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City of Anniston and RMC Board agree to mediation

The City of Anniston and the RMC Board reached an agreement today to mediate legal issues surrounding the lawsuit RMC filed against the City last week.

As part of that agreement, RMC agreed to a dismissal of its challenge to the City's appointment of City Manager Brian Johnson. All other issues remaining in RMC's lawsuit will be addressed in mediation.

Calhoun County Presiding Judge Brian Howell entered an order this afternoon dissolving the temporary restraining order and outlining the parties' agreement. Judge Howell's order negates the need for the hearing scheduled for Friday, October 10, 2014.

The use of mediation was proposed by the City and agreed upon by RMC in an effort to resolve the dispute in an efficient manner and to avoid lengthy and costly litigation. Mediation is a process for parties to resolve their differences with the help of neutral mediator. Any issues not resolved in mediation will be considered by the Court at 9 a.m. on December 9, 2014.

The City of Anniston

Located in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains in northeast Alabama, Anniston sits as the county seat for Calhoun County and a regional hub for legal, medical, and banking services. Home to the bronze-level mountain bike ride center of Coldwater Mountain, Anniston offers a wide range of recreational options such as biking the Chief Ladiga Trail or visiting the Anniston Museum of Natural History. For more information about the City of Anniston, visit anniston.al.gov.