

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
April 24, 2025

Administrator Jonathan Gaddy conducted the roll call, confirming the presence of all Commissioners. Chairman Terry Howell then officially called the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Commission to order at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Wilson delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Chairman Howell presented certificates to the Alexandria High School Robotics Team in recognition of their outstanding achievements this school year, including winning the Calhoun County Robotics Championship and advancing to compete at the national level. Team members Brie Peavy and Eldrin Sani shared insights into the dedication and effort required to be part of the robotics team and expressed their gratitude to the Commission for its continued support.

Commissioner Patterson then presented a proclamation to Dr. Kathy Murphy, President of Gadsden State Community College, in honor of National Community College Month. Dr. Murphy thanked the Commission for the recognition and shared her pride in having one of the college's campuses located in Calhoun County. She highlighted student statistics and emphasized the vital role the college plays in offering valuable opportunities to residents.

Commissioner Shears presented a proclamation to Ryder Greenwood, an eleven-year-old from White Plains, recognizing him as a hero for his courageous actions in protecting his friend during a recent dog attack. In addition, Sheriff Falon Hurst honored Ryder with a letter of recognition for bravery, along with a Junior Deputy badge and identification card, commending his quick thinking and selflessness.

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) 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.; (11) 0 Grayton Road S., Ohatchee, owned by Robert Earl Martin. The property owners were notified in advance of the meeting. Mr. Wayne Eklund addressed the Commission regarding Property #1, located at 45 Fieldstone Way, and stated that he has begun the process of removing the nuisances from the property. Mr. Paul English III, representing Property #2 at 5609 Ridgewood Avenue, reported that he has begun cleaning the yard. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the

resolutions of abatement, which was seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. (13 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Kraig Mize recommended dismissing public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 304 Rowan Street, Anniston, owned by Charles R. and Loretta A. Mayne; (2) 255 Hammonds Drive, Alexandria, owned by Kim Stephenson; (3) 1010 Ivy Street, Anniston, owned by Ronnie Heath; and (4) 111 Elston Avenue, Anniston, owned by Drake Joann Olivia. 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.

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 an AIA Change Order for the Jail Medical Unit in the amount of \$12,919.00, to replace the HVAC in the Jail communication room. Commissioner Shears motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the change order, with Commissioner Henderson seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. (CHANGE ORDER IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a Change Order for the Hail Construction in the amount of \$22,195.00, covering the cost of revised footings for the Choccolocco Community Center. Commissioner Shears motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the change order once in final form, with Commissioner Wilson seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. (CHANGE ORDER IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution authorizing the cancellation of the agreement with Quill as the vendor for county office supplies. Commissioner Shears motioned to adopt the resolution, with Commissioner Henderson seconding the motion. Mr. Gaddy conducted a roll call vote, with the following results: Commissioner Wilson – yes, Commissioner Shears – yes, Commissioner Henderson – yes, Chairwoman Howell – yes, and Commissioner Patterson – yes. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a municipal election services resolution to provide election services and use of equipment owned by County for municipality elections. Commissioner Patterson motioned to adopt the resolution with Commissioner Wilson seconding the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented an agreement with Whorton Engineering for HVAC improvements for the EMA Operations Center. Commissioner Henderson motioned to authorize the Chairman's

signature on the agreement once in final form. Commissioner Patterson 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 McClellan Development Authority, at-large seat, vacated by Mr. J.D. Hess. Commissioner Shears motioned to appoint Mr. Philip Smith. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Gaddy presented the need to fill the unexpired term for the Transit Advisory Board, an at-large appointment, vacated by Ms. Jennifer Watson. Commissioner Henderson motioned to appoint Ms. Heather Turner. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

Chairman Howell opened the floor for public comments.

Mr. Jakob Williamson, Public Affairs Director for the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce, extended an invitation to the Commission for the annual State of Law Enforcement Forum, scheduled for Friday, May 23, 2025.

Mr. Michael Webb, board member for both the Calhoun County Board of Education and the Alabama Law Enforcement Appreciation Foundation (ALEAF), reminded everyone of the upcoming ALEAF events taking place at Jacksonville State University from May 12 through May 15. He expressed his gratitude to the Commission for their continued support of the ALEAF Foundation and shared his excitement in seeing students recognized for their achievements.

Dr. Michael Barber, Superintendent of Jacksonville City Schools, highlighted several recent achievements, including state scholarships awarded to student-athletes, the success of recent student theatre productions, and the district's ACT scores surpassing the state average for the year.

Commissioner Shears took a moment to commend Commissioner Henderson for her service as Chairwoman, recognizing the dedication and leadership she demonstrated during her tenure.

Commissioner Henderson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Shears. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. Accordingly, the meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.