

SUMMARY OF MINUTES  
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION  
January 23, 2025

Vice-Chair Howell called to order the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Commission at 10:00 a.m. Commissioners Shears, Wilson, and Patterson were present.

Vice-Chair Howell opened the meeting by expressing his appreciation for Commissioner Patterson's achievement of being the President of the Association of County Commissions of Alabama (ACCA). He noted this as a significant honor, marking only the second time in history that a Calhoun County Commissioner has served in this esteemed position.

Commissioner Patterson thanked Vice-Chair Howell for the acknowledgment and remarked on the blessing of strong leadership in Calhoun County. Following his comments, Commissioner Patterson delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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 Shears presented a certificate of special recognition to Ms. Jessica Hodge, an employee of Calhoun County Animal Control. This recognition highlighted Ms. Hodge's extraordinary commitment, as she walked over four miles to work when the roadways were closed due to snow. Animal Control Director Naomi Richards expressed gratitude to Ms. Hodge for her hard work and dedication to the animals. Ms. Hodge thanked the Commission for their recognition and their support.

Commissioner Patterson 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 present.

Environmental Programs Manager, Mr. Craig Mize, recommended proceeding with the public nuisance abatements on the following properties: (1) 4124 Bynum Leatherwood Road, Anniston, owned by David William Roper; (2) 110 Brown Street, Anniston, owned by April Taber; (3) 2401 Newborn Street, Anniston, owned by Seth & Sandra Allen; (4) 2423 Newborn Street, Anniston, owned by Billy Dennis Free; (5) 2306 W. D Street, Anniston, owned by Andria Strickland Perry; (6) 4900 Saks Road, Anniston, owned by Richard W. Barrett; (7) 423 54th Street E., Anniston, owned by Michael Jason Woodall; and (8) 150 Carolyn Drive, Anniston, owned by Thomas & Edna Wildman. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no representatives were present. Commissioner Shears motioned to adopt the resolutions for abatement, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote of all Commissioners present. (8 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Craig Mize recommended dismissing public nuisance on the following property: (1) 728 S. Colvin Street, Anniston, owned by Vernard L. Hughes. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no representatives were present. Commissioner Patterson motioned to adopt the resolutions for dismissals. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners present.

Mr. Kraig Mize recommended approving the invoice as shown in the itemized report to be the cost of removal of public nuisance on the following property: (1) 10668 AL. Highway 77, Ohatchee, owned by Richard Eugene Wilson, for \$826.00. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no representatives were present. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve the invoices. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners present. (1 RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Kraig Mize recommended declaring public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 3500 Alexandria Road, Anniston, owned by Linda S. Harmon (Est.) c/o Cebrian Kathy; (2) 3512 Alexandria Road, Anniston, owned by Linda S. Harmon (Est.) c/o Cebrian Kathy; (3) 1407 Parkwood Drive, Anniston, owned by Eddie Hicks (Est.) c/o Mandy Hicks; (4) 900 W. 32nd Street, Anniston, owned by Ibrahim Saeed Bafail; (5) 595 Hutto Hill, Anniston, owned by Thelma C. Britt; and (6) 1610 Stanley Street, Anniston, owned by Bobby Woodrow. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no representatives were present. Commissioner Shears motioned to declare properties as recommended. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners present. (6 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution to extend the Interceptor Tank Pump Out Services contract with Economy Septic Tank, with no changes to the terms. Wilson motioned to adopt the resolution, with Commissioner Shears seconding. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution declaring several vehicles and equipment assigned to the Highway Department as surplus and to be sold at auction. Commissioner Shears motioned to adopt the resolution, with Commissioner Patterson seconding. County Engineer Rodney McCain explained that the equipment rotation has helped the department keep costs down. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented an agreement with JM Wood Auction Company to sell the Highway Department property declared surplus in this meeting for a guaranteed amount of \$2,991,000.00. Commissioner Shears motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of Calhoun County, with Commissioner Wilson seconding. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of all Commissioners present. (AGREEMENT ON FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented an agreement with Secure Shred to provide secure destruction of records for the County. Commissioner Wilson motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of Calhoun County, with Commissioner Shears seconding. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of all Commissioners present. (AGREEMENT ON FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented an agreement with ValPay Card Services for the County Landfill. Commissioner Patterson motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of Calhoun County once it is in final form. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of all Commissioners present. (AGREEMENT ON FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resubdivision plat for Pattiway Acres, which came with the recommendation of the County Engineer. The plat complies with the resubdivision regulations.

Commissioner Shears motioned to authorize acceptance of the plat and to authorize the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously by voice vote. (LETTER ON FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a Terracon agreement for Engineering services related to the Administration Building Floor Settlement. Commissioner Patterson motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of Calhoun County. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously by voice vote. (AGREEMENT ON FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a vacancy on the Beautification Board for District 4. Commissioner Wilson moved to appoint Ms. Teresa Smith, and Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. Vice-Chair Howell commented that Ms. Smith will be a great asset to the board. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Vice-Chair Howell opened the floor for public comments.

Mr. Curt Lindsey, Executive Director of the Alabama Alliance for Recovery Residences (AARR), would like to introduce himself and his program to the Commission. The AARR is an accredited recovery program that follows national standards for recovery residences. They collaborate with certified programs throughout the state and in our county, assisting with reentry as well as pardons and parole processes.

Ms. Chandy Gordon, a prevention specialist with A.S.A.P., announced that A.S.A.P. will be hosting a virtual opioid roundtable event in March. She also introduced intern Deja Matthews, a student at Gadsden State Community College.

Ms. Audrey Maxwell, Tourism Director for the Chamber of Commerce, announced that the Anniston Museum will be hosting trail walks in celebration of Alabama's Year of Trails, featuring Calhoun County and its local trails. Additionally, she announced that the 45th annual Heritage Festival will take place on February 15th, and students from K-12th grade are encouraged to sign up to speak at the event.

Dr. David West, County Extension Coordinator, announced that Master Gardener classes have begun for 2025. He also expressed gratitude to Mr. Jonathan Gaddy for visiting the Community Gardens.

Mr. Wayne Cagle from the McClellan Horse Trails announced that they will be hosting a cancer fundraising event and welcomed everyone to visit the McClellan trails to explore what they have to offer.

Commissioner Shears motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. Accordingly, the meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.