

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
February 27, 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. Reverend Anthony Cook gave an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Commissioner Wilson recognized Black History Month and presented a proclamation to Reverend Cook in honor of his dedication to community service and exemplary leadership. Rev. Cook expressed he has a heart for serving his community and thanked the Commission for this recognition.

Commissioner Shears 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 present.

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

Environmental Programs Manager, Mr. Kraig Mize, recommended proceeding with the public nuisance abatements on the following properties: (1) 2416 W. Jefferson Street, Anniston, owned by Rafael Chavez and Delores Rivera Gutierrez; (2) 2801 Old Birmingham Highway, Anniston, owned by Elems Property; (3) 2810 Alabama Highway 202, Anniston, owned by Mitsuko Rogers and James Rogers; (4) 950 Whites Gap Road, Jacksonville, owned by Flora Jane H. Johnson Ingram; (5) 311 S. Corning Street, Anniston, owned by Willodean B. Jacks c/o St. of AL; and (6) 1001 Folsom Street, Anniston, owned by Cynthia Elston. The property owners were notified of the meeting. Mr. James Rogers and Ms. Brenda Camp addressed the Commission regarding Property #3, located at 2810 Alabama Highway 202. They explained that their 97-year-old mother, the property owner, is currently undergoing treatment for dementia. They requested a meeting with Mr. Mize to discuss the necessary steps to bring the property into compliance. 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. (6 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Kraig Mize recommended dismissing public nuisance on the following property: (1) 1407 Parkwood Drive, Anniston, owned by Eddie Hicks (Est.) c/o Brianne Wade. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no representatives were present. Commissioner Shears motioned to adopt the resolutions for dismissals. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners present.

Mr. Kraig Mize recommended declaring public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 1008 Four Mile Road, Jacksonville, owned by Annap Buganski and Piyapong Ukangsin; (2) 209 Oak Road, Anniston, owned by Tamecia Turner; (3) 55 Tiffany Lane, Ohatchee, owned Timothy Clark; (4) 517 Cherokee Trail, Anniston, owned by Boxley Jack; (5) 1121 Comanche Trail, Anniston, owned by John David Green; and (6) 305 48th Street, Anniston, owned by Bridges

Properties LLC. The property owners were notified about the meeting. Mr. Timothy Clark spoke to the Commission regarding property #3, located at 55 Tiffany Lane. He mentioned that he has a tenant who is leasing to own the property, and he is unsure of the next steps to take. Mr. Larry Bridges also addressed the Commission regarding property #6, located at 305 48th Street. He reported that he had begun the cleaning process for the property. 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 Grass Cutting and Maintenance contract with Maddox Lawn, with no changes to the terms. Commissioner Shears motioned to adopt the resolution, with Commissioner Patterson seconding. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution declaring an Econoline van assigned to the Sheriff's Office as surplus and to be sold at auction. Commissioner Patterson motioned to adopt the resolution, with Commissioner Wilson seconding. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented a subdivision acceptance letter for Deerfield Phase II and Deerfield Phase III. The letter confirms that the roads within these subdivisions were constructed in compliance with County Subdivision Regulations, have undergone inspection, and are recommended for acceptance by the County Engineer. Commissioner Shears motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the acceptance on behalf of Calhoun County, with Commissioner Wilson seconding. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of all Commissioners present. (LETTER ON FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented an employment contract for -Maintenance Supervisor. The three-year contract is set to commence on March 17, 2025, and will remain in effect until March 16, 2028. Commissioner Patterson motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract for and on behalf of Calhoun County. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners present. (CONTRACT IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented an AIA Change Order for the ARPA Project Jail Additions & Renovations with the contractor, Tindall Corporation, totaling \$2,500.00. Commissioner Shears motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the Change Order on behalf of Calhoun County. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously by voice vote of all Commissioners present. (Change Order ON FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented an AIA Change Order for the ARPA Project Jail Additions & Renovations with the contractor, Hale Building Company, totaling \$15,939.00. Commissioner Wilson motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the Change Order on behalf of Calhoun County. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously by voice vote of all Commissioners present. (Change Order ON FILE)

Mr. Gaddy announced the upcoming expiration of the 911 District Board appointment for District 2 on February 28. He noted that the new term is for four years, from March 1, 2025, to March 1, 2029. Commissioner Shears made a motion to reappoint Mr. Phillip Winkles. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners present.

Mr. Gaddy announced the upcoming expiration of the Calhoun County Water & Fire Authority Board appointment for District 4 on February 28. He noted that the new term is for six years, from March 1, 2025, to March 1, 2031. Commissioner Patterson made a motion to reappoint Mr. Joel Prickett. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners present.

Mr. Gaddy announced the upcoming expiration of the Calhoun County Water & Fire Authority Board for District 5 appointment on February 28, with the new term running from March 1, 2025, to March 1, 2031. Commissioner Patterson made a motion to reappoint Mr. Mike Almaroad. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners present.

Mr. Gaddy announced the upcoming expiration of an at-large appointment on the McClellan Development Authority Board, set to expire on March 31. He noted that the new term will be April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2028. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to appoint Mr. Van Roberts Sr. and Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners present.

Mr. Gaddy announced another upcoming at-large appointment expiration on the McClellan Development Authority Board, also expiring on March 31. The new term will run from April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2028. Commissioner Shears made a motion to appoint Ms. Jessica Leonard and Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners present.

Vice-Chair Howell opened the floor for public comments.

Mr. Jakob Williamson, Public Affairs Coordinator for the Chamber of Commerce, reminded the Commission of the Economic Forum scheduled for tomorrow at Jacksonville State University. He also announced that the second annual State of the County event will be held next Friday, March 7th, at the DHR office in Anniston. Additionally, Mr. Williamson informed the Commission of a Public Affairs Meeting scheduled for March 12th, inviting anyone interested in attending. He noted that Ms. Audrey Maxwell was unable to attend today's meeting as she is in Montgomery for the State Tourism Kickoff event.

Commissioner Shears motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Patterson. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. Accordingly, the meeting adjourned at 10:18a.m.

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.