

STIMULUS CHECKS! I hope you have already or are expecting to receive yours really soon. I know this will meet many needs that you have, and I know you are thankful to receive these funds. I encourage you to SHOP LOCAL. I know this has been hard individually, but your town has shouldered some financial burden as well. Keep your money in Jacksonville; this will help Jacksonville continue to serve you!

This is my 4th update going through this coronavirus outbreak. I don't know about you, but I am anxious to get back to our normal, day-to-day lives. The life where we didn't have to worry about having a lunch date, playing at the park, going to work, or even getting married! This has been an exhausting and stressful time. But I can assure you, that God will get us through this too; He is faithful.

The city continues to operate under Level III of the Infectious Disease/Pandemic Policy and will until further notice. For all of you tech savvy people, this means we will be hosting our City Council meetings through ZOOM and live streaming it on YouTube as we normally do. We believe this will actually give viewers a better quality of video as well. Also, I will remind you that some services may be delayed due to the flexible schedules our departments are working to try to protect our employees. Hang in there with us though; we will all get through this together and with God!

Conference calls are still how we are keeping up-to-date on this situation. As of this writing, Calhoun County has 62 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19, including 7 positive cases admitted at RMC Anniston and 1 positive COVID death. I can't stress enough the stay-at-home order Governor Ivey passed and I urge you to follow those guidelines. Only make necessary trips for food and medicine, etc. The more we practice social distancing the quicker we can bid this coronavirus goodbye. The Calhoun County EMA has established the Calhoun County Resource Center. It is fully operational and can be reached by dialing 2-1-1. Reach out to them for any questions, concerns or needs you may have during this time. They are open Monday-Friday, from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm. EMA also created the Calhoun County Unified Command, using some of the members of the Infectious Disease Task Force and utilizing employees from the different municipalities to be a part of this Unified Command as well. This command was created because the coronavirus is affecting all areas of our county and the need to cooperate as a county will make for greater results. The Unified Command focus is currently:

- The health and safety of **First Responders**.
- Capturing data to stay abreast of how this situation is unfolding
- Studying the capacity need for an alternative care location.
- Continuing to work on obtaining necessary supplies such as, PPE, ventilators, test kits, etc.

I continue to pray that we start to see the decline of the coronavirus sooner rather than later. Please join me in that prayer. God is going to show us great and mighty things through this outbreak if we will be faithful to Him. This was all a shock to us, but I assure you that God was not caught off guard.

On a different topic, I would like to encourage you to complete your Census 2020 forms. It takes only about 5 minutes online (<https://2020census.gov/en.html>) to answer the 10 questions. The deadline is August 14th, but please complete sooner to avoid door knockers during this pandemic. Completing the census is important to how much federal funding the State/City receives for roads, schools, Medicare, Medicaid and other programs. It also determines how many representatives the state gets. Below is

the current participation rates. I would love to see Jacksonville leading the area and the state. We can only get it done with your help!!

- Statewide = 48.2%
- Calhoun County = 50.0%
- Jacksonville = 47.9%
- Anniston = 48.0%
- Oxford = 54.2%
- Gadsden = 48.5%
- Talladega = 46.2%