

SUMMARY OF MINUTES  
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION  
June 26, 2025

County 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 Shears delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Ms. Naomi Richards, the Director of Calhoun County Animal Control, shared that the county's 4-H department invited students to create artwork related to animal control. Ms. Richards, along with Animal Control Officer Jessica Connell, presented certificates to the top finalists. First place went to Paisley Bryant, with second place tied between Hoover Ellis and Rachel Gray, and third place tied between Collin Kelly and Zoe Mays. The commission expressed appreciation for the time and effort the young artists put into their submissions, with commissioners praising the quality of the artwork.

Jacki Lowry, a representative from the Alabama Power Foundation, presented a \$25,000 grant to support wayfinding signage along the Chief Ladiga Trail. This presentation was made on behalf of the foundation and Vice President Terry Smiley, who was unable to attend. Chairman Howell expressed gratitude to Ms. Lowry and Alabama Power for their collaboration in enhancing the trail.

Commissioner Shears presented a proclamation to Ms. Nancy Whitman in honor of her retirement from Calhoun County. The proclamation acknowledged her dedication and hard work over the past twenty years, culminating in a remarkable career as she retires at age 91. Ms. Whitman expressed her gratitude to everyone in attendance, noting how much she would miss her work.

Commissioner Henderson motioned to adopt the agenda, followed by a second motion from Commissioner Wilson. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Commissioner Shears made a motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meetings. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

The Chairman then opened the floor for comments from elected officials. There were no remarks at this time.

Environmental Programs Manager, Mr. Kraig Mize, recommended proceeding with the public nuisance abatements on the following properties: (1) 3517 Gurnee Avenue, Anniston, owned by MBCM Investments LLC; (2) 3515 Gurnee Avenue, Anniston, owned by MBCM Investments LLC; (3) 1317 Willet Street, Anniston, owned by Rebecca Gaslin; (4) 10 N. Avenue, Anniston, owned by Renee Snyder & Dean Edward Jakiel; (5) 330 Rice Avenue, Anniston, owned by Pearl & Jefferson Findley; (6) 201 English Street, Anniston, owned by Pres & Mary Pope; (7) 2706 W. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Anniston, owned by Ladrieka Hubbard & Sarah George; (8) 3818 Ammons Street, Anniston, owned by Esteo Group Inc.; (9) 3620 Ammons Street, Anniston, owned by Nell

Lear Walton; (10) 705 Ammons Street, Anniston, owned by Kennie & Pearlie Harris; (11) 507 Ammons Street, Anniston, owned by Chrishun Webber & Terrance Exum; (12) 2713 Ransaw Street, Anniston, owned by James Ranshaw; (13) 2831 Durrant Street, Anniston, owned by William Johnson; (14) 5618 Saks Road, Anniston, owned by Grady Vaughn; (15) 3215 Oakridge Avenue, Anniston, owned by Matthew & Traci Williams; (16) 6238 Cane Creek Circle, Anniston, owned by Mack Eugene Alexander & Kevin Bernard; and (17) 930 W. 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, Anniston, owned by Bridges Properties LLC. The owners were notified of the meeting. Mr. Dave McCain, representing property #5 – 330 Rice Avenue, told the Commission that cleaning has started on the property. Mr. Jeff Watson, spoke for property #9 – 3620 Ammons Street, also stated that cleaning has begun on the property. Ms. Chrishun Webber, noted that the property was already classified as a nuisance when she purchased it, but she is now starting the cleaning process. Mr. James Ransaw, the owner of property #12 at 2713 Ransaw Street, was present and had a family member address the Commission on his behalf, as he is deaf. The family member informed the Commission that Mr. Ransaw has vacated the house and plans to begin cleaning. Mr. Mize offered to meet with all those present after the meeting to discuss their nuisance issues. Ms. Commissioner Shears made a motion to adopt the resolutions of abatement, which was seconded by Commissioner Henderson. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. (17 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Mize recommended dismissing public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 3812 Bynum Leatherwood Road, Anniston, owned by Katherine Wells; (2) 3512 Alexandria Road, Anniston, owned by Linda Harmon (Estate) c/o Kathy Cebrian; (3) 27 Jessee Woodrow Drive, Piedmont, owned by W & J Rentals LLC; (4) 1030 Carter Street, Anniston, owned by Jessica Keeler; (5) 1015 Folsom Street, Anniston, owned by Grady & Corine English c/o Marguetta McNath; (6) 3531 Ammons Street, Anniston, owned by Jorge & Leticia Zarraga; and (7) 2207 W 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Anniston, owned by Katie M Gilliam (Estate). The owners were notified of the meeting, but no representatives were present. Commissioner Patterson motioned to adopt the resolutions for dismissals. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Mize recommended approving the invoice as shown in the itemized report to be the cost of removal of public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 505 Howe Street, Weaver, owned by Christopher J. & Kelly M. Smith, for \$11,426.00; (2) 805 S Corning Street, Anniston, owned by Linda C. Higgins, for \$3,026.00; and (3) 79 Fieldstone Way, Jacksonville, owned by Brandon & Angela Frost, for \$1,826.00. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no representatives were present. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to approve the invoice. Commissioner Shears (IN FILE)

Mr. Kraig Mize recommended declaring public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 427 Hobson Avenue, Anniston, owned by Betty Jean Johnson; (2) 309 W 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, Anniston, owned by Martha June Nelson c/o Martha June Massey; (3) 401 N Hunter Street, Anniston, owned by Barbara Phillips & Steven Bonner c/o State of Alabama; (4) 252 Gaines Circle, Anniston, owned by Mortgage Solutions of Colorado LLC; (5) 711 S Corning Street, Anniston, owned by Gordon & Catherine Ellersick; (6) 85 Meadow Glen Drive, Jacksonville, owned by Terry Martin & Diane Reaves; (7) 3507 Gurnee Avenue, Anniston, owned by Charlotte Hamilton; (8) 2915 Monroe Street, Anniston, owned by Linda Waites; (9) 331 S Hillman Street, Anniston, owned by Travis Talley; (10) 60 Smith Blvd., Anniston, owned by Tammy R. Braden; (11) 1449 Gate 8 Road, Anniston, owned by Charles W. & Merl L. Greene; (12) 408 S Stebbins Street, Anniston, owned by Billy Gene Storey, Jr.; (13) 416 S Stebbins Street, Anniston, owned

by Billy Gene Storey, Jr.; (14) 3431 Welborn Street, Anniston, owned by Jennifer Tillman Foote; (15) 420 Russel Avenue, Anniston, owned by Debra Bloodworth; (16) 0 Turpin Avenue, Anniston, owned by Habitat for Humanity of Calhoun; (17) 906 Ivy Street, Anniston, owned by William Lawrence Medley & Ashton Marie Dohring; (18) 12 N Avenue, Anniston, owned by Cal Pac Development C/O Larry Yevick; (19) 3418 Hill Street, Anniston, owned by Ima J. Wright; (20) 116 Ridgeview Road, Alexandria, owned by Marco Lugo; and (21) 1409 Montevallo Road, Weaver, owned by Shane & Haley Davis. Commissioner Shears motioned to declare properties as recommended. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (21 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

County Administrator Jonathan Gaddy presented a resolution to award the EMA HVAC Improvements bid to Climate Flow LLC for the price of \$65,000.00. Commissioner Henderson motioned to adopt the resolution, and Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a one-year agreement with Landauer to provide Dosimetry Services for Court Security Radiation Monitoring. Commissioner Shears motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented an agreement with Pinhoti Animal Rescue Inc. Commissioner Patterson motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement once in final form. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented the Revenue Commissioner's Report of Insolvent and Litigations for the tax year 2024. Commissioner Wilson motioned to accept the report and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution to grant a twenty-year tax abatement for Kronospan OSB LLC. Commissioner Shears made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. Mr. Don Hopper, the Director of the Calhoun County Economic Development Corporation (EDC), thanked the Commission, noting that Kronospan has invested \$1.6 billion into Calhoun County. Mr. Hans Obermaier, Kronospan's Chief Executive Officer, announced that the company has been in the area for twenty years and continues to grow, currently employing over 500 individuals. He also stated that Kronospan is the largest manufacturer of wood paneling in North America and expressed gratitude to the Commission for the tax abatement. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED) Mr. Gaddy stated that a voting delegate was needed for the 2025 NACo Annual Business Meeting. Commissioner Patterson made a motion to appoint Chairman Howell as Calhoun County's voting delegate for the meeting on July 14, 2025. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Gaddy stated an appointment was needed for the ACCA Legislative Committee. Commissioner Shears motioned to appoint Commissioner Patterson to serve on the 2025-2026 ACCA Legislative Committee. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Gaddy stated that an appointment was needed to fill the unexpired term for the district 4 seat of the 911 District Board of Directors. Commissioner Wilson motioned to appoint Mr. Riley Foshee, with Commissioner Henderson seconding the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution to cancel the commission meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 10, 2025, to accommodate the Commissioners to attend the NACo Annual Conference. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Chairman Howell opened the floor for public comments.

Ms. Connie Davidson, Board President of the Calhoun County Sports Hall of Fame, thanked the Commission for their continuous support and for helping make the annual banquet a success. She stated that our area is blessed with exceptional talent in sports and is proud to have a committee to acknowledge these individuals.

Ms. Audrey Maxwell, Tourism Director for the Chamber of Commerce, spoke on how the local sports tournaments have kept the local ballfields and hotels busy this month. She also announced several upcoming events including the new season of performers coming to the OPAC.

Chief Gary Sparks, Oxford Fire Chief and 911 Board Chairman, thanked the Commission for appointing Mr. Foshee to the 911 Board and reported that the state audit for the board had no findings.

Mr. Kevin Jenkins, Executive Director of 911, announced the relocation of a tower site to the Anniston Army Depot and how this will honor the late Chief Waldrep.

Mr. Jakob Williamson, Public Affairs Coordinator for the Chamber of Commerce, introduced Miss Emma Aderholdt an Auburn University student interning at the Chamber this summer.

Mr. Walter Lewis, Director of Piper Sandler Banking, stated that he came to observe the meeting and was impressed by how our Commission conducts business.

Commissioner Henderson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Shears. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote. Accordingly, the meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, July 24, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.