

**SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
January 22, 2026**

At 10:00 a.m., Chairman Terry Howell opened the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Commission. County Administrator Jonathan Gaddy performed the roll call, confirming that Commissioners Shears, Henderson, Howell, and Patterson were in attendance. County Engineer Rodney McCain offered the invocation and led everyone in 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 of all Commissioners present.

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

The Chairman invited comments from elected officials, but none were given.

County Administrator Jonathan Gaddy presented an ABC Board Application for Sukhar 1 LLC doing business as Payless Liquor, located at 10340 Choccolocco Road, Anniston, 36207. The application requests a 011 – Lounge Retail Liquor – Class II (package). 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 Patterson. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners present. (APPLICATION IN FILE)

Environmental Programs Manager, Mr. Kraig Mize, recommended proceeding with the public nuisance abatements on the following properties: (1) 272 Trinity Way, Jacksonville, owned by Benjamin Justin Johnson; (2) 408 N Hunter St, Anniston, owned by Johnnie Sue O'bryen; (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; and (11) 79 Fieldstone Way, Jacksonville, owned by Brandon & Angela Frost. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no representatives were present. Commissioner Henderson moved to adopt the resolutions, which was seconded by Commissioner Patterson, and the motion was carried unanimously by voice vote of all Commissioners present. (11 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Mize recommended dismissing public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 312 W. Blue Mountain, Anniston, owned by Mohammad Wasif and (2) 98 Phoenix Drive, Anniston, owned by Land Home Properties 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 Henderson. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners present.

Mr. Mize presented a nuisance invoice for the following property: 2045 Old Choccolocco Road, Anniston, owned by John Taylor (Est) & Cathy Lynn Hopson, for \$4,030.00. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no representatives were present. Commissioner Shears motioned to approve the invoice, which was seconded by Commissioner Henderson. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners present. (1 INVOICE IN FILE)

Mr. Mize recommended declaring public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 3202 Old Birmingham Hwy, Anniston, owned by Mattie Jarrell Gowens & Oscar Gowens C/O Denise Hughes; (2) 1441 Lenlock Lane, Anniston, owned by Michael Clarkson; (3) 5302 Long Ave, Anniston, owned by W & J Rentals LLC; (4) 1315 Leyden St, Anniston, owned by William S & Shirley Slaughter; (5) 4415 Skyline Dr, Anniston, owned by Phillip Fleming c/o Jerri Flemming; (6) 16 Boiling Springs Rd, Oxford, owned by Ash Edward; (7) 580 Cottaquilla Rd, Jacksonville, owned by Jeremy & Donna Machen; (8) 907 Vigo Ave, Weaver, owned by Harrast Leon Estate & Kenneth Harrast; and (9) 225 W 43rd St, Anniston, owned by Steve Hendrix. The property owners were duly notified of the meeting. Mr. Michael Clarkson, owner of property #2 at 1441 Lenlock Lane, addressed the commission regarding ongoing efforts to remediate nuisances on his property and requested additional time to complete the process. Ms. Jerri Flemming, owner of property #5 at 4415 Skyline Drive, reported that she had recently managed the eviction of unauthorized occupants and is currently arranging for the removal of trash from the premises. Officer Mize offered to meet with both homeowners following the meeting. 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 present. (9 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Jonathan Gaddy presented a resolution to award the Revenue Commission Chevrolet Tahoe bid to Cooper Chevrolet GMC for \$67,368.00. Commissioner Henderson motioned to adopt the resolution, with the motion seconded by Commissioner Patterson. The resolution was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution to award the Sheriff's Office Uniform Footwear and Boots bid to MAC Uniform. Commissioner Shears motioned to adopt the resolution, with the motion seconded by Commissioner Henderson. The resolution was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution to award the Interceptor Pump-Out Services bid to Wise Environmental at a rate of \$850.00 bi-weekly, with an additional charge of \$1,500.00 for extra service calls. Commissioner Henderson motioned to adopt the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Shears. The resolution was approved unanimously by voice vote of all Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Jonathan Gaddy presented a resolution to award the Front-Load and Roll-Off Waste Collection Service bid to Meridian Waste. Commissioner Patterson motioned to adopt the resolution, with the motion seconded by Commissioner Henderson Patterson. The resolution was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a bank authorization resolution designating Administrator Jonathan Gaddy, Chief Financial Officer Melissa Wood, and Chairman Lee Patterson as authorized signatories for County checks, effective January 24, 2026, until amended. Commissioner Henderson

motioned to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution to approve the extension of the professional services contract with Jon Garlic, LPC, for an additional year to continue providing counseling services to prospective law enforcement personnel. Commissioner Shears moved to adopt the resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Henderson. The motion received unanimous approval through a voice vote of all Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution allowing Calhoun County to enter into an agreement with ALDOT for the maintenance of new traffic signals at Anniston Beach Road and AL-21. Commissioner Shears made a motion to approve the resolution, which Commissioner Henderson seconded. All Commissioners present supported the motion, passing it unanimously by voice vote of all Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented a proposal from ATIS Elevator Inspections, LLC, to perform inspection services on the Courthouse elevators at a cost of \$220.00. 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 of all Commissioners present. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Chairman Howell opened the floor for public comments.

Ms. Chandy Gordon, Prevention Specialist at ASAP, announced a new state-wide B.A.B. (Barbers Against Bullets) challenge inviting families and children to submit a one-minute PSA about the importance of reducing gun violence. Entries will have the chance to win a Disney vacation.

Dr. David West, Extension Director, expressed his gratitude to Rodney McCain for leading a tour of the Highway Department for a group of 4H students. He also shared information about several upcoming events: the Master Gardeners class starts today; the beautification board will host a class in February; private pesticide training is scheduled for next week; and registration is now open for 4H Summer Camp.

Judge Shannon Page expressed gratitude to the Commission for the recent courthouse renovations.

Mr. Richard Rybka, representing Coosa Riverkeeper, announced that a volunteer cleanup will take place at Harts Ferry Park on February 28th.

Ms. Cher Dulaney, Tourism Director for the Chamber, announced an upcoming event titled "Removing the Blindfold: A Community Conversation on Trafficking & Online Exploitation," which will be hosted by United Way on Thursday, February 12. She also discussed the Chamber's social media efforts and noted that the "Visit Calhoun County" initiative, which highlights various communities within the county, has successfully increased page engagement. Additionally, Ms. Dulaney announced that she and Commissioner Shears will launch a new radio segment, "What's Happening in Calhoun County," airing once a month to keep citizens informed about local events and developments.

Commissioner Shears motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Henderson. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioner present. Accordingly, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.