

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
October 24, 2024

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

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

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

Commissioner Wilson presented a proclamation to Ms. Chandy Gordon and Ms. Iesha Beard from the Agency of Substance Abuse and Prevention, in recognition of Red Ribbon Week.

Commissioner Patterson 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. Kraig Mize, recommended proceeding with the public nuisance abatements on the following properties: (1) 0 Elston Street, Anniston, owned by Beatrice Robinson c/o Jerom Allen; (2) 1320 Leyden Street, Anniston, owned by Louie Miller; (3) 5004 Post Oak Road, Anniston, owned by JGM Property Group; (4) 31 Carriage Road, Anniston, owned by Wayne Guthrie; and (5) 407 Morrisville Road, Anniston, owned by Jacqueline Johnson. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no representatives were present. Commissioner Shears motioned to adopt the resolutions for abatement, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote. (5 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Kraig Mize recommended dismissing public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 5408 Glade Road, Anniston, owned by Lisa V. Emigh & Jessie Woodard; (2) 1014 Ivy Street, Anniston, owned by ALBC Properties LLC; (3) 211 Russell Avenue, Anniston, owned by Howard, Danny & Darrell Bedford; (4) 150 Old County Road 109, Anniston, owned by Michael Dempsey; (5) 419 Rowan Street, Anniston, owned by Betty, David & Emily Surret; (6) 80 Bailey Street, Oxford, owned by Jacqueline Kelley & Dianne Green; (7) 508 Inglewood Drive, Anniston, owned by Antonia Mora Ramirez; and (8) 1879 Parkwood Drive, Anniston, owned by Avery Properties LLC. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no representatives were present. Commissioner Patterson motioned to adopt the resolutions for dismissals. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Kraig Mize recommended approving an invoice as shown in the itemized reports to be the cost of removal of public nuisances on the following property: (1) 3519 Gurnee Avenue, Anniston, owned by Dominique Dupree, for \$6,776.00. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no representatives were present. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the invoice. Commissioner Wilson 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) 1185 Morrisville Road, Anniston, owned by Jacqueline Stewart; (2) 2081 Old Choccolocco Road, Anniston, owned by Reginald Chatman; (3) 79 Fieldstone Way, Jacksonville, owned by Brandon & Angela Frost; (4) 75 Fieldstone Way, Jacksonville, owned by Mark & Donna Hamlin; (5) 65 Fieldstone Way, Jacksonville, owned by Mark & Donna Hamlin; (6) 4759 Eulaton Road, Anniston, owned by Larry Sims; (7) 88 Church Street S., Alexandria, owned by Joshua G. & Connie M. Starling; and (8) 304 Rowan Street, Anniston, owned by Charles R. & Loretta A. Mayne. Property owners were properly notified of the meeting. Ms. Donna Hamlin, owner of properties 75 and 65 Fieldstone Way, noted that her co-owner was recently hospitalized but cleanup efforts had started. Commissioner Howell motioned to declare properties as recommended. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (8 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

County Administrator Mr. Jonathan Gaddy presented an ABC Board Application for Dolgencorp LLC, doing business as Dollar General 30718, located at 8145 Alabama Highway 144, Alexandria, 36250. The application requests a license to sell 050 – Retail Beer and 070 – Retail Table Wine, off-premises only. This presentation served as the first reading of the application; no formal action was required.

Mr. Gaddy presented an agreement with GoFormz, Inc., for digital form services utilized by the coroner's office. The agreement, totaling \$864.00, is effective from October 28, 2024, through October 27, 2025. Commissioner Wilson moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of Calhoun County, and Commissioner Shears seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. (AGREEMENT ON FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a Memorandum of Agreement to extend nutrition services for the County Jail with Stacey Johnson, RD, LD, at a monthly rate of \$650.00. This agreement remains effective until November 10, 2025. Commissioner Patterson motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of Calhoun County, seconded by Commissioner Howell. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote. (MOU ON FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented an agreement to allocate \$245,000.00 in ARPA funding to the Calhoun County Water Authority to complete the Clark Road Water Main improvements. Commissioner Shears motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of Calhoun County, with Commissioner Wilson seconding. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. (AGREEMENT ON FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented an agreement with the City of Gadsden to house municipal inmates in the Calhoun County Jail. Commissioner Howell motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of Calhoun County, seconded by Commissioner Patterson. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote. (AGREEMENT ON FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Sheriff regarding the disbursement of funds received from the City of Gadsden for inmate housing. Commissioner Howell motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the MOU on behalf of Calhoun County, pending its final form. Commissioner Shears seconded, and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote. (MOU ON FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented an employment contract for Julie Borelli to serve as the County Attorney. Commissioner Patterson motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract on behalf of Calhoun County, with Commissioner Shears seconding. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. (CONTRACT ON FILE)

Chairwoman Henderson opened the floor for public comments.

Ms. Chandy Gordon from the Agency for Substance Abuse Prevention announced that the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day would be this weekend with four local pharmacy locations collecting old prescriptions, one location would also be accepting old vapes to dispose of.

Mr. Jakob Williamson, Chamber of Commerce Public Affairs Director, reminded the Commission about the Regional Business Afterhours on November 7th at the Talladega Superspeedway, with a meet and greet of officials beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Dr. David West from the Extension Office introduced a new agent, Amy Hegeman, who leads the 4-H horse club. Ms. Hegeman shared the achievements of student Abigail Cone, who competed at the state championship for the Horse Club. Miss Abigail talked about her experience and how excited she was to participate in this program. Ms. Ashley Athon, a BCHA member who volunteers for the Horse Club, thanked the Commission for having a beautiful facility locally that students can use for horse riding.

Commissioner Howell announced that Saks High School has been selected as a candidate for a two-million-dollar football field renovation thanks to a contest by T-Mobile. He encouraged everyone to vote for Saks on the social media pages.

Commissioner Henderson and Commissioner Shears acknowledged the importance of these water projects, and the Corning Tank in her district should be completed and opened this December.

Commissioner Shears motioned to adjourn, which Commissioner Howell seconded. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. Accordingly, the meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m. The next meeting was announced for Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.