

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
February 26, 2026

Chairman Patterson opened the Calhoun County Commission's regular meeting at 10:00 a.m. with all Commissioners present. Reverend Emon Soloman of Thankful Baptist Church gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

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

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

Commissioner Wilson honored Mr. John Broom with a proclamation for Black History Month, recognizing his leadership and community service. Mr. Broom expressed gratitude to the Commission and highlighted the positive influence of supportive leaders on children.

Chairman Patterson delivered a proclamation designating Arbor Week, emphasizing the significance of trees to the local economy and noting the Commission's adoption of the Longleaf Pine as the official emblem in the newly updated County seal. The proclamation was presented to Ms. Sarah Pritchett and Ms. Belinda York, representatives of the Beautification Board.

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.

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

Environmental Programs Manager, Mr. Kraig Mize, recommended proceeding with the public nuisance abatements on the following properties: (1) 3931 Bynum Leatherwood Rd, Anniston, owned by Justin Livingston c/o Johnnie Livingston (L/E) and (2) 5328 Glade Rd, Anniston, owned by Manuel Ferrera. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no representatives were present. Commissioner Henderson moved to adopt the resolutions, which were seconded by Commissioner Shears, and the motion was carried unanimously by voice vote of all Commissioners. (2 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Mize recommended dismissing public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 0 Paul St., Anniston, owned by Keith & Marlene Pinckney; (2) 1441 Lenlock Lane, Anniston, owned by Michael Clarkson; (3) 320 Old County Rd. 109, Anniston, owned by Braydenton McCormick; (4) 5302 Long Ave., Anniston, owned by W & J Rentals LLC; and (5) 580 Cottaquilla Rd., Jacksonville, owned by Jeremy & Donna Machen. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no representatives were present. Commissioner Henderson 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 presented a nuisance invoice for the following property: (1) 703 W 44th St., Anniston, owned by John & Lona Pitts, for \$330.00. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no representatives were present. Commissioner Shears motioned to approve the invoice, which was

seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners. (1 INVOICE IN FILE)

Mr. Mize recommended declaring public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 185 Turley Dr., Anniston, owned by Benetta Downer and (2) 1229 Rhodes St., Anniston, owned by Harvel Phillip Brown. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no representatives were present. Commissioner Henderson motioned to declare properties as recommended. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners. (2 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Jonathan Gaddy presented a resolution awarding the Nuisance Demolition/Removal bid to Wendy Thornton for properties #1-#15; property #16 had no bids. Commissioner Henderson moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Shears, and it was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented a surplus resolution declaring a JLG Lift assigned to the Highway Department as surplus property to be sold at auction. Commissioner Howell motioned to adopt the resolution, and Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented a surplus resolution declaring two Unimac Washers assigned to the Sheriff's Office as surplus property and approved for disposal. Commissioner Shears motioned to adopt the resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented a surplus resolution declaring a mower, robotic vehicle, and corner desk, all assigned to the Commission Office as surplus property and approved for disposal. Commissioner Henderson motioned to adopt the resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Shears. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented a surplus resolution declaring pressure washer, settling tank, and a 5-ton A/C Unit all assigned to Landfill as surplus property and approved for disposal. Commissioner Howell motioned to adopt the resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution allowing the Commission to apply for an ADEM grant. Commissioner Henderson motioned to adopt the resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Shears. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented a franchise resolution authorizing Comcast to perform broadband work. Commissioner Wilson moved to adopt the resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Henderson. Commissioner Shears commented on how great it is seeing broadband become more accessible to citizens. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution to join as a community partner for the Stepping Up Initiative. Commissioner Henderson moved to adopt the resolution, and Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. Mr. Gaddy explained that this is a nationwide program and asked the Sheriff for further details. Sheriff Hurst stated that this partnership with Highland Health will help secure funding for evaluating inmates who may have mental illnesses and will also assist in providing necessary medical care for them. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented an agreement with Lexipol to update the Sheriff's Office administrative manuals at a cost of \$117,137.00. Commissioner Shears moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement, and Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a software agreement with Assurance for the Office of the Probate Judge. Commissioner Howell moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement, and Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. Judge Millwood stated that her office has been using software that was installed over twenty-five years ago, and this update will better serve the needs of citizens and result in cost savings. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented an agreement with Jackson Thornton & Co. P.C. for arbitrage services. Commissioner Henderson moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement, and Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution authorizing the Chairman to approve court action for enforcing environmental abatement proceedings. Commissioner Henderson moved to adopt the resolution, and Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. Attorney Julie Borrelli clarified that this measure will permit law enforcement to intervene if anyone attempts to obstruct access to an abated property. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Chairman Patterson opened the floor for public comments.

Ms. Cher Dulaney, Chamber Tourism Director, explained that they have been using local TV and radio stations to promote activities in the area, and the Visit Calhoun County website has received more views since videos showcasing local attractions were posted.

Mr. Chris Murphy, a resident of the Saks area, discussed halfway houses and expressed his hope that new regulations will relocate them out of residential neighborhoods. He shared a personal experience, describing how his own family was endangered when someone fired gunshots at their house, having mistaken it for a halfway home.

Chairman Patterson and Commissioner Howell thanked Mr. Murphy for his comments and restated the Commission's proactive efforts on this issue.

Mr. Jonathan Gaddy advised the Commission to enter an executive session in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing litigation with the attorney of record, Mr. Craig Dillard. Commissioner Henderson moved that the Commission proceed into

executive session as indicated, and Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted among all Commissioners: Commissioner Wilson – yea, Commissioner Shears – yea, Commissioner Henderson – yea, Commissioner Howell – yea, and Commissioner Patterson – yea.

Chairman Patterson declared that no further business would be addressed during this regular meeting and the Commission would not reconvene following the executive session. He announced the next Commission meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2026. The executive session commenced at 10:40 a.m. and concluded at 11:40 a.m.