

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
October 23, 2025

County Administrator Jonathan Gaddy conducted the roll call, confirming Commissioners Wilson, Henderson, Howell and Patterson being present. Chairman Terry Howell called the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Commission to order at 10:00 a.m. Dr. Richard Sego, Youth Pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Chairman Howell called on several visitors to speak regarding the unveiling of the new County Seal. Dr. David West, Calhoun County Extension Director, shared the history of the Mountain Longleaf Pine native to this region, displaying pine needles and cones to illustrate the tree's distinct characteristics compared to other pines. Mr. Greg Morrow, President of Southern Custom Exhibits, spoke about the public initiative led by former Commissioner Robert Downing in 2008, explaining how the Commission invited design ideas from citizens to develop a seal that represented the identity and heritage of Calhoun County. The design featuring the Mountain Longleaf Pine was ultimately selected. Former Commissioner Downing expressed his pride in seeing the seal, which had been shelved for many years, finally brought to life. The Commissioners then unveiled the new County Seal, now proudly displayed behind the Commission bench.

Commissioner Shears presented a proclamation to Ms. Chandy Gordon from the Agency of Substance Abuse and Prevention, in recognition of Red Ribbon Week.

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

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

Environmental Programs Manager, Mr. Kraig Mize, recommended proceeding with the public nuisance abatements on the following properties: (1) Magnolia Dr, Piedmont, owned by Lin Lockridge; (2) 132 Crow Farm Rd, Jacksonville, owned by Vicky Huey; (3) 435 E 54th Street, Anniston, owned by John Emigh c/o Law Laura; (4) 331 S Hillman St, Anniston, owned by Manuel De Jesus; (5) 404 N Hunter, Anniston, owned by Manuel De Jesus; (6) 914 Patterson St, Anniston, owned by Pragmatic Invest LLC; (7) 1008 Mary Jane Dr, Anniston, owned by Gary Doss; (8) 245 Raider Rd., Jacksonville, owned by Shone & Linda Jones; (9) 629 S. Hillman, Anniston, owned by Christopher L Martin; (10) 1304 Montevallo Dr, Weaver, owned by Joseph Riley; and (11) 46 New Prospect St, Anniston, owned by John McLemore c/o Felicia Harris. The owners were notified of the meeting. Mr. Jason Doland, representative of property #9 – 629 S. Hillman, stated improvements are being done to the property. Ms. Jacqueline Bass, representative for property #11 – 46 New Prospect Street, stated that work is being done to clear the nuisance from the property. Mr. Mize offered to meet with them after the meeting to discuss the nuisance issues. Commissioner Shears made a motion to adopt the resolutions of abatement, which was seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners present. (11 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Mize recommended dismissing public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 88 Church St. S. Alexandria, owned by Joshua G & Connie M Starling; (2) 74 Gaines Circle, Anniston, owned by Louise Chatmon; (3) 3517 Gurnee Ave, Anniston, owned by MBCM Investments LLC; (4) 3515 Gurnee Ave, Anniston, owned by MBCM Investments LLC; (5) 2141 Iron City Cutoff, Anniston, owned by Krystal D Campbell; (6) 1405 Pelham St, Anniston, owned by Elijah Hunter & Jerry Whatley; (7) 315 W. Medders, Anniston, owned by James Frederick Lucas III; (8) 0 Turpin Ave, Anniston, owned by Habitat for Humanity of Calhoun Co; (9) 912 Patterson St, Anniston, owned by Flavio Escobar; and (10) 2800 Al Hwy 202, Anniston, owned by Branford Properties of Alabama LLC. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no representatives were present. Commissioner Patterson motioned to adopt the resolutions of dismissal, which was seconded by Commissioner Shears. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners present.

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) 640 Mountain Road, Ohatchee, owned by John W Sr & Melda L Turner, for amount of \$726.00. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no representatives were present. Commissioner Shears made a motion to approve the invoices and Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners present. (1 RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Mize recommended declaring public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 375 Hilltop Dr, Anniston, owned by Jimmy Mckinney & Stacy Mckinney; (2) 435 Hilltop Dr, Anniston, owned by Jimmy Mckinney & Stacy Mckinney; (3) 620 Brentwood Dr, Anniston, owned by Gladys Stephens; (4) 3519 Gurnee Ave, Anniston, owned by Dominique Dupree; (5) 20 W 36th St, Anniston, owned by Gumersindo Morales; (6) 50 Church St, Alexandria, owned by Robert Neal & Janet Brittain c/o James Curtis; (7) 3518 Gurnee Ave, Anniston, owned by Coddie Bevers c/o Rosemary Hall; (8) 220 Arthur Dr, Ohatchee, owned by Kevin Blake & Kevin A Edmondson; (9) 0 Arthur Dr, Ohatchee, owned by Kevin B Edmondson; (10) 0 Arthur Dr, Ohatchee, owned by Kevin A Edmondson; (11) 1710 Dewey Dr, Oxford, owned by Daniel Keith McWilliams & Wayne David c/o Glennie McWilliams (L/E); (12) 116 N Hollingsworth St, Anniston, owned by Jeffrey W & Katernia Humphrey; (13) 120 N Hollingsworth St, Anniston, owned by Jeffrey W & Katernia Humphrey; (14) 3016 Oakridge Ave, Anniston, owned by Edward Bryant; (15) 4504 Saks Rd, Anniston, owned by Olga Castillo; (16) 4438 Saks Rd, Anniston, owned by Olga Castillo; and (17) 1159 Old Coldwater Rd, Anniston, owned by Crystal Vandorsten. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no representatives were present. Commissioner Wilson motioned to declare properties as recommended. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners present. (17 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

County Administrator Jonathan Gaddy presented an ABC Board Application for PSM400 Inc doing business as Raceway 7009, located at 6331 US Hwy 431, Alexandria, 36250. The application requests a 050 – Retail Beer and 070 – Retail Table Wine license, for off-premises only. This presentation served as the first reading of the application, and no formal action was required.

County Administrator Jonathan Gaddy presented an ABC Board Application for Dolgencorp LLC doing business as Dollar General Store 31472, located at 4652 US Hwy 78 E, Anniston, 36207. The application requests a 050 – Retail Beer and 070 – Retail Table Wine license, for off-premises only. This presentation served as the first reading of the application, and no formal action was required.

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution to award the bid for Public Nuisance Removal properties to the sole bidder, Wendy Thornton. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to adopt the resolution.

Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution to extend the Alabama Joint Bid for regional debris removal services to DRC Emergency Services, Inc. for Region 6, as recommended by the ACCA. This is effective December 1, 2025, to November 30, 2026. Commissioner Shears motioned to adopt the resolution, with Commissioner Patterson seconding. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of all Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution to award the Alabama Joint Bid for regional debris removal monitoring services to Thompson Consulting Services for Region 6, as recommended by the ACCA. This is effective December 1, 2025, to November 30, 2026. Commissioner Wilson motioned adopting the resolution, with Commissioner Shears seconding. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of all Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented an agreement with GoFormz, Inc., for digital form services utilized by the coroner's office. The agreement, totaling \$1,080.00, is effective from October 28, 2025, through October 27, 2026. Commissioner Patterson moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of Calhoun County, and Commissioner Shears seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of all Commissioners present. (AGREEMENT ON FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented an agreement for Courthouse HVAC with Whorton Engineering. Commissioner Shears moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement, once in final form, on behalf of Calhoun County, and Commissioner Wilson seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of all Commissioners present. (AGREEMENT ON FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant Resolution for the County to submit a grant application for \$72,000.00 to continue funding the VAWA program for use by the 7th Judicial Circuit Domestic Violence Crime Unit. Commissioner Patterson motioned to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote of all Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy announced a vacancy on the McClellan Development Authority (MDA) Board, citing an email from the MDA that included a letter explaining the removal of appointee Mr. Curtis Maxwell due to his attendance falling below the required standards. Commissioner Shears moved to reappoint Mr. Maxwell, with Commissioner Patterson seconding the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote of all Commissioners present.

Mr. Gaddy announced a vacancy on the McClellan Development Authority (MDA) Board, citing an email from the MDA that included a letter explaining the removal of appointee Mr. Jason Morris due to his attendance falling below the required standards. Commissioner Wilson moved to appoint Ms. Jasmine Smith, with Commissioner Shears seconding the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote of all Commissioners present.

Mr. Gaddy announced that the at-large appointment term for the Library Board expires on October 31, 2025. Commissioner Patterson moved to appoint Ms. Katherine Kirby to serve another four-year term on the board, effective November 1, 2025, to October 31, 2029. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote of all Commissioners present.

Mr. Gaddy announced that the at-large appointment term for the Coosa Valley Youth Services Board expires on October 31, 2025. Commissioner Shears moved to appoint Ms. Melissa Wood to serve

another three-year term on the board, effective November 1, 2025, to October 31, 2028. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote of all Commissioners present.

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution adopting the official County Seal and Branding Guidelines, utilizing a seal design originally created in 2008 by Greg Morriow through a public initiative led by then-Commissioner Robert Downing. In addition to the seal, this establishes branding guidelines to promote consistency, clarity, and unity across all County departments. Commissioner Patterson motioned to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote of all Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution to cancel the regularly scheduled Commission meeting on November 27, 2025, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday; to reschedule the December 11, 2025, meeting to December 18, 2025, to accommodate attendance at the ACCA Legislative Conference; and to cancel the regularly scheduled Commission meeting on December 25, 2025, in observance of the Christmas holiday. Commissioner Shears motioned to adopt the resolution, with Commissioner Howell seconding. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Chairman Howell opened the floor for public comments.

Mr. Mike Major, owner of WideNet Consulting, stated that it is an honor to participate in the County's branding project. He thanked the Commission for their work and for choosing to partner with a local company for this initiative.

Judge Shannon Page thanked the Commission for the ongoing improvements at the Calhoun County Courthouse.

Ms. Chandy Gordon, Prevention Specialist with the Agency for Substance Abuse Prevention, announced National Drug Take Back Day is Saturday with several drop-off locations for the safe disposal of expired or unused prescription medications.

Dr. David West thanked the Commission for being able to speak earlier and announced that the ag center will be hosting a hog show and there will be a poultry show at the Community gardens in early November.

Commissioner Shears motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioner present. Accordingly, the meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.