SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
October 8, 2026

Vice-Chairman Wilson called the Calhoun County Commission meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Commissioners Shears and Howell were present. Commissioner Shears 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 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.

Mr. Jonathan Gaddy presented, for a second reading, 7 Star Variety Store's ABC application for a 700 – Specialty Retailer of Consumable Hemp Products license. Commissioner Howell moved to approve the application, and Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. 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) 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; and (7) 1311 Russell Drive, Weaver, owned by Richard Rodgers. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no representatives were present. Commissioner Shears moved to adopt the resolutions, seconded by Commissioner Howell. 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) 620 Brentwood Drive, Anniston, owned by Gladys Stephens; (2) 325 S Hollingsworth Drive, Anniston, owned by Woodrow Properties LLC; and (3) 1018 Patterson Street, Anniston, owned by Tianna & Jackson Henderson. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no representatives were present. Commissioner Howell motioned to adopt the resolutions of dismissal, which was seconded by Commissioner Shears. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners present.

Mr. Mize presented a nuisance invoice for the following property: (1) 0 Hamm Avenue, Anniston, owned by Ella Moore c/o ST. of AL, for $1,030.00. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no representatives were present. Commissioner Shears motioned to approve the invoice, which was 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) 4811 Old Birmingham Hwy., Anniston, owned by Jeanmarie Corrieri; (2) 132 Mandy Lane, Anniston, owned by Roy Howard Vice; (3) 4424 Elma Avenue, Anniston, owned by Billy J. Allen; (4) 1210 Central City Lane, Anniston, owned by M3B SFR LLC; (5) 1560 Dripping Rock Road, Piedmont, owned by Cameron & Stefanie Murray; (6) 904 W 58th Street, Anniston, owned by Connelly Group Inc.; and (7) 2400 Adams Street, Anniston, owned by Janice Gail Mayo Yates c/o Mary Estel. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no representatives were present. Commissioner Shears motioned to adopt the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Howell. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners present. (7 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution declaring two Chevrolet Blazers assigned to the Appraisal Department as surplus property and to be sold on Govdeals. Commissioner Howell moved 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 an AIA amendment for minor renovations to the Dewaynes Building. Commissioner Shears motioned to ratify the Chairman's signature, and Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners present. (AMENDMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented an AIA amendment for minor renovations to the Alexandria and Saks Community Centers. Commissioner Howell motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign, and Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners present. (AMENDMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution authorizing the Chairman to execute routine professional services agreements, proposals, work orders, amendments, and related documents. Commissioner Shears motioned to adopt the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Howell. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners present. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented an agreement for public land freedom riders monument trust. This will be to appropriate approximately $91,000.00 from Representative Barbara Boyd to be used for the national monument. Commissioner Howell motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign once in final form, and Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners present.

Mr. Gaddy presented a DYS agreement for the diversion program, RISE. Commissioner Howell 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 presented a modification extending HR Manager Amanda Draper's employment contract by five years. Commissioner Howell motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract, and Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners present. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy announced a vacancy on the Beautification Board, District 3. Commissioner Shears moved to appoint Ms. Shawn Curry to serve the remainder of the unexpired term, and Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners present.

Vice-Chairman Wilson opened the floor for public comments.

Ms. Chandy Gordon of ASAP thanked Commissioner Shears for attending a recent meeting. She announced that ASAP will offer free car washes for veterans and law enforcement officers on October 23 and that National Prescription Drug Take Back Day will be held October 24.

Mr. Richard Rybka of Coosa Riverkeepers announced several cleanup events in the surrounding area and a conservation film presentation at Zinn Park on October 22.

Ms. Sherry Kughn said she was excited about the OneWorld obstacle run scheduled for October 16-18.

Extension Director Dr. David West thanked the Highway Department for hosting the 4-H camp last month, noting how much the children enjoyed the visit, and for assisting with the chainsaw safety class. He announced the Falling into Christmas event at the Ag Center on November 14 and thanked Commissioner Howell for securing a sound system for the facility.

Anniston EMS Director Mr. Johnny Warren thanked EMA Director Myles Chamblee and local police departments for their assistance with the Go Tell America Crusade. He noted that more than 2,000 people attended each night without incident.

Commissioner Howell motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Shears. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, October 22, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.