

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
February 12, 2026

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

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

The Chairman invited comments from elected officials, but none were given.

Environmental Programs Manager, Mr. Kraig Mize, recommended proceeding with the public nuisance abatements on the following properties: (1) 3202 Old Birmingham Hwy, Anniston, owned by Mattie Jarrell Gowens & Oscar Gowens C/O Denise Hughes; (2) 1441 Lenlock Lane, Anniston, owned by Michael Clarkson; (3) 5302 Long Ave, Anniston, owned by W & J Rentals LLC; (4) 1315 Leyden St, Anniston, owned by William S & Shirley Slaughter; (5) 16 Boiling Springs Rd, Oxford, owned by Ash Edward; (6) 580 Cottaquilla Rd, Jacksonville, owned by Jeremy & Donna Machen; and (7) 907 Vigo Ave, Weaver, owned by Harrast Leon Estate & Kenneth Harrast. The owners were notified of the meeting. Ms. Bonnie Jones, resident of property #3-5302 Long Avenue, questioned what violations were on the property. Mr. Justin Rogers, hired contractor for property #5-16 Boiling Springs Rd, cited work delay due to insurance claim. Officer Mize offered to meet with them both following the meeting. Commissioner Henderson moved to adopt the resolutions, which was seconded by Commissioner Wilson, and the motion was carried unanimously by voice vote of all Commissioners. (7 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Mize recommended dismissing public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 65 Fieldstone Way, Jacksonville, owned by Mark & Donna Hamlin; (2) 272 Trinity Way, Jacksonville, owned by Benjamin Justin Johnson; (3) 913 W 52nd Street, Anniston, owned by Walker & Maxine Graves; (4) 13060 AL Hwy 9, Piedmont, owned by Melisa King Lloyd; (5) 221 W 43rd Street, Anniston, owned by Lesley Johnson; and (6) 225 W 43rd Street, Anniston, owned by Steve Hendrix. 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.

Mr. Mize recommended declaring public nuisances on the following properties: (1) 3931 Bynum Leatherwood Rd, Anniston, owned by Justin Livingston c/o Johnnie Livingston (L/E) and (2) 5328 Glade Rd, Anniston, owned by Manuel Ferrera. The owners were notified of the meeting, but no representatives were present. Commissioner Henderson motioned to declare properties as

recommended. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners. (2 RESOLUTIONS IN FILE)

Mr. Jonathan Gaddy presented a resolution to award the Highway Department Aluminized Pipe bid to Fallin Farms dba Harvey Culvert. Commissioner Henderson motioned to adopt the resolution, with the motion seconded by Commissioner Shears. The resolution was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution to award the Highway Department Concrete Pipe bid to Wells and Wells LLC. Commissioner Henderson motioned to adopt the resolution, with the motion seconded by Commissioner Howell. The resolution was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution to extend the contract for soft drink sales at the Sports Complex with Coca-Cola through April 9, 2027. The resolution also approved new pricing, as submitted by Coca-Cola, effective January 1, 2026. Commissioner Wilson moved to adopt the resolution, with Commissioner Shears seconding the motion. The resolution was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy submitted a resolution to amend the groundskeeping bid, specifying the correct monthly award for facilities 33A-33G as \$565.00. Commissioner Henderson motioned to adopt the resolution, and Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The resolution was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all Commissioners. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a surplus resolution declaring several vehicles and tractors assigned to the Highway Department as surplus property to be sold at auction. Commissioner Shears motioned to adopt the resolution, and Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners. (RESOLUTION IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution allowing the Commission to apply for an ADECA grant for the State Energy Program for purchase and installation of HVAC equipment for county facilities. Commissioner Henderson moved to adopt the resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Howell. The motion received unanimous approval through a voice vote of all Commissioners. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy presented a subdivision acceptance letter for Cedar Springs Estate. Commissioner Shears motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the acceptance on behalf of Calhoun County, with Commissioner Wilson seconding. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of all Commissioners present. (LETTER ON FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented an agreement with Paypoint HR to conduct a classification and compensation study for \$45,000.00. Commissioner Howell motioned to authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement, which was seconded by Commissioner Henderson. The motion was approved unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented an agreement with JM Wood Auction Company for the auction of surplus equipment. Commissioner Henderson motioned to authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement, which was seconded by Commissioner Shears. The motion was approved unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners. (AGREEMENT IN FILE)

Mr. Gaddy presented a resolution regarding local regulation, licensing, and oversight of halfway houses, sober living facilities, and recovery residences pursuant to Alabama Act 2025-109. Commissioner Shears moved to adopt the resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Henderson. The motion received unanimous approval through a voice vote of all Commissioners. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Gaddy announced that the term for the district 3 representative on the 911 Board of Directors is nearing expiration. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to reappoint Mr. Gary Sparks for an additional four-year term commencing March 1, 2026. Commissioner Shears seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners.

Mr. Gaddy announced that the term for the district 4 representative on the 911 Board of Directors is nearing expiration. Commissioner Howell made a motion to reappoint Chief Johnnie Phelps for an additional four-year term commencing March 1, 2026. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners.

Mr. Gaddy announced that the term for the district 5 representative on the 911 Board of Directors is nearing expiration. Commissioner Shears made a motion to reappoint Mr. Ken McElroy for an additional four-year term commencing March 1, 2026. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners.

Mr. Gaddy announced that the term for the at-large representative on the 911 Board of Directors is nearing expiration. Commissioner Shears made a motion to reappoint Mr. Van Roberts Sr. for an additional four-year term commencing March 1, 2026. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners.

Mr. Gaddy announced that the term for the at-large representative on the MDA Board is nearing expiration. Commissioner Shears made a motion to reappoint Mr. Philip Smith for an additional three-year term commencing March 1, 2026. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioners.

Chairman Patterson opened the floor for public comments.

Mr. Johnny Warren, Anniston EMS President, thanked the Commission and shared information about Alabama House Bill 400 affecting ambulance providers.

Mr. Richard Rybka from Coosa Riverkeeper announced a volunteer cleanup at Harts Ferry Park on February 28th.

Chairman Patterson thanked Commissioner Howell for his nine months as Commission Chairman and praised his performance.

Commissioner Henderson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Howell. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all Commissioner. Accordingly, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.