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ALABAMA COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS

SPECIAL TERM, 2015

2140538, 2140539, and 2140540

C.M.A.

v.

Cullman County Department of Human Resources

Appeals from Cullman Juvenile Court (JU-06-124.05, JU-13-539.03, and JU-13-540.03)

THOMAS, Judge.

C.M.A. ("the mother") timely appeals from three judgments of the Cullman Juvenile Court awarding custody of K.B. (appeal no. 2140538), H.B. (appeal no. 2140539), and E.A. (appeal no.

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2140540) to third parties. On April 7, 2015, this court consolidated the appeals <u>ex mero motu</u>.

The mother correctly argues that the juvenile court violated her due-process rights by entering judgments transferring custody of K.B., H.B., and E.A. without receiving any evidence at a scheduled hearing. See N.J.D. v. Madison Cnty. Dep't of Human Res., 110 So. 3d 387, 390-91 (Ala. Civ. App. 2012) (explaining that a parent is entitled to due process in proceedings involving custody of a child); see also A.D.J.D. v. Cullman Cnty. Dep't of Human Res., [Ms. 2140287, May 8, 2015] ____ So. 3d ___, ___ (Ala. Civ. App. 2015). In a letter brief to this court, the Cullman County Department of Human Resources concedes that the juvenile court did not receive any evidence at the hearing; therefore, it further concedes, the judgments were entered in a manner inconsistent with the mother's due-process rights. See L.W. v. Cullman <u>Cnty. Dep't of Human Res.</u>, [Ms. 2140288, May 8, 2015] So. 3d ____, ___ (Ala. Civ. App. 2015). Because it is undisputed that the juvenile court entered its judgments in a manner inconsistent with due process, we reverse the judgments and

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remand the causes to the juvenile court for further proceedings consistent with this opinion.

2140538 -- REVERSED AND REMANDED.

2140539 -- REVERSED AND REMANDED.

2140540 -- REVERSED AND REMANDED.

Thompson, P.J., and Pittman, Moore, and Donaldson, JJ., concur.