

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
December 19, 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 Shears 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 Patterson. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Ms. Jacki Lowry, representing the Alabama Power Foundation, presented a \$1,000 Good Roots Grant check to Commissioner Howell. She expressed her gratitude to the Commission for their participation in this environmental initiative. Commissioner Howell, in turn, thanked the Alabama Power Foundation for the generous grant, noting that the funds will be utilized to plant trees at several county parks, enhancing their natural beauty.

Commissioner Patterson honored the Pleasant Valley High School Volleyball team by presenting them with a proclamation and certificates in recognition of their outstanding achievement as AHSAA 2A State Champions. Coach Mann expressed heartfelt gratitude to Commissioner Patterson for his continued support of the school, its athletes, and their accomplishments.

Commissioner Shears 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.

Administrator Mr. Jonathan Gaddy presented an ABC Board Application for a license 200 – Manufacturer, submitted by Otter Creek Distillery LLC, d/b/a Otter Creek Distillery, located at 3169 Six Foot Road, Ohatchee, AL. This was the second reading of the application. Commissioner Howell motioned to approve the application. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Gaddy presented an ABC Board Application for a license 160 – Special Retail – More than 30 days, submitted by Pine Hill CC LLC, d/b/a Pine Hill Country Club, located at 175 Pine Hill Drive, Anniston, AL. The club requested a waiver of the first reading to avoid any disruption to its business operations. Commissioner Shears moved to waive the first reading and approve the application. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Environmental Programs Manager, Mr. Kraig Mize, recommended proceeding with the public nuisance abatements on the following properties: (1) 428 S. Marshall Street, Anniston, owned by William Horace & Mary McMichael; (2) 2081 Old Choccolocco Road, Anniston, owned by Reginald Chatman; (3) 304 Rowan Street, Anniston, owned by Charles R. & Loretta A. Mayne; (4) 1887 Dripping Rock Road, Piedmont, owned by Martha Ann Thrasher; (5) 7751 AL Highway 9, Anniston, owned by Billy Lindsey; and (6) 255 Hammonds Drive, Alexandria, owned by Kim Stephenson. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no representatives were present. Commissioner Shears motioned to adopt the resolutions for abatement, seconded

by Commissioner Howell, and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote. (6 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Kraig Mize recommended dismissing public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 2305 W. D Street, Anniston, owned by Jonathan D. Hardy; (2) 1025 Hamm Street, Anniston, owned by Russell Tamiko; (3) 1503 Rockview Circle, Weaver, owned by James E. Reid; (4) 1213 Carter Street, Anniston, owned by Jennie M. Jordan; (5) 4833 Saks Road, Anniston, owned by John & Jennifer Smith; (6) 5004 Post Oak Road, Anniston, owned by JGM Property Group; and (7) 509 Chipola Street, Anniston, owned by Brittany Gentry. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no representatives were present. Commissioner Howell motioned to adopt the resolutions for dismissals. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Kraig Mize recommended approving invoices as shown in the itemized report to be the cost of removal of public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 4638 Skyline Drive, Anniston, owned by Melvin C. Reeves, Sr., for \$2,026.00; (2) 1115 53rd Street W., Anniston, owned by Paul L. & Margie R. Pitts c/o Gary Pitts, for \$4,526.00; and (3) 4604 Saks Road, Anniston, owned by Fix Pads Holdings LLC, for \$3,526.00. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no representatives were present. Commissioner Patterson made a motion to approve the invoices. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (3 RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Kraig Mize recommended declaring public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 3812 Bynum Leatherwood Road, Anniston, owned by Katherine Wells; (2) 308 Mountain View Road, Anniston, owned by Lori Martin; (3) 3030 Old Birmingham Highway, Anniston, owned by Harold Winningham; (4) 107 Wayside Drive, Anniston, owned by Annie Ruth & Clifton Dill c/o State of AL; (5) 1865 Parkwood Drive, Anniston, owned by Avery Properties LLC; (6) 1404 High Oak Drive, Anniston, owned by Regina D. Lee; and (7) 1072 W. 33rd Street, Anniston, owned by Donald & Linda Brooks. Property owners were properly notified of the meeting. Ms. Katherine Wells, owner of property #1 at 3812 Bynum Leatherwood Road, addressed the Commission, explaining she is working to have the unsafe structure removed from her property. Commissioner Shears motioned to declare properties as recommended. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (7 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution to award the Printing Services bid to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Moore Printing Company. Commissioner Patterson moved for a roll call vote, which was seconded by Commissioner Howell. The roll call results were as follows: Commissioner Wilson, yay; Commissioner Shears, abstain; Commissioner Henderson, yay; Commissioner Howell, yay; and Commissioner Patterson, yay. The motion passed by majority vote. Commissioner Shears explained that he abstained from voting due to his employment with Moore Printing Company. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution to award the Pest Control Services bid to Grissom Solutions Inc. d.b.a. Orkin Pest Control for pest control services and all submitted bids for termite control have been rejected. Commissioner Howell motioned to adopt the resolution, with Commissioner Shears seconding. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution to award the Alabama Joint Bid for regional debris removal services to DRC Emergency Services, Inc. as recommended by the ACCA. Commissioner Wilson motioned to adopt the resolution, with Commissioner Howell seconding. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution to award the Alabama Joint Bid for regional removal monitoring services to Tetra Tech, Inc. as recommended by the ACCA. Commissioner Shears motioned to adopt the resolution, with Commissioner Patterson seconding. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented an agreement with Regions Bank for a County credit card. Commissioner Patterson motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of Calhoun County, once in final form. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously by voice vote. (AGREEMENT ON FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Mid America Health to provide portable inmate dental services on-site at the jail, if needed, for a cost of \$2,900.00. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of Calhoun County. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote. (MOU ON FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented an ARPA Reallocation Resolution to reallocate unused ARPA funds previously designated for the Clark Road water project to the Jail Mental Health Construction Project. Commissioner Howell motioned to adopt the resolution, with Commissioner Shears seconding. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented an amendment to the ARPA Clark Road Agreement to amend the amount of ARPA funds designated to this project. Commissioner Patterson motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of Calhoun County, once in final form. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously by voice vote. (AGREEMENT ON FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented an Alabama Power Foundation Grant Application Resolution. The grant, if awarded, would provide up to \$50,000.00 to fund wayfinding signage for the Chief Ladiga Trail. Commissioner Howell motioned to adopt the resolution, with Commissioner Shears seconding. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution for the resurfacing of Old Gadsden Highway. County Engineer, Mr. Rodney McCain, clarified that this is the first step to move forward with this project. Commissioner Patterson motioned to adopt the resolution, with Commissioner Howell seconding. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented an employment contract for the Information Technology Manager. Commissioner Shears motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of Calhoun County. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously by voice vote. (CONTRACT ON FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a Property Transfer Resolution for the transfer of two parcels of real property owned by Calhoun County, including the Piney Wood Chapel, to the Armory

Commission of Alabama. Commissioner Wilson motioned to adopt the resolution, with Commissioner Shears seconding. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented a Terracon agreement for Engineering services related to the bridge replacement on West 64th Street. Commissioner Howell motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of Calhoun County. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously by voice vote. (AGREEMENT ON FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a Terracon agreement for Engineering services related to the bridge replacement on Mitchellville Road. Commissioner Shears motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of Calhoun County. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously by voice vote. (AGREEMENT ON FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a Terracon agreement for Construction Materials Engineering and Testing Services. Commissioner Howell motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of Calhoun County. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously by voice vote. (AGREEMENT ON FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a Secretary of State Agency Agreement authorizing the Secretary of State to act as an agent for Calhoun County for the purpose of paying postage required for certain notices pursuant to the National Voting Rights Act of 1993. Commissioner Wilson motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of Calhoun County. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously by voice vote. (AGREEMENT ON FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution granting a one-time waiver of penalties for liquor taxes owed for the month of December 2024 for the Northern Package Store. Commissioner Patterson motioned to adopt the resolution, with Commissioner Howell seconding. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy introduced the need to fill appointments for the Calhoun County Community Punishment & Corrections Board, which includes one citizen appointee and one commissioner appointee. This is a one-year term that will expire January 1, 2026. Commissioner Shears motioned to reappoint Mr. Fred Wilson as the Commissioner appointee and Ms. Amanda Young as the citizen appointee. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Gaddy also presented the County Holiday Schedule resolution for the 2025 calendar year. Commissioner Shears motioned to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Chairwoman Henderson opened the floor for public comments.

Ms. Audrey Maxwell, Tourism Director for the Chamber of Commerce, highlighted several local holiday attractions, including the Festival of Lights in Oxford and free movie screenings at the Oxford Performing Arts Center (OPAC). She also shared that an exciting new event will be announced in January 2025.

Commissioner Howell motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Shears. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. Accordingly, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.