

*The Calhoun County Area Chamber & Visitors Center Mission is to promote and sustain the economic growth of the Calhoun County Region, resulting in a community that is a dynamic place to work, visit and live.*

### 2021 State Legislative Agenda

#### Economic Development

**The Calhoun County Area Chamber & Visitors Center believes the state should invest in economic development and develop programs that result in jobs and investment.**

- Monitoring proposed legislation that could adversely affect the business environment
- Support and defend historic tax credits and exemptions
- Support initiatives that assist existing industry, new business recruitment, cybersecurity and technology growth
- Support initiatives to enhance the Calhoun County Area's tourism industry
- Support commercial developments and business incubator growth
- Support initiatives that address the issue of homelessness in Calhoun County

#### Infrastructure

**The Calhoun County Area Chamber & Visitors Center believes a strong transportation infrastructure is critical in developing and expanding commerce.**

- Increase Alabama's investments in Calhoun County's Area transportation infrastructure to sustain and promote economic growth job creation, quality of life and public safety
- Support a viable Infrastructure plan that would position Calhoun County Area for future growth and business recruitment
- Support the expansion of fiber optics throughout the Calhoun County Area

#### Education and Workforce Development

**The Calhoun County Area Chamber & Visitors Center believes a strong and integrated education system, from preschool through higher education, is vital in workforce and talent development.**

- Support measures which positively affect Gadsden State Community College and Jacksonville State University
- Support measures for increased career tech training programs
- Advocate for implementation of Pre-K programs in all public schools
- Support measures for higher graduation standards in Calhoun County Students

#### Healthcare

**The Calhoun County Area Chamber & Visitors Center supports funding and state policies that will have a positive impact on the healthcare for the citizens in the Calhoun County area.**

- Support expanding the scope of practice for Nurse Practitioners in rural areas.
- Support initiatives for the Medicaid expansion program