

SUMMARY OF MINUTES  
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION  
April 25, 2024

Chairman Shears called to order the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Commission at 10:00 a.m., with Commissioners Fred Wilson, Carolyn Henderson, and Terry Howell present. Chairman Danny Shears 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 of the Commissioners present.

Commissioner Henderson 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 of the Commissioners present.

Environmental Programs Manager, Mr. Kraig Mize, recommended proceeding with the public nuisance abatements on the following properties: (1) 1014 W. 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, Anniston, owned by Kara L. Smith; (2) 3519 Gurnee Avenue, Anniston, owned by Dominique Dupree; (3) 3428 Oak Ridge Avenue, Anniston, owned by Caradine Summers; (4) 814 S. Hollingsworth Drive, Anniston, owned by Rachel Juanita Haynes; (5) 904 W. 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, Anniston, owned by Mary Ann Odell Estate; (6) 1640 Dripping Rock Road, Piedmont, owned by Angelika Sloan; (7) 2504 Old Birmingham Hwy., Anniston, owned by Betty Smith; and (8) 494 Mahlep Lane, Alexandria, owned by Rhonda & Troy Nathan Wilkerson. Owners were adequately notified of the meeting, and the following representatives were present: Mr. John Turner, for property #3 – 3428 Oak Ridge Avenue, Anniston, said they are currently cleaning up the property and Mr. Glen Sloan, for property #6 – 1640 Dripping Rock Road, Piedmont, said he had questions on what particular violations his property had. Mr. Mize asked all representatives to stay after the meeting so he could discuss their cases. Commissioner Howell made a motion to abate as recommended. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (8 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Kraig Mize, recommended dismissing public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 524 Mahlep Lane, Alexandria, owned by Audrey E Staggs & Peggy Owens; (2) 1115 Alexandria Road SW, Jacksonville, owned by Jerry Leon & Sadie Mae Ginn; (3) 96 Seminole Trail, Ohatchee, owned by Kathy & David Ouimet; (4) 1201 W. 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Anniston, owned by Willie Hudson & Geniva Fincher; and (5) 812 S. Hollingsworth Drive, Anniston, owned by Nancy A Rollins. 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 Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present.

Mr. Kraig Mize recommended declaring public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 322 S. Marshall Street, Anniston, owned by Harold W. Winningham and (2) 323 S. Stebbins Street, Anniston, owned by Mitchell Z. & Alexandra N. Simpson. Owners were adequately notified of the meeting but were not present, and no one spoke on behalf of the owners. Commissioner

Henderson recommended declaring properties as recommended. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (2 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a resolution to award the Courthouse Duct Work bid to the sole bidder, Dunns Heating and Cooling, at \$12,500.00. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a resolution to reject all bids for Ford Police Utility Interceptor AWD Vehicles, as recommended by the Sheriff. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented a Tobacco Tax Collection resolution authorizing the Alabama Department of Revenue to administer tax collections for the County, effective July 1, 2024. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented an agreement modification with the USDA for wildlife services, beaver control, for an additional \$3,000.00. Commissioner Howell motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner presented an employment contract modification for the EMA Director. This modification is a three-year extension ending on May 14, 2027. Commissioner Howell motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract for and on behalf of Calhoun County. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. Chairman Shears thanked Mr. Myles Chamblee for his work in this position. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote from the Commissioners present. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Mark Tyner recommended reappointing Mr. Phil Webb to represent the Commission on the Economic Development Council for another term. This is a six-year term and will expire on April 30, 2030. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to make the appointment. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of the Commissioners present.

Chairman Shears opened the floor for public comments.

Ms. Audrey Maxwell, Chamber of Commerce Tourism Director, announced several things regarding tourism for our area: the Chamber partnered with JSU to welcome incoming students and introduce them to what we have locally, there was a recent regional trail meeting, and discussions were made on how to get more tourist to visit all of the local trails we have to offer, there has been a visit with the State Tourism Department where she has advocated for more publication and coverage for OPAC events, and lastly Ms. Maxwell announced that the Chamber would like to begin a sub-committee for sports coverage for our area and encourage anyone interested to contact the Chamber.

Commissioner Howell announced that the Weaver Clean-up Day held this past weekend was a success, with many volunteers picking up trash in that area.

Jason Lindell, with the ASAP agency, announced that this Saturday, April 27, is National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. ASAP staff will be set up at several local locations to take old or expired medications.

Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Commissioner Howell. All Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion by voice vote. Accordingly, the meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.