howell recommended to declare properties #1-4 and #6-10 as recommended. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. (9 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a resolution to award the Vehicle Maintenance & Repair – Oil Change/Computer Diagnostic bid to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder, Cooper Chevrolet Buick. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a resolution to extend the bid for Vehicle Maintenance & Repair – Transmissions for an additional year with Alexandria Brake and Muffler with no changes in price. This term will be from April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a resolution to extend the bid for Sheriff's Vehicles Equipment for an additional year with Dana Safety Supply with no changes in price. This term will be from April 14, 2024, through April 13, 2025. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented an agreement with Alabama Power Company for lighting services at the Alexandria Youth Complex in District 4. Commissioner Henderson motioned to authorize

the Chairman to sign the agreement. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented an agreement with Atlas Technical Consultants to provide professional engineering services for the Alexandria-Wellington Road Bridge project for \$343,369.00. Commissioner Patterson motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented an agreement with Atlas Technical Consultants to provide professional engineering services for the McClellan Road Branch project for \$35,526.00. Commissioner Patterson motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented an agreement with Calhoun County Fair, Inc. to utilize the Agri-Center for a county-wide fair on April 15-27, 2024. Commissioner Henderson motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a resolution for the Stanton Foundation to apply for a grant for a canine transportation van. Commissioner Howell made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented an MOU with Columbia Southern University, allowing county employees and their immediate family members to receive a discount through this online schooling. Commissioner Henderson motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (MOU IN FILE)

Chairman Shears opened the floor for public comments.

Judge Weems spoke about keeping her courtroom cool with the current thermostats. She has had to make several calls to the Maintenance crew to try to help with this situation and is requesting a wall-mount unit for her courtroom. She wanted the Commission to know the problem and ask for their help expediting this.

Ms. Audrey Maxwell, Chamber of Commerce Tourism Director, thanked Chairman Shears for attending the tourism meeting. She reminded everyone to check out the Chamber's website to see all the upcoming events coming to the area.

Mr. Jakob Williamson, Chamber of Commerce Public Affairs Coordinator, thanked the Commissioners and Administrators for attending the State of the County on Friday and making it successful.

Ms. Gloria Floyd, County Attorney and DHR Board member, thanked Ms. Courtney Clark for her hard work as the DHR Director for our county.

Ms. Brittany Reaves, Public Information Officer, announced that Calhoun County is participating in the Alabama PALS spring clean-up initiative to help clean litter. Supplies are free, and citizens can be picked up at the County Landfill. She also announced that the Landfill Free Day is April 20.

Ms. Brandy Wilson, DHR employee, announced that the month of April is Child Abuse Awareness Month and encouraged everyone to wear blue to bring awareness.

Ms. Leigha Cauthen, Chief External Affairs Officer at JSU, thanked the Commission for their continued support.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Henderson and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. All Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion by a voice vote. Accordingly, the meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.