SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
September 24, 2026

Vice-Chairman Wilson called the Calhoun County Commission meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Commissioners Shears, Henderson, and Howell were present. Commissioner Howell gave 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 Shears. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners present.

Commissioner Shears presented the Bienville Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution with a proclamation recognizing Constitution Week. Ms. Faye Robertson thanked the Commission and recited the American Creed.

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 present.

Vice-Chairman Wilson invited comments from elected officials and department heads. Speaking for the Sheriff, who was out of town, Captain Moses thanked the Commission and administrative staff for addressing the concerns of the Sheriff's Department and helping identify solutions.

Mr. Jonathan Gaddy presented a tourism agreement with the Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner Howell moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement, and Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. Commissioner Shears thanked the Chamber staff for their work. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of all Commissioners present.

Environmental Programs Manager Mr. Kraig Mize recommended proceeding with the public nuisance abatement for the following properties: (1) 17 Harris Street (14)(15), Jacksonville, owned by Calhoun Mhp LLC; (2) 406 N Hunter Street, Anniston, owned by Karon Ledbetter c/o Danny Ledbetter; (3) 1136 Rhodes Street, Anniston, owned by Randall P & Tamela Robertson; (4) 5916 Autumn Trail, Anniston, owned by Dustan Ervin; (5) 1105 W 33rd Street, Anniston, owned by Avenue 13 LLC c/o Askaree Martin; (6) 1009 Carter Street, Anniston, owned by Glory Jean Walton c/o St. of AL; and (7) 1029 Carter Street, Anniston, owned by Lillie Ann Word. The property owners received notice of the meeting. Mr. Randy Harmon, property manager for the mobile home park, spoke on property #1 - 17 Harris Street, reported that eviction proceedings against an occupant were underway. Officer Mize offered to meet with him after the meeting. Commissioner Shears moved to adopt the resolutions, seconded by Commissioner Henderson. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners present. (7 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE).

Mr. Mize recommended dismissing public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 1032 Hamm Street, Anniston, owned by Larry Joe Mays; (2) 908 Carter Street, Anniston, owned by Annie Ruth Hase; (3) 919 Smith Blvd., Weaver, owned by Margaret Hill; (4) 115 A Kitchens Road, Anniston, owned by Eulene Sears & Wyoming Finance and Rental LLC; and (5) 0 S.

Marshall Street, Anniston, owned by Linda Chesson. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no representatives were present. Commissioner Henderson motioned to adopt the resolutions of dismissal, which was seconded by Commissioner Howell. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners present.

Mr. Mize recommended declaring public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 427 Russell Avenue, Anniston, owned by Chandell & Delbert Worley; (2) 507 Russell Avenue, Anniston, owned by Randy Williams & Kathleen Milstead Dix; (3) 1101 Lankford Lane, Alexandria, owned by Charles Thomason; (4) 5210 Glade Road, Anniston, owned by Delano Roosevelt & Sherry Dee Vonbartheld; (5) 304 Rowan Street, Anniston, owned by Charles & Loretta Mayne; (6) 903 Pipe Street, Anniston, owned by Ralph Curtis Haynes c/o Arhonda Angle; (7) 325 S Hollingsworth Drive, Anniston, owned by Woodrow Properties LLC; (8) 1018 Patterson Street, Anniston, owned by Tianna & Jackson Henderson; and (9) 1311 Russell Drive, Weaver, owned by Richard Rodgers. The property owners were notified of the meeting. Ms. Loretta Mayne, owner of property #5 at 304 Rowan St., reported that the nuisances had been removed and provided photographs. Ms. Tianna Henderson, owner of property #8 at 1018 Patterson St., reported making progress but requested additional time. Officer Mize offered to meet with both owners after the meeting. Commissioner Shears motioned to adopt the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Henderson. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners present. (9 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented, as a first reading, an ABC application from 7 Star Variety Store Inc. d/b/a 7 Star Variety Store for a 0700 – Specialty Retailer of Consumable Hemp Products license. No action was required.

Mr. Gaddy presented a bid award resolution for Public Nuisance & Demo Removal, awarding certain properties to Wendy Thornton. Commissioner Henderson moved to adopt the resolution and Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution awarding the Solid Tires & Wheels Assemblies bid to Setco Inc. for $18,022.84. Commissioner Henderson moved to adopt the resolution and Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution to extend GPS Monitoring contract with Alternatives 2 Incarceration for another one-year term with no price changes. Commissioner Howell motioned to adopt the resolution and Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution to reject all bids submitted for the One World Renovations. Commissioner Henderson motioned to adopt the resolution and Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution declaring the DJI Inspire 1 drone assigned to the Sheriff's Office as surplus property. Commissioner Shears moved to adopt the resolution, and

Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution declaring four Glock firearms assigned to the Sheriff's Office as surplus property and authorizing their donation to the Calhoun County Sheriff's Association. Commissioner Henderson moved to adopt the resolution, and Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented an agreement with Hopdox for electronic recording of Probate Office documents. Commissioner Shears motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement, with Commissioner Wilson seconding. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners present. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a release of liability allowing Alabama Power to access certain County-owned alleys to remove debris. Commissioner Howell motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement, with Commissioner Henderson seconding. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners present. (DOCUMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented an agreement with ADEM for unauthorized dump right-of-way services. Commissioner Shears motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement, and Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners present. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented an agreement with Friends of Janney Furnace, Inc. for operation and management of Janney Furnace Park. Commissioner Henderson motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement, and Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners present. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy reported that each district has a Beautification Board member with a term expiring September 30, 2026, and recommended reappointing the following members for terms from October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2028: Mr. Lanard Thornton, District 1; Ms. Everette Studdard, District 2; Ms. Donna Carroll, District 3; Ms. Sarah Ballard, District 4; and Mr. Gene Lockette, District 5. Commissioner Howell moved to approve the reappointments, and Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. Commissioner Shears thanked the board members for encouraging residents to take pride in their properties. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of all Commissioners present.

Mr. Gaddy presented an agreement with Heritage Health Solutions to manage medical claims and provide administrative services for County jail inmates whose medical expenses are the County's responsibility. Commissioner Henderson motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement, and Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners present. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Chief Financial Officer Melissia Wood presented the FY2026 Budget Resolution, which included a balanced budget. Commissioner Henderson moved to adopt the resolution, and Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. Ms. Wood noted that implementing a new pay scale for all employees had made it a busy budget season. Vice-Chairman Wilson thanked Ms. Wood,

Mr. Gaddy, and staff for the work it took to complete the budget. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of all Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Vice-Chairman Wilson opened the floor for public comments.

Mr. Richard Rybka of Coosa Riverkeepers announced the organization's participation in the local PCP advisory group and provided its meeting dates. He said landowners are still needed to allow trash traps to be installed in rivers on their properties and noted that the organization is working with JSU on a short film titled 'People of the Coosa.'

Anniston EMS Director, Mr. Johnny Warren, thanked the Commission for the new fiscal year appropriation, noting that it would greatly benefit the organization.

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Ms. Linda Hearn thanked the Commission for its ongoing support and efforts to establish Calhoun County as a tourist destination.

Piedmont EMS Director, Mr. Pat Brown, thanked the Commission for the new fiscal year appropriation benefiting his facility. He also thanked Mr. Gaddy and Commissioner Shears for visiting the EMS facility to observe its operations firsthand.

Commissioner Wilson announced that the ribbon cutting for the new Thankful Park Community Center would be held that day at 2:00 p.m.

Commerce Tourism Director Ms. Cher Dulaney announced that, following the meeting, the Calhoun County 250 Committee and Commissioners would donate books to all seven county libraries.

Mr. Jonathan Gaddy recognized Captain Shekels for her new role as Jail Administrator and commended her positive work since assuming the position.

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

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, October 8, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.