

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
January 8, 2026

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

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

Chairman Howell delivered a proclamation to United Way representatives, Ms. Jessica Smith and Ms. Pam Stak, recognizing January as Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Ms. Jessica Smith thanked the Commission for the proclamation, stating that increased awareness of this issue makes our communities safer. The Chairman extended gratitude to United Way and its partners for their continued efforts to address human trafficking.

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

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

Chairman Howell invited comments from officials. Sheriff Hurst acknowledged the ongoing challenge of trafficking within the county and expressed gratitude to United Way and the various partnering organizations dedicated to addressing this issue. Michael Webb, President of the County School Board, presented updates regarding advancements in athletic facilities across all seven county schools. Commissioner Patterson commended the school board for its strategic vision and continuous efforts toward improvement.

Environmental Programs Manager, Mr. Kraig Mize, recommended proceeding with the public nuisance abatements on the following properties: (1) 144 Overton Lake Rd., Jacksonville, owned by Edgar Buckhanan; (2) 3517 Gurnee Ave., Anniston, owned by Donald V Barrett Jr; (3) 3515 Gurnee Ave., Anniston, owned by Ulises Mora; and (4) 13060 AL Hwy 9, Piedmont, owned by Melisa King Loyd. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no representatives were present. Commissioner Henderson motioned to adopt the resolutions, which were seconded by Commissioner Shears. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners. (4 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Mize recommended dismissing public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 1409 Montevallo Rd., Weaver, owned by Shane & Haley Davis; (2) 119 Maxann Dr., Anniston, owned by Shane Scheid; (3) 1304 Montevallo Dr., Weaver, owned by Joseph Riley; (4) 15 Timike Dr., Anniston, owned by Marco Nava; and (5) 101 E 54th St., Anniston, owned by Earline Haynes C/O Ralph Haynes. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no representatives were present. Commissioner Shears motioned to adopt the resolutions of dismissal, which was seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners.

Mr. Mize recommended declaring public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 408 N Hunter St., Anniston, owned by Johnnie Sue O'bryen; (2) 312 W. Blue Mountain, Anniston, owned by Mohammad Wasif; (3) 913 W 52nd St., Anniston, owned by Walker & Maxine Graves; (4) 1511 Pelham St., Anniston, owned by Ginger L Parker; (5) 4073 Pleasant Valley Rd., Jacksonville, owned by Jesse Williams; (6) 5605 Chandler St., Anniston, owned by Carol S Brown Trust; (7) 221 W 43rd St., Anniston, owned by Lesley Johnson; (8) 149 Craig Dr., Anniston, owned by Selena Baxter; (9) 161 Craig Dr., Anniston, owned by Selena Baxter; (10) 0 Craig Dr., Anniston, owned by Joyce M Harper; (11) 79 Fieldstone Way, Jacksonville, owned by Brandon & Angela Frost; and (12) 98 Phoenix Dr., Anniston, owned by Land Home Properties LLC. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no representatives were present. Commissioner Henderson motioned to declare properties as recommended. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners. (12 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

County Administrator Jonathan Gaddy presented an ABC Board Application for Sukhar 1 LLC, doing business as Payless Liquor at 10340 Choccolocco Road, Anniston, 36207. The application requests a 011 – Lounge Retail Liquor – Class II (Package) license. This presentation served as the first reading of the application, and no formal action was required.

Mr. Jonathan Gaddy presented an ABC Board Application for Sukhar LLC, operating as Payless Food Mart at 10346 Choccolocco Road, Anniston, 36207, requesting a license transfer for 050 – Retail Beer and 070 – Retail Table Wine for off-premises sales only. Commissioner Shears motioned to waive the second reading and approve the application. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Gaddy presented a bank authorization resolution designating Administrator Jonathan Gaddy and Chairman Lee Patterson as authorized signatories for County checks, effective January 24, 2026, until amended. Commissioner Henderson motioned to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.
(RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution to declare Stationary Kettle, Asset #35184, Serial #463024091, currently assigned to the Sheriff's Office as surplus property and to authorize its disposal. Commissioner Patterson motioned to adopt the resolution, with Commissioner Shears seconding. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented an agreement between Alabama Weather Camera Network, LLC, and WxLogic, LLC to accept weather camera(s) to be installed for the benefit of public safety, weather observation, and broadcasting. Commissioner Wilson motioned to authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement, which was seconded by Commissioner Shears. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Rodney McCain, County Engineer, presented the FY2025 County Rebuild Alabama Annual Report, outlining project funding. Commissioner Henderson motioned to approve the report, with Commissioner Wilson seconding the motion. Chairman thanked Mr. McCain for his efforts in getting the most done with those monies. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote. (REPORT IN FILE)

Mr. Jonathan Gaddy reported that the Sheriff's Office had recently acquired two electric vehicles and subsequently presented an agreement with WEX Bank to permit card usage at electric vehicle charging stations. Commissioner Patterson motioned to authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement, which was seconded by Commissioner Henderson. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented an agreement with Republic Services for the rental of a dumpster container for OneWorld Animal Control. Commissioner Henderson motioned to authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement, which was seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Chairman Howell opened the floor for public comments.

Mr. Gary Hutchinson, local resident, thanked the Commission for helping bring awareness to human trafficking.

Mr. Jakob Williamson, Director of Public Affairs for the Chamber, announced an event this evening at Social Sinclair to hear State Senator Keith Kelley and State Representative Mark Gidley discuss the 2026 legislative session.

Sheriff Hurst shared that the Sheriff's Office was able to assign a deputy specifically to address community complaints and concerns that other deputies could not attend to while responding to calls, and this approach has been effective. Following discussions with Chairman Howell, the office hired an additional deputy dedicated to litter issues. This move has helped identify individuals responsible for littering and pursue legal action against them. He expressed gratitude to the Commission for providing the funds needed to hire the additional deputy.

Commissioner Henderson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Shears. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioner present. Accordingly, the meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, January 22, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.