

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
April 10, 2025

Administrator Jonathan Gaddy conducted a roll call, confirming that all Commissioners were present. Chairman Terry Howell then called the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Commission to order at 10:01 a.m., offering the invocation and leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Chairman Howell invited Dr. David West, County Extension Director, to introduce the 4-H Agriculture Events Teams, led by Ms. Amy Hegeman. Ms. Hegeman, along with several students, shared highlights of their accomplishments throughout the year, including their strong performances at the Southeastern Livestock Exposition, where both the Senior and Junior teams excelled. The Commission proudly presented each student with a certificate of recognition for their achievements. Dr. West expressed his appreciation to the Commission for their continued support, particularly in providing transportation that enabled the students to compete in Montgomery.

Commissioner Shears presented a proclamation to DHR Director Ms. Courtney Clark in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month. Ms. Clark spoke passionately about the importance of prevention, emphasizing that child abuse is preventable and encouraging everyone to speak up if they see something concerning. She expressed her gratitude to the Commission for their continued support of DHR and their commitment to protecting and supporting children in our community.

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

Commissioner Patterson made a motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meetings. Commissioner Henderson 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) 820 Lloyd Street, Anniston, owned by Cathy Sue Fadely; (2) 826 Lloyd Street, Anniston, owned by Cathy Sue Fadely; (3) 27 Jessee Woodrow, Piedmont, owned by W&J Rentals LLC; (4) 1640 Dripping Rock Road, Piedmont, owned by Angelika Sloan; (5) 111 Elston Avenue, Anniston, owned by Joann Olivia Drake; (6) 1710 Dewey Drive, Oxford, owned by Daniel and David McWilliams c/o Glennie McWilliams; (7) 2503 Griffis Street 2, Anniston, owned by Billy and Glenda Hayes; (8) 925 Lloyd Street, Anniston, owned by Mary Rayner; (9) 2910 Dempsey Avenue, Anniston, owned by William Thomas Jr.; (10) 915 Lloyd Street, Anniston, owned by Calvin Pritchett; (11) 901 Lloyd Street, Anniston, owned by Mary Rayner; (12) 900 Lloyd Street, Anniston, owned by Donald and Mark Fadely; and (13) 827 Lloyd Street, Anniston, owned by Eddie Peoples. The property owners were notified in advance of the meeting. Ms. Amanda Snelling addressed the Commission regarding Property #2, located at 826 Lloyd Street, and stated that she has begun the process of removing the nuisances from the property. Mr. Daniel McWilliams, representing Property #6 at 1710 Dewey Drive, reported that cleanup efforts are underway and should be completed soon. Mr. Joseph Rayner, a resident of Property #8 at 925 Lloyd Street, informed the Commission that

he is in the process of removing the RV from the yard. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the resolutions of abatement, which was seconded by Commissioner Shears. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. (13 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Kraig Mize recommended dismissing public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 1887 Dripping Rock Road, Piedmont, owned by James Varnon; (2) 1008 Four Mile Road, Jacksonville, owned by Annop Buganski and Piyapong Ukangsin; (3) 2504 Old Birmingham Hwy., Anniston, owned by Betty Smith and Kathy Clark; (4) 2109 Post Oak Road, Jacksonville, owned by George Frick; and (5) 829 Lloyd Street, Anniston, owned by Morgan Leeanne Peoples. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no representatives were present. Commissioner Henderson 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) 905 W. 32nd Street, Anniston, owned by John S. Burgess, for \$2,026.00; and (2) 901 W. 32nd Street, Anniston, owned by Doreen Holley Pepper c/o St. of AL, for \$4,026.00. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no representatives were present. Commissioner Shears made a motion to approve the invoices. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (2 RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Kraig Mize recommended declaring public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 45 Fieldstone way, Jacksonville, owned by Wayne Eklund and Terry Martin; (2) 5609 Ridgewood Avenue, Anniston, owned by Paul Lucius English III; (3) 1469 Grayton Road S., Ohatchee, owned by Robert Earl Martin; (4) 703 W. 44th Street, Anniston, owned by John and Lona Pitts; (5) 435 E. 54th Street, Anniston, owned by John Emigh c/o Laura Law; (6) 32 Tiffany Lane, Ohatchee, owned by Jerre David Ford II and David Abbott; (7) 335 Old Gadsden Hwy., Anniston, owned by Michael Sanders; (8) 331 Old Gadsden Hwy., Anniston, owned by Truman Puckett; (9) 4021 Ridge Drive, Anniston, owned by Truman Puckett; (10) 331 E. 54th Street, Anniston, owned by Billy Hodge c/o St. of AL; and (11) 0 Grayton Road S., Ohatchee, owned by Robert Earl Martin. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no representatives were present. Commissioner Howell motioned to declare properties as recommended. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (11 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

County Administrator, Mr. Jonathan Gaddy presented a resolution to award the bid for Soft Drink Sales at the Calhoun County Sports Complex to the sole bidder, Coca-Cola Bottling Co. United, effective as of the date of the award. Commissioner Shears made a motion to adopt the resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Commissioner Shears 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 declaring a 2006 Ford Crown Victoria, assigned to the Landfill, as surplus property to be sold. Commissioner Henderson motioned to adopt the resolution, with Commissioner Patterson seconding. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented a bank authorization resolution designating Administrator Jonathan Gaddy and Chairman Terry Howell as authorized signatories for County checks, effective April 8, 2025, until amended. Commissioner Henderson motioned to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented the 2024 Memorandum of Participation (MOP) for interim GASB 75 reports of the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB). This will be performed by Cavanaugh Macdonald Consulting, LLC. Commissioner Shears made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the memorandum, for and on behalf of Calhoun County. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. (MEMORANDUM IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution to accept Annie Lou Drive as a secondary road, including recommended waivers from the County Engineer. Commissioner Patterson motioned to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution authorizing an application for state Homeland Security Grant Program funds to purchase an Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS), as requested by the EMA Director. Commissioner Wilson motioned to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented an agreement with Alabama Power Company for lighting services at the Disabled American Veterans building located at 1810 Noble Street. Commissioner Patterson motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a quitclaim deed to transfer County-owned property located at 1129 Noble Street in Anniston to the City of Anniston. Commissioner Shears motioned to ratify the Chairman's signature on the agreement. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (DEED IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented an AIA Change Order for the Jail Medical Unit in the amount of \$12,469.00, covering site water and floor drain modifications. Commissioner Henderson motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the change order, with Commissioner Patterson seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. (CHANGE ORDER IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented an AIA Change Order for the Jail renovations in the amount of \$776.00, covering the cost of a concrete bunk. Commissioner Shears motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the change order, with Commissioner Wilson seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. (CHANGE ORDER IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution approving a polling location address and name change for Beat 9, Box 2, which will now be listed as the Clyde H. Pike Civic Center, located at 500 Mill Street, Piedmont, AL 36272. Commissioner Henderson motioned to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution approving a polling location change for Beat 17, Box 1, which will now be located at Ohatchee Senior Center, 7805 AL Highway 77, Ohatchee, AL 36271. Commissioner Patterson motioned to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution approving a polling location name change for Beat 12, Box 1, which will now be named DeArmanville Methodist Church. Commissioner Shears motioned to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented an agreement with Bagby Elevator Company for services in the amount of \$690.00. Commissioner Patterson motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented an agreement with WideNet Consulting for graphic design services. Commissioner Shears motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented the need to fill the unexpired term for the 911 District Board, District 5 seat, vacated by Sheriff Wade. Commissioner Patterson motioned to appoint Mr. Ken McElroy. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Gaddy presented the need to fill the unexpired term for the Highland Health Systems, At Large appointment, vacated by Sheriff Wade. Commissioner Shears motioned to appoint Sheriff Hurst. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Chairman Howell opened the floor for public comments.

Mr. Johnny Warren, with Anniston EMS, expressed his appreciation to the Commission for appointing Ken McElroy to the 911 Board.

Mr. Pat Brown, Director of the Piedmont Rescue Squad, also thanked the Commission for Mr. McElroy's appointment and for their ongoing support of EMS services. He shared a personal and powerful story about how EMS saved the life of his child's mother just that morning, emphasizing the vital role these services play in protecting the lives of residents.

Ms. Audrey Maxwell, Tourism Director for the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce, announced that on April 24th, a group of cyclists will ride from Cedartown, Georgia, to downtown Anniston to celebrate the ribbon cutting for the extension of the Chief Ladiga Trail, the longest paved rail trail in the United States. She invited everyone to come out and cheer on the cyclists as they pass through Calhoun County.

Dr. David West, County Extension Director, announced that the Master Gardener class is nearing completion for the year. He also shared that plant sales will be held at the Botanical Gardens on April 25 and at the Community Gardens on May 10.

Commissioner Shears thanked Dr. West and the Extension Office for their outstanding work with students across various programs, including those recognized earlier in the meeting. He also expressed his appreciation to Ms. Courtney Clark and her team at DHR for the tremendous work they do on behalf of the children in our county.

Commissioner Henderson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. Accordingly, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, April 24, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.