

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
January 9, 2025

Chairwoman Henderson called to order the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Commission at 10:00 a.m., with Commissioner Shears, Wilson and Patterson present. Mr. Rodney McCain, County Engineer, delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Commissioner Shears motioned to adopt the agenda, followed by a second motion from Commissioner Patterson. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners present.

Commissioner Patterson presented a proclamation honoring Ms. Shasta Platt for her 23 years of dedicated service as a county employee as she transitions to a new career. Commissioner Wilson remarked that Ms. Platt will be greatly missed by the Commission.

Commissioner Wilson presented a proclamation recognizing January as Human Trafficking Awareness & Prevention Month to United Way representatives Jessica Smith and Pam Stack. Ms. Smith expressed gratitude to the Commission, emphasizing that the proclamation will help raise awareness of this critical issue.

Commissioner Patterson made a motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners present.

The floor was opened for elected official comments. Senator Keith Kelly stated he was in attendance to show his support for the Commission.

Environmental Programs Manager, Mr. Kraig Mize, recommended proceeding with the public nuisance abatements on the following properties: (1) 308 Mountain View Road, Anniston, owned by Lori Martin; (2) 3030 Old Birmingham Highway, Anniston, owned by Harold Winningham; (3) 1865 Parkwood Drive, Anniston, owned by Avery Properties, LLC; (4) 1404 High Oak Drive, Anniston, owned by Regina D. Lee; and (5) 1072 W. 33rd Street, Anniston, owned by Donald & Linda Brooks. 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 of all Commissioners present. (5 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Kraig Mize recommended dismissing public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 2435 Eulaton Road, Anniston, owned by Billy Joe Clonts; (2) 428 S. Marshall Street, Anniston, owned by William Horace & Mary McMichael; (3) 2425 Griffis II Street, Anniston, owned by Bobby Woodrow; (4) 315 W. Medders Drive, Anniston, owned by James Frederick Lucas III; and (5) 107 Wayside Drive, Anniston, owned by Annie Ruth & Clifton Dill c/o State of AL. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no representatives were present. Commissioner Patterson motioned to adopt the resolutions for dismissals. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners present.

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) 1209 Louise Drive, Weaver, owned by American General Finance c/o Kerri L. Pruitt, for \$3,526.00; (2) 51 Johnny Street, Anniston, owned by Sandra Evans, for \$2,026.00; and (3) 4811 Old Birmingham Highway, Anniston, owned by Jeanmarie T. Corrieri, for \$2,026.00. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no representatives were present. Commissioner Shears made a motion to approve the invoices. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners present. (3 RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Kraig Mize recommended declaring public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 4124 Bynum Leatherwood Road, Anniston, owned by David William Roper; (2) 1016 Alexandria Road, Weaver, owned by Mike Hockenberry; (3) 110 Brown Street, Anniston, owned by April Taber (4) 2401 Newborn Street, Anniston, owned by Seth & Sandra Allen; (5) 2423 Newborn Street, Anniston, owned by Billy Dennis Free; (6) 2306 W. D Street, Anniston, owned by Andria Strickland Perry; (7) 4900 Saks Road, Anniston, owned by Richard W. Barrett; (8) 423 54th Street, Anniston, owned by Michael Jason Woodall; (9) 728 S. Colvin Street, Anniston, owned by Vernard L. Hughes; and (10) 150 Carolyn Drive, Anniston, owned by Thomas & Edna Wildman. Property owners were properly notified of the meeting. Mr. Mike Hockenberry, owner of property #2 at 1016 Alexandria Road, addressed the Commission, explaining he has been working to clean up any nuisances. Commissioner Patterson motioned to declare properties as recommended. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners present. (10 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution for Section 5311 Nonurbanized Area Public Transportation. Commissioner Shears motioned to adopt the resolution, with Commissioner Patterson seconding. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution declaring a Vicon Camera System assigned to the Sheriff's Office as surplus and to be recycled. Commissioner Patterson motioned to adopt the resolution, with Commissioner Wilson seconding. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented an agreement with DataWorks Plus for software and hardware support for the electronic fingerprint machine for the calendar year 2025 for \$5000.00. 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 of all Commissioners present. (AGREEMENT ON FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented an agreement with ATIS Elevator Inspections to conduct an annual inspection at the Calhoun County Courthouse for \$220.00. Commissioner Patterson motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of Calhoun County, with Commissioner Shears seconding. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of all Commissioners present. (AGREEMENT ON FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented the FY2024 County Rebuild Alabama Annual Report, as submitted by the County Engineer. Commissioner Shears motioned to approve the report, with Commissioner Wilson seconding the motion. County Engineer Mr. Rodney McCain highlighted the success of 2024 projects, noting that any unfinished projects would be completed in the new year, with

allocated funds carried over. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of all Commissioners present. (REPORT ON FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented the need to fill the unexpired term for the at-large seat on the Transit Advisory Board, vacated by Gloria Floyd. Commissioner Shears motioned to appoint Ms. Jennifer Watson. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners present.

Mr. Gaddy presented the need to fill the unexpired term for the DHR Board, District 1 seat, vacated by Jackie Brown. Commissioner Wilson motioned to appoint Mr. Jerry Glover. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners present.

Mr. Gaddy presented two vacancies on the Highland Health Systems Board: one expired term and one unexpired term vacated by Jackie Brown. Both are at-large appointments. Commissioner Shears moved to appoint Sheriff Matthew Wade to the expired term, with Commissioner Wilson seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Commissioner Wilson then moved to appoint Ms. Lolitha Phillips to the unexpired term. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by voice vote of all Commissioners present.

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

Mr. Gaddy presented a proposal from the Public Affairs Research Council of Alabama to conduct a study of local EMS providers, including analysis of data and financial reports, at a cost of \$7,500. Commissioner Patterson motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the proposal on behalf of Calhoun County, with Commissioner Shears seconding. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of all Commissioners present. (PROPOSAL ON FILE)

Chairwoman Henderson opened the floor for public comments.

Mr. Jody Whaley, Tournament Director for Principals and Coaches Association, thanked the Commission for helping the County schools particularly during this busy tournament season.

Commissioner Shears commended Jody Whaley for his leadership and hard work in coordinating these tournaments for the County schools.

Mr. Johnny Warren, President of Anniston EMS, expressed concerns regarding the EMS study proposal voted on earlier in the meeting. He emphasized that he hoped the concerns and perspectives of EMS staff were addressed in the study.

Ms. Audrey Maxwell, Tourism Director for the Chamber of Commerce, announced that the ALEAF annual fundraising dinner is scheduled for the upcoming Saturday and thanked the Commission for its support of the event. Ms. Maxwell stated that the Alabama Tourism Department has named 2025 “The Year of Alabama Trails” which aligns perfectly with our

region's abundance of trails. Additionally, Ms. Maxwell informed the Commission of the upcoming Heritage Festival, set for February.

Ms. Melissia Wood, Calhoun County CFO, publicly thanked Shasta Platt for her many years of employment to the County. She expressed gratitude for Ms. Platt's contributions and stated that she will be greatly missed by her coworkers.

Commissioner Shears motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. Accordingly, the meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, January 23, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.