

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
March 13, 2025

Chairwoman Henderson called to order the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Commission at 10:00 a.m., with all Commissioners present. Commissioner Howell delivered 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 Patterson. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Commissioner Shears made a motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meetings. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Environmental Programs Manager, Mr. Kraig Mize, recommended proceeding with the public nuisance abatements on the following properties: (1) 1008 Four Mile Road, Jacksonville, owned by Annop Buganski and Piyapong Ukangsin; (2) 209 Oak Road, Anniston, owned by Tamecia Turner; (3) 55 Tiffany Lane, Ohatchee, owned by Timothy Clark; (4) 1121 Comanche Trail, Anniston, owned by John David Green; and (5) 305 48th Street, Anniston, owned by Bridges Properties LLC. The property owners were notified of the meeting. Ms. Tamecia Turner addressed the Commission regarding property #2, 209 Oak Road, stating that she had cleaned the yard and was in the process of obtaining car covers. Based on this update, Mr. Mize recommended tabling the abatement for this property. Commissioner Patterson motioned to table the abatement, Commissioner Shears seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Commissioner Shears then motioned to adopt the resolutions for abatement for properties #1, 3, 4, and 5, with Commissioner Wilson seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. (4 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Kraig Mize recommended dismissing public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 331 Old Gadsden Hwy, Anniston, owned by Truman B. Puckett; (2) 3520 Gurnee Avenue, Anniston, owned by Jon Hendrix; (3) 1810 Morrisville Road, Anniston, owned by Jerry and Johnny Haynes; and (4) 517 Cherokee Trail, Anniston, owned by Boxley Jack. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no representatives were present. Commissioner Patterson motioned to adopt the resolutions for dismissals. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Kraig Mize recommended approving invoices as shown in the itemized report to be the cost of removal of public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 1307 Montevallo Road, Weaver, owned by Kay Taylor, for \$4,026.00; (2) 6008 Holly Trace, Anniston, owned by Deborah Lynn Davis, for \$226.00; (3) 3624 Old Birmingham Hwy, Anniston, owned by Jeffrey and Katrenia Humphrey, for \$4,026.00; and (4) 811 N. Ledbetter Street, Anniston, owned by Douglas E. and Margaret A. Plath. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no representatives were present. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve the invoices. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (4 RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Kraig Mize recommended declaring public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 32 Blessing Street, Anniston, owned by Enoris F. Bradford; (2) 0 Hamm Avenue, Anniston, owned by Ella Moore c/o St. of AL; (3) 3112 Truman Avenue, Lot A, Anniston, owned by Eskue Grady Hurston c/o Wants Hinton; (4) 2504 Old Birmingham Hwy., Anniston, owned by Betty Smith and Kathy Clark; (5) 1320 Leydon Street, Anniston, owned by Louie Miller; (6) 11 N. Avenue, Anniston, owned by Richard Parker and Brooklynne Moore c/o St. of AL; (7) 1884 Parkwood Drive, Anniston, owned by Dianne Gandy Baker; (8) 1010 Ivy Street, Anniston, owned by Ronnie Heath; (9) 74 Gaines Circle, Anniston, owned by Louis Chatmon; and (10) 1014 Ivy Street, Anniston, owned by ALBC Properties LLC. Property owners were properly notified of the meeting. Ms. Jacqueline Bass, resident of property #9 at 74 Gaines Circle, addressed the Commission, explaining she has been working to clean up any nuisances. Commissioner Shears motioned to declare properties as recommended. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (10 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

State Representative Dr. Barbara Boyd addressed the Commission, expressing her long-held vision of transforming the 1961 bus burning site into a meaningful space for future generations. She commended the County's commitment to preserving history by developing a historic park where visitors can learn about this significant event. Dr. Boyd also thanked the Commission for their continued support and for awarding the parking lot bid, marking an important step forward in the project's progress.

Administrator Mr. Jonathan Gaddy presented a resolution regarding the landfill custodial services bid, stating that all submissions were rejected as recommended by the Landfill Manager. Commissioner Howell motioned to adopt the resolution, Commissioner Shears seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution authorizing the Commission to apply for ADEM funding in an amount not to exceed \$93,410.00, with no matching funds required. Commissioner Wilson motioned to adopt the resolution, with Commissioner Howell seconding. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution declaring two service weapons assigned to the Sheriff's Office as surplus property and authorizing them to be gifted to the Sheriff upon his retirement. Commissioner Shears motioned to adopt the resolution, with Commissioner Patterson seconding. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution declaring two recycle trailers assigned to the Landfill as surplus property and authorizing them to be donated to the Cleburne County Commission. Commissioner Patterson motioned to adopt the resolution, with Commissioner Wilson seconding. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution authorizing the Chairman to sign the Region Two Alabama Works Local Elected Officials Consortium Interlocal Agreement, along with all other necessary documents, to facilitate the County's participation in the regional workforce council initiative. Commissioner Patterson motioned to adopt the resolution, with Commissioner Wilson seconding. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Chairwoman Henderson opened the floor for public comments.

Ms. Audrey Maxwell, Tourism Director for the Chamber of Commerce, expressed gratitude on behalf of the Chamber for the success of the State of the County event, describing it as a great achievement. She also shared insights from the statewide tourism kickoff event she recently attended and expressed enthusiasm about several upcoming announcements.

Mr. Myles Chamblee, EMA Director, provided an update on the upcoming severe weather, noting that the EMA is actively coordinating with community safe room managers to ensure all necessary plans are in place.

Mr. Gaddy recognized Mr. Chamblee and the EMA team for their dedication and commitment, highlighting how they consistently go above and beyond their required duties. He also commended Myles Chamblee and Ms. Brittany Reaves for their contributions at the World of Works event, stating that they represented the County exceptionally well.

Ms. Brittany Reaves spoke about the World of Works event, emphasizing its impact on students. She noted that nearly 2,000 students attend each day to explore various careers and trades. She highlighted the event's value for eighth-grade students, as it helps them determine whether they would like to pursue Career Tech pathways in high school.

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

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, March 27, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.