

**AGENDA**  
**COOSA COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**January 11, 2022**  
**9:30 Regular Commission Meeting**

**WELCOME****PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Stephen Lowery

Leslie Hardy and Dennis Hill—animal service for Coosa County

**ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENT:****CALL TO ORDER****COMMISSION ROLL CALL****INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****APPROVE AGENDA****READING OF MINUTES****AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS****CONSENT AGENDA- MOTION AND SECOND TO APPROVE**

- (A) Motion for Chairman, Vice Chairman and Administrator to authorize, to issue and sign checks for payment of monthly expenses and payroll.
- (B) Motion to approve changes in employees: job description, salary, work hours, status (including budget approved raises).

**NEW BUSINESS**

- (1) Approval to appoint a 911 Board member for District 1—Commissioner Dunham
- (2) Approval for each commissioner to help raise funds for COACH—Tina Fuller
- (3) Acknowledgement of FY 2021 County Rebuild Alabama Annual Report—Administrator Amy Gilliland
- (4) Discussion of priorities for ARPA funding—Commissioners

**OLD BUSINESS**

- (1) Approval to proceed with bid of roof for DHR/BOE if State DHR has agreed to specifications—CRS has written a proposal. The appraiser is getting quotes.

**STAFF REPORTS**

Administrator

Attorney

EMA

Courthouse Maintenance

Engineer

Safety Coordinator

**DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS****ADJOURN**

**MINUTES  
COOSA COUNTY COMMISSION  
JANUARY 11, 2022  
9:30 A.M.**

**ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENT**

**CALL TO ORDER**

THE COOSA COUNTY COMMISSION MET AT THE E911 BUILDING JANUARY 11, 2022 FOR ITS REGULAR MEETING WITH CHAIRMAN RANDALL DUNHAM, PRESIDING.

**COMMISSION ROLL CALL**

COMMISSION ROLL CALL: HERE CHAIRMAN RANDALL DUNHAM, VICE-CHAIR-BERTHA MCELRATH, COMMISSIONER UNZELL KELLEY, COMMISSIONER RONNIE JOINER, AND COMMISSIONER LAMAR DAUGHERTY.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY COMMISSIONER UNZELL KELLEY. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS SAID BY ALL IN ATTENDANCE.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

MOTIONED BY COMMISSIONER RANDALL DUNHAM TO STRIKE ITEM NUMBER ONE. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RONNIE JOINER. MOTIONED BY COMMISSIONER UNZELL KELLEY TO STRIKE ITEM NUMBER FOUR. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RANDALL DUNHAM. MOTIONED BY COMMISSIONER UNZELL KELLEY TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RANDALL DUNHAM. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

**READING OF MINUTES**

MOTIONED BY COMMISSIONER UNZELL KELLEY TO REMOVE THE WORD READING OF THE MINUTES TO REFLECT APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITH THE NECESSARY CORRECTION TO THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 28, 2021. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RANDALL DUNHAM. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATION**

NONE

**CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTIONED BY COMMISSIONER UNZELL KELLEY TO APPROVE FOR THE CHAIRMAN, VICE-CHAIR AND ADMINISTRATOR TO AUTHORIZE TO ISSUE AND SIGN CHECKS FOR PAYMENT OF MONTHLY EXPENSES AND PAYROLL. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RANDALL DUNHAM. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

**NEW BUSINESS**

EACH COMMISSIONER AGREED TO SUPPORT COACH: CHAIRMAN RANDALL DUNHAM, VICE-CHAIR BERTHA K. MCELERATH, COMMISSIONER UNZELL KELLEY, COMMISSIONER RONNIE JOINER, AND COMMISSIONER LAMAR DAUGHERTY.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR FY2021 COUNTY REBUILD ALABAMA ANNUAL REPORT.

**OLD BUSINESS**

MOTIONED BY COMMISSIONER RANDALL DUNHAM TO TABLE TO PROCEED WITH BID OF ROOF FOR DHR/BOE IF STATE DHR HAS AGREED TO SPECIFICATIONS. (CRS CLAIM HAS BEEN FILLED DUE TO STORM DAMAGE). SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RONNIE JOINER.  
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

3804 MOTIONED BY COMMISSIONER UNZELL KELLEY TO ADD TO THE AGENDA FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF \$2,000 FOR THE PALMER PLACE. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RANDALL DUNHAM. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

MOTIONED BY COMMISSIONER UNZELL KELLEY THE APPROVAL OF THE APPORATION OF \$2,000 FOR THE PALMER PLACE. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RANDALL DUNHAM. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Palmer  
Place

Child Advocacy Center  
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Phone 256-315-2662 - Fax 256-315-2792



Serving Talladega, Coosa and Clay Counties  
A United Way Agency

December 28, 2021

Coosa County Commission

RE: The Talladega County Child Advocacy Center (Palmer Place)

Dear Friends:

Palmer Place is a 501 © 3 non-profit organization that works together with the District Attorney, Department of Human Resources, and Law Enforcement as a Multi-disciplinary Team to meet the needs of the abused and neglected children of Talladega, Clay and Coosa Counties. Our main funding source is a grant provided by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs. This grant was decreased by \$22,000 this year.

Palmer Place operates out of a house in Talladega that provides a child friendly environment for children to be interviewed. Our goal is to lessen the trauma to children. The members of the team that need to investigate the allegations of abuse can be present and observe the interview by closed circuit TV. This way the child need only tell his or her story once to the interviewer and everyone gets the information they need. The team then decides together what further action, if any, is needed.

This year Palmer Place has conducted 300 forensic interviews of alleged child abuse victims. This is an increase of 29 over the number conducted by this time last year. In addition to conducting forensic interviews of child victims we also provide forensic evaluations (needed for prosecution) and ongoing counseling free of charge. While the forensic evaluations aid in the prosecution of child abuse offenders, ongoing counseling will enable many children to process what has happened to them and be able to become productive members of our community.

The majority of families that we serve come from Talladega County, but we average providing services for 25 children yearly from Coosa County.

The services that Palmer Place has provided at no cost to the child victims of our counties were greatly needed. These services are not provided by any other entity in Talladega, Clay or Coosa Counties. In order for Palmer Place to continue providing these free counseling services, I am requesting that Coosa County Commission consider becoming a funding source for our program. This money will be used to continue and to enhance services we have offered so that abused and neglected children in Coosa County are served.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely:

*Nancy Green*

Ms. Nancy Green  
Executive Director

MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTIONED BY COMMISSIONER RANDALL DUNHAM TO ADJOURN. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RONNIE JOINER. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 25th DAY OF JANUARY, 2022.

*Randall Dunham*  
CHAIRMAN RANDALL DUNHAM

*Unzell Kelley*  
UNZELL KELLEY

*Bertha K. McElrath*  
VICE-CHAIR BERTHA K. MCELRATH

*Ronny*  
RONNIE JOINER

*Lamar Daugherty*  
LAMAR DAUGHERTY

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