

SUMMARY OF MINUTES  
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION  
September 25, 2025

County Administrator Jonathan Gaddy conducted the roll call, confirming the presence of all Commissioners. Chairman Terry Howell then officially called the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Commission to order at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Patterson then delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Commissioner Henderson motioned to adopt the agenda, followed by a second motion from Commissioner Shears. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Commissioner Wilson made a motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meetings. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

County Administrator Jonathan Gaddy presented an ABC Board Application for Anniston Lodge No 1669 Loyal Order of Moose doing business as Moose Lodge No 1669, located at 270 Moose Lodge Road, Anniston, 36207. The application requests a 160 – Special Retail – More than 30 days license. This presentation served as the second reading of the application. Commissioner Shears made a motion to approve the ABC application, which was seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. (APPLICATION IN FILE)

Environmental Programs Manager, Mr. Kraig Mize, recommended proceeding with the public nuisance abatements on the following properties: (1) 1023 W 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, Anniston, owned by Benny Carl Lovell; (2) 1312 Willet Street, Anniston, owned by William & Shirley Slaughter; (3) 1522 Peaceburg Road, Weaver, owned by Michael Ledbetter; (4) 166 Loimore Road, Alexandria, owned by Lola J Wilson (Estate) C/O Brandon Wilson; (5) 80 Drake Road, Anniston, owned by Charlotte Butler C/O Lee Butler; (6) 406 N Hunter Street, Anniston, owned by Karon Ledbetter C/O Danny Ledbetter; (7) 80 Canann Circle, Anniston, owned by Lolita Pugh Westbrook; (8) 717 Benard Couch Dr., Anniston, owned by Floyd Crow & Ruth Crow; (9) 15 Glade Rd. West, Anniston, owned by Wendell Duffy & Timothy Moon; (10) 1011 Duncan Ave., Anniston, owned by Esperanza Lopez; (11) 426 Russel Ave., Anniston, owned by G&H Property Group LLC; (12) 702 Cedar Springs Road, Weaver, owned by Brandon & Travis Dover Jr.; and (13) 524 Mahlep Lane, Alexandria, owned by Peggy Owens & Audrey E & Janice Staggs C/O Audrey Owens (L/E). The owners were notified of the meeting. Mr. Benny Lovell, owner of property #1 – 1023 W 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, let the Commission know that they have started making improvement at the property. Mr. Steve Dover, representative for property #12 – 702 Cedar Springs Road, stated that they have brought a dumpster to the property to remove the debris. Mr. Mize offered to meet with them after the meeting to discuss the nuisance issues. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the resolutions of abatement, which was seconded by Commissioner Shears. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. (13 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Mize recommended dismissing public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 0 Hamms Avenue, Anniston, owned by Spirit Et. AL; (2) 3001 Oakridge Avenue, Anniston, owned by Michael Young; (3) 3600 Ammons Street, Anniston, owned by Miguel Lopez; (4) 2520

Ammons Street, Anniston, owned by Walter dean McCain; (5) 1140 Cochran Springs Road, Ohatchee, owned by Jennifer Lavender; (6) 244 Willingham Drive, Anniston, owned by Jeff Morton; (7) 406 & 406R Hillcrest, Anniston, owned by Suzi Grimes and William Kelley; (8) 4642 Skyline Drive, Anniston, owned by Michael Goode and James Clary; (9) 386 Hutto Hill Road, Anniston, owned by Heather and John Ford; (10) 4424 Elma Avenue, Anniston, owned by Billy Allen; (11) 409 E. 54<sup>th</sup> Street, Anniston, owned by Kevin Lamar Jones; (12) 993 Bernard Couch Drive, Anniston – Tula Ann Deese c/o Veronica Majors; and (13) 494 Mahlep Lane, Alexandria, owned by Troy Nathan Wilkerson and Rhonda Kay Wilkerson. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no representatives were present. Commissioner Shears motioned to adopt the resolutions for dismissals. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Mize recommended approving the invoice as shown in the itemized report to be the cost of removal of public nuisances on the following property: (1) 31 Carriage Road, Anniston, owned by Wayne Guthrie, for amount of \$626.00. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no representatives were present. Commissioner Shears made a motion to approve the invoices and Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (1 RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Kraig Mize recommended declaring public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 703 W. 44<sup>th</sup> Street, Anniston, owned by John and Lona Pitts; (2) 138 W. 35<sup>th</sup> Street, Anniston, owned by Key Properties LLC; (3) 900 W 51<sup>st</sup> Street, Anniston, owned by Jennifer McCormick; (4) 904 W. 51<sup>st</sup> Street, Anniston, owned by JD Alldredge and Kathy Alldredge; (5) 901 W. 51<sup>st</sup> Street, Anniston, owned by Guy and Retha Robinson and Lloyd Kimberly; (6) 902 W. 49<sup>th</sup> Street, Anniston, owned by Duane Robert and Catherine Anderson; (7) 1501 Pelham Street, Anniston, owned by Billie Ruth Stewart; (8) 1405 Pelham Street, Anniston, owned by Elijah Hunter and Jerry Whatley; (9) Willet Street, Anniston, owned by Rebecca Gober; (10) 416 S. Stebbins Street, Anniston, owned by Billy Gene Storey Jr.; (11) 54 W. Front Street, Anniston, owned by Belma Wayne Hamilton Et. AL; (12) 0 Front Street, Anniston, owned by Belma Wayne Hamilton; (13) 0 Paul Street, Anniston, owned by Keith and Marlene; (14) 434 Arnold Drive, Anniston, owned by Norman Madison; (15) 0 Arnold Drive, Anniston, owned by June & Norman Madison; (16) 194 Oak Street, Ohatchee, owned by Emmaline Hall; (17) 144 Oak Street, Ohatchee, owned by Michael Bergeron; (18) 0 Parkwood Drive, Anniston, owned by Lee Lamar; (19) 1419 Parkwood Drive, Anniston, owned by Lee Lamar; and (20) 315 W. Medders, Anniston, owned by James Frederick Lucas III The owners were notified of the meeting. Mr. Benny Lovell, owner of property #4 – 1023 W 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, stated that he has hired someone to help with the cleanup and says it is hard due to finding needles in his yard. Ms. Angelea Ledbetter, representative for property #9 – 406 N. Hunter Street, told the Commission they have placed no trespassing signs placed in yard and has boarded the house to keep people out, the owners have plans to clean the entire property. Mr. Mize offered to meet with everyone present after the meeting to discuss their nuisance issues. Commissioner Henderson motioned to declare properties as recommended. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (20 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution to award the bid for GPS Monitoring services for the Sheriff's Office to Alternatives to Incarceration, effective October 1, 2025. Commissioner Shears made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution to award the bid for Park & Recreational Materials to Miller Sand and Landscape Supply, effective October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026. Commissioner Patterson motioned to adopt the resolution, with Commissioner Henderson seconding. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution to award the bid for Bridge Replacement and Approaches on Alexandria-Wellington Road to The Bridge Builders of Alabama for \$2,147,913.35. Commissioner Wilson motioned to adopt the resolution, with Commissioner Shears seconding. Chairman Howell stated he was glad to see this project moving forward. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented an agreement with David Landscape Services for \$67,500.00 for landscape project at Chief Ladiga Landing. Commissioner Patterson motioned to ratify the Chairman's signature, with Commissioner Shears seconding. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented an amendment to project agreement 22-RT-54-01 – Camp McClellan Horse Trail Improvements, to extend the project to March 31, 2026. Commissioner Shears motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement, with Commissioner Henderson seconding. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy submitted a Change Order for Hurst Construction totaling \$5,175.00 to cover the costs associated with removing the existing septic tanks and installing a new one for the Choccolocco Community Center. Commissioner Shears motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the change order, with Commissioner Henderson seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. (CHANGE ORDER IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution expressing support for the Daniel Group for the construction of a transfer station. Commissioner Patterson motioned to adopt the resolution, with Commissioner Henderson seconding. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented an employment contract for Deputy Revenue Commissioner, effective September 22, 2025, for a term of three years, ending September 22, 2028. Commissioner Shears motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement and Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy reported that each district has a term on the Beautification Board that will expire on September 30, 2025. The new term will be effective from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2027.

Commissioner Wilson motioned to appoint Mr. Bernard Thornton to serve for District 1, with Commissioner Henderson seconding the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Shears motioned to appoint Ms. Donna Houston to serve for District 2, with Commissioner Patterson seconding the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Henderson motioned to appoint Ms. Belinda York to serve for District 3, with Commissioner Shears seconding the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Patterson motioned to appoint Ms. Teresa Smith to serve for District 4, with Commissioner Shears seconding the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Patterson motioned to appoint Ms. Amy Gaddy to serve for District 5, with Commissioner Henderson seconding the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Gaddy stated that the Beautification Board needs an appointment for District 4 following Ms. Womack's resignation from the board. Commissioner Shears motioned to appoint Ms. Sarah Ballard to fill this unexpired term. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

Ms. Melissia Wood, Chief Financial Officer, presented the FY2026 Budget Resolution with a balanced budget. Commissioner Wilson motioned to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. Commissioner Patterson commended Ms. Wood and the Administration for their diligent efforts in preparing the budget. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Chairman Howell opened the floor for public comments.

Ms. Chandy Gordon, Prevention Specialist with the Agency for Substance Abuse Prevention, thanked the Commission for helping the ASAP agency. She also announced they would be hosting Barbers against Bullets event scheduled for September 29, 2025, an event to bring awareness for gun violence.

Dr. David West, Calhoun County Extension Director, thanked the sheriff's office for the recent help in moving office equipment out of a building.

Mr. Johnny Warren, the owner of Anniston EMS, expressed his hope that the County budget will allocate funds to support his emergency medical services, which are facing challenging times. He emphasized that people often do not appreciate ambulances until they find themselves in need of them.

Mr. Pat Brown, County Coroner, praised the Commission for its willingness to collaborate with surrounding agencies for the benefit of the County. He discussed the recently approved Memorandum of Understanding with Jacksonville State University, which allowed the transfer and use of a cadaver freezer. He reiterated that such partnerships are incredibly beneficial for our community.

Commissioner Henderson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Patterson. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. Accordingly, the meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

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