SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
July 23, 2026

Chairman Patterson called the Calhoun County Commission meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., with all Commissioners present. Chairman delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Commissioner Shears recognized members of the Miss Volunteer Alabama organization, including 2026 Miss Alabama Volunteer Mary Elizabeth Madden, Miss East Alabama Aubree Ford, Miss Oxford Kaitlyn Funk, and Miss Calhoun County Cate Shirey. The young women highlighted scholarship opportunities and thanked the Commission for its support of the organization. The state pageant is being held this week at the OPAC.

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

Environmental Programs Manager Mr. Kraig Mize recommended proceeding with the public nuisance abatement for the following properties: (1) 1 Harris St. (A), Jacksonville, owned by Calhoun Mhp LLC- Chandler Brenton; (2) 3 Harris St., Jacksonville, owned by Calhoun Mhp LLC-Chandler Brenton; (3) 16 Harris St., Jacksonville, owned by Calhoun Mhp LLC- Chandler Brenton; (4) 18 Harris St., Jacksonville, owned by Calhoun Mhp LLC- Chandler Brenton; (5) 19 Harris St., Jacksonville, owned by Calhoun Mhp LLC- Chandler Brenton; and (6) 100 Tallassee Trail, Jacksonville, owned by Jeremy Kelley. The owners were notified of the meeting. Mr. Randy Harmon, park manager for properties #1 - #5, discussed the improvements that had been made and the issues with other tenants who did not want to cooperate. Mr. Jeremy Kelley, owner of property #6, said he was unsure what nuisances were on his property. Officer Mize offered to meet with both property owners after the meeting. Commissioner Henderson moved to adopt the resolutions, which was seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of all Commissioners. (6 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Mize recommended dismissing public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 2810 AL Hwy 202 Old Birmingham Hwy, Anniston, owned by Mitsuko Rogers & James E Rogers Jr.; (2) 806 Cedar Springs Rd., Weaver, owned by Albert & Scottie Signor; (3) 1 Lake St., Jacksonville, owned by Calhoun Mhp LLC- Chandler Brenton; (4) 2 Lake St., Jacksonville, owned by Calhoun Mhp LLC- Chandler Brenton; (5) 8 Harris St., Jacksonville, owned by Calhoun Mhp LLC-Chandler Brenton; (6) 16 Lake St., Jacksonville, owned by Calhoun Mhp LLC Chandler Brenton; and (7) 6 Harris St., Jacksonville, owned by Calhoun Mhp LLC- Chandler Brenton; (7) 8 Harris St., Jacksonville, owned by Calhoun Mhp LLC-Chandler Brenton. 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 Howell. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners.

Mr. Mize recommended declaring public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 58 Todt Dr., Ohatchee, owned by Donna Mundy; (2) 702 Parker St., Anniston, owned by M&M Auto Sales & Wholesale LLC; and (3) 930 W. 49th St., Anniston, owned by Jason Johnston. The owners were notified of the meeting. Mr. Randy Harmon, park manager for properties #1 - #10, told of the improvements that have been made and the plan for the remaining nuisances. Mr. Mize offered to meet with him after the meeting. Commissioner Howell motioned to declare properties as recommended. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners present. (11 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Jonathan Gaddy read aloud the first reading of an ABC application for 011 – Lounge Retail Liquor Class II (Package) and 990 – Tobacco and Alternative Nicotine Products for Highway 9 Enterprise LLC d/b/a Highway 9 Cigars and Bottle Shop. No action was required.

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution accepting the transfer of the Dearmanville Barn property from the Back Country Horsemen of America, Inc. Commissioner Shears moved to adopt the resolution, and Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution to increase the transfer station rate for Meridian Waste by two dollars. Commissioner Henderson moved to adopt the resolution, and Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented an agreement with Diversified Computer Services for road analytics with the highway department. Commissioner Howell motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement and Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. County Engineer Rodney McCain said this will be a tool to help prioritize and streamline road work to be done. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented an employee contract naming Michael Branton Cole as Permit Coordinator/Project Manager. Commissioner Henderson motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement and Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. Mr. Cole thanked the administration and Commission for the opportunity. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution to vacate Mud Hole Road to allow a security gate to be installed at the Camp McClellan campground. Commissioner Henderson moved to adopt the resolution, and Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented an agreement to lease the batting cage facility to Grit Softball for $600.00 per month. Commissioner Howell motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement and Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented an agreement with UAB for nutritionist services at the jail. The anticipated annual cost is $13,800.00. Commissioner Henderson motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement and Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution to waive all current liquor tax penalties for Dreamers USA LLC. Commissioner Shears moved to adopt the resolution, and Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution approving emergency public works at the One World facility to provide HVAC and plumbing services. Commissioner Henderson moved to adopt the resolution, and Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented the following appointees to the MPO Citizens Advisory Committee: District 1 – Reuben Johnson and Edward Sturkie; District 2 – Kraig Mize and Angela Sullivan; District 3 – Anne Key and David West; District 4 – Theodore Smart and Gerry Lyons; and District 5 – Tim Huddleston and George Salmon. These are four-year terms from August 2026 through July 2030. Commissioner Shears motioned to approve appointments, and Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners.

Mr. Gaddy presented the following appointees to the Ag Center Oversight Board, all of whom are at-large appointments: Adam Feazell and Donald Turner to serve one-year terms, Naomi Richards and Doug Trantham to serve two-year terms, and Brittney Reaves and Coleman Lett to serve three-year terms. Commissioner Henderson motioned to approve appointments, and Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners.

Mr. Gaddy stated that the Commission needed an appointee to the Coosa Valley RC&D Board. Commissioner Wilson moved to appoint Commissioner Shears to serve on the board, and Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners.

Chairman Patterson opened the floor for public comments.

Mr. Richard Rybka with Coosa Riverkeepers announced that Solutia would hold presentations to provide updates on the continuation of PCB cleanup. He said that the Riverkeepers are working with the Anniston PCB Mediation group to make sure the public stays informed.

Ms. Linda Hearn, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, thanked the Commission for supporting the LLC program by allowing county employees to be a part of it.

Dr. West, Extension Director, thanked the Commission for reestablishing the Ag Center Board and thanked the Sheriff's Office and Highway Department for helping clean the center. He stated that fifteen events are already scheduled at the center for the year.

Dr. Barber, Jacksonville City Schools Superintendent, thanked the Highway Department for helping clean around the schools. He also said he would like the Commission to be part of a video welcoming teachers back for the new school year.

Ms. Cher Dulaney, Tourism Director, thanked the pageant participants for empowering women and supporting philanthropy. She also spoke about a recent state conference she attended, where Alabama was discussed as a leisure destination.

Commissioner Shears commended Senator Keith Kelley for the recent legislative update hosted by the Chamber.

Mr. Gaddy announced that Chairman Patterson was recently named to the NACo Board, where he will represent Alabama at the national level. Chairman Patterson thanked everyone for their congratulations and said he was honored to have the opportunity.

Commissioner Henderson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Howell. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners present. The meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, August 13, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.