

SUMMARY OF MINUTES  
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION  
May 14, 2026

Chairman Patterson called the Calhoun County Commission meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with all Commissioners present. Commissioner Shears gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

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

Commissioner Henderson 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.

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

Environmental Programs Manager Mr. Kraig Mize recommended proceeding with the public nuisance abatement for the following properties: (1) 1535 Websters Road, Wellington, owned by Cheryl Hughes; (2) 1647 Websters Road, Wellington, owned by Barbara Annette Hulsey; and (3) 0 Ledbetter Road, Anniston, owned by Joseph & Jason Tidwell. The property owners were notified of the meeting, but no representatives were present. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt the resolutions, which was seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of all Commissioners. (3 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Mize recommended dismissing public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 1071 W 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, Anniston, owned by Tony Hewill c/o St of AL.; (2) 84 Eagle Bald Road, Lot 1, Jacksonville, owned by Debra Stebbins; (3) 5605 Chandler Street, Anniston, owned by Carol S. Brown Trust; and (4) 1051 W 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, Anniston, owned by Joseph Emory. 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 Wilson. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners.

Mr. Mize presented a nuisance invoice for the following property: (1) 4644 Saks Road, Anniston, owned by James Nicholas Moore and R&V Investments and Management, for \$6,030.00. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no representatives were present. Commissioner Wilson motioned to approve the invoices, which were seconded by Commissioner Howell. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners. (1 INVOICE IN FILE)

Mr. Mize recommended declaring public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 1210 Old Gadsden Hwy, Anniston, owned by Arthur Jay Butler; (2) 303 Smith Street, owned by Coldwater Mountain LLC; (3) 1101 Whites Gap Road, Jacksonville, owned by Rose Marie Muncher, Sherry Cook, and Garry Bain c/o Marie Bain (L/E); (4) 1077 Gilbert Ferry Road, Gadsden, owned by Huey Woodard; and (5) 189 Ledbetter Road, Anniston, owned by Wesley M. Frye & Nancy Cooper. The owners were notified of the meeting. Mr. Kenneth Free, owner of property #2 – 303 Smith Street, stated he had acquired the property a few months ago and has been working to get the nuisances removed. Officer Mize offered to meet after the meeting to

discuss the property. Commissioner Henderson motioned to declare properties as recommended. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners. (5 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Jonathan Gaddy presented a resolution awarding the public nuisance demolition bid properties to Wendy & Ricky Thornton as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Commissioner Henderson seconded it. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of all Commissioners. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented three surplus resolutions for Sheriff's Office inventory items, including portable radios, a 2013 Polaris, and Taser units. Commissioner Howell made a motion to adopt the resolutions, and Commissioner Wilson seconded it. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of all Commissioners. (RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution to approve the Division G Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, as recommended by EMA Director Myles Chamblee. Commissioner Henderson motioned to adopt all the resolutions, which was seconded by Commissioner Shears. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented the G-Squared Professional Services Agreement for Task Order #029, covering orthophotography and planimetric mapping of 270 square miles in southern Calhoun County. Commissioner Henderson motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement, and Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution approving an agreement with the State of Alabama for roadway improvements on Bynum-Leatherwood Road, including the addition of turn lanes. Commissioner Henderson motioned to adopt the resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Howell. Commissioner Howell thanked the County Engineer for his work on this project. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented a construction agreement with the State of Alabama for a Federal Aid project to resurface a portion of Old Gadsden Highway. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement, and Commissioner Shears seconded it. Commissioner Shears expressed appreciation for the County's ability to secure ALDOT funding to assist with these projects. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented an amended agreement with GovEase for the Revenue Department's online auction services. Commissioner Shears motioned to ratify the Chairman's signature, and Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a 5311 Nonurbanized Public Transportation Resolution authorizing an agreement with the East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission to provide transportation services. The County's FY2027 commitment is \$84,298.00. Commissioner

Henderson made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Commissioner Wilson seconded it. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of all Commissioners. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a letter of understanding for an appropriation of \$2,600.00 from Alabama Tourism Department to assist with expenses involved with the Calhoun County Sheriff Rodeo. Commissioner Shears motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement, and Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners. (LETTER IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented an agreement with Auburn Civil Pros LLC, for professional engineering services related to the proposal of a Construction and Demolition Landfill facility. Commissioner Henderson motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement, and Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented an agreement to transfer management of the McClellan Horse Trails and Campground from BCHA to McClellan LLC. Commissioner Shears motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement ONCE IN FINAL FORM, and Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Chairman Patterson opened the floor for public comments.

Ms. Ann Hegeman, employee with the 4-H department, stated that she would like to be considered serving on McClellan LLC.

Mr. Gaddy explained that the County will enter into a business agreement with the nonprofit organization overseeing the McClellan Trails and Campground, but that the organization was not established by the County.

Mr. and Ms. Joe Whisenant, residents of Jacksonville, presented photographs and a petition regarding a code enforcement violation in their neighborhood at 100 Tallahassee Trail. Attorney Borrelli and Officer Mize offered to meet with them after the meeting.

Ms. Chandy Gordon, Prevention Specialist with ASAP, announced the upcoming annual free car wash for military and law enforcement on May 22, as well as a kid's fishing derby on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Cher Dulaney, Chamber Tourism Director, provided an update from the stakeholders meeting held earlier that morning and commended local businesses for their collaboration. She also announced upcoming events, including the Cheaha Challenge this weekend, Hope Outdoors, a fishing derby for individuals with disabilities, and the City of Weaver's countywide Fourth of July parade.

Mr. Richard Rybka of Coosa Riverkeeper thanked ASAP for partnering on the fishing event, which introduces children to outdoor activities.

Ms. Ashley Athon, a founding member of the BCHA McClellan Chapter, voiced concerns about the new leadership and the board's lack of outside members.

Ms. Megan McPherson, a founding member of the BCHA McClellan Chapter, also expressed concern about the self-appointed board and encouraged more diversity.

Dr. David West, Extension Director, thanked the Commission for this week's employee appreciation event. He also announced an electronics recycling drive taking place today and noted that 4-H students will attend a horse show this weekend.

Mr. Craig Waldron, BCHA McClellan Chapter member, thanked the Commission for the addition of 50 campsites.

Mr. Ronnie Blackerby, BCHA McClellan Chapter member, expressed his consideration to the commission for helping the transition of the horse trails to McClellan LLC.

Mr. Johnny Warren, Anniston EMS Director, reported that Senate Bill 269 was recently signed by the Governor and thanked the Commission for its support.

Ms. Patricia Jean said she frequently visits the horse trails and enjoys bringing her grandchildren to ride.

Mr. Matt Caballero, Anniston City Manager, introduced himself and said he looks forward to working with the County in his new role.

Commissioner Henderson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Howell. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners. Accordingly, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, May 28, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.