

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
April 23, 2026

Chairman Patterson called the Calhoun County Commission meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., with Commissioners Wilson, Shears, Howell, and Patterson present. The Chairman opened the session by offering an invocation and leading the pledge of allegiance.

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

Commissioner Wilson motioned to adopt the agenda, followed by a second motion from Commissioner Shears. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners present.

Commissioner Howell presented a proclamation to the Calhoun County Soil & Water Conservation District in recognition of Stewardship Week, emphasizing the theme "Soil. Where it All Begins." Ms. Jennifer Hudson from the agency thanked the commission for their support of Earth Day and stressed the importance of informing residents about available resources.

Commissioner Howell presented a proclamation to Calhoun County's legislative delegation, thanking them for their support in passing Alabama Act 2026-349, which benefits EMS providers. Senator Keith Kelley and House Representative Mark Gidley attended to accept the recognition. Representative Gidley emphasized his appreciation for the Commission's communication, saying it helped him understand the bill's positive impact on the community. Senator Kelley acknowledged that politics involves varying opinions but stressed that the legislative delegation aims to work collaboratively for the citizens' benefit. He also praised the Calhoun County Commission's dedication and active engagement with the delegation.

Commissioner Shears made a motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting. Commissioner Howell 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 abatement for the following properties: (1) 3125 Old Birmingham Hwy, Anniston, owned by Jesse L Trammel; (2) 4810 Old Birmingham Hwy, Anniston, owned by Jerre Lee Haynes; (3) 0 Old Birmingham Hwy, Anniston, owned by Jerre Lee Haynes; (4) 327 Ben Martin Dr., Wellington, owned by Mary & Glenn Raymond Lee Jr; (5) 3330 Eulaton Rd., Anniston, owned by Patricia Wilkinson & Jeff Wilkinson and (6) 55 Tiffany Lane, Ohatchee, owned by Timothy Clark. The property owners were notified of the meeting, but no representatives were present. Commissioner Howell made a motion to adopt the resolutions, which was seconded by Commissioner Shears. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of all Commissioners present. (6 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Mize recommended dismissing public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 80 Canann Circle, Anniston, owned by Lolita Pugh Westbrook; (2) 640 Mountain Road, Ohatchee, owned by John W. Sr & Melda Turner; (3) 2611 Paul Street, Anniston, owned by De Marchan Rafaela Macias; (4) 603 W. 49th St., Anniston, owned by Renita & Randy Allen; (5) 101 New Prospect Lane, Anniston, owned by Demress & Thomas Teague; and (6) 0 New Liberty Rd., Jacksonville, owned by Jamie Carr. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no representatives were

present. Commissioner Shears motioned to adopt the resolutions of dismissal, which was seconded by Commissioner Howell. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners present.

Mr. Mize recommended declaring public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 1535 Webster Road, Wellington, owned by Cheryl Hughes; (2) 1647 Webster Road, Wellington, owned by Barbara Annette Hulsey; (3) 0 Ledbetter Road, Anniston, owned by Joseph & Jason Tidwell; and (4) 1051 W 33rd Street, Anniston, owned by Joseph Emory. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no representatives were present. Commissioner Wilson motioned to declare properties as recommended. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners present. (4 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Jonathan Gaddy introduced a resolution to grant the Rebuild Alabama Bid for resurfacing and striping Old Sulphur Springs Road to Vulcan Materials Asphalt and Construction LLC, with a contract amount of \$1,106,887.80. Commissioner Wilson motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign, which was seconded by Commissioner Shears. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented an unexpired vacancy on the Library Board. Commissioner Shears motioned to appoint Ms. Sara Rutledge to the board, and Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners present.

Mr. Gaddy presented an expired vacancy on the Economic Development Council. Commissioner Howell motioned to appoint Mr. Rodney McCain to the board, and Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners present.

Chairman Patterson opened the floor for public comments.

Ms. Marion Watson Murphree raised concerns to the Commission about speeding on Chosea Springs Road and requested a speed limit review, citing hidden driveways as a safety risk. Commissioner Shears confirmed similar complaints and is working with the Engineer and Sheriff's Office on a solution.

Staff members from the Recycling Department notified the Commission that the newly wrapped Litter Control van was in the parking lot for them to see. The purpose of this initiative is to enhance the identification of the Litter Control vehicle and promote positive messaging regarding litter prevention.

Dr. David West, Extension Director, thanked the delegation for engaging with 4-H students and the Sheriff for allowing FFA students to help at the Rodeo. He announced the upcoming Earth Day field trip and thanked the Commission for supporting this initiative.

Ms. Lisa Morales, Director of GSCC Ayers Campus, has announced that a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Surgical Technology Program will take place on April 27. The event will be followed by the State of the College address, which is being hosted at the Ayers Campus for the first time.

Chairman Patterson extended an invitation to all for the America 250 kickoff celebration, taking place at noon today at Chief Ladiga Landing.

Commissioner Shears motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Shears. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioner. Accordingly, the meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.