

February 7, 2022

At a scheduled meeting of the Walker County Commission held in their office in the Walker County Courthouse Annex, Jasper, Alabama, at 9:30 a.m. on the 7th day of February 2022, Chairman Miller gave the welcome and called the meeting to order.

After Chairman Miller gave the invitation for comment from citizens and other elected officials, the County Administrator called the roll and commissioners present were: Keith Davis, Jeff Burrough, Jim Borden and Steven Aderholt.

Commissioner Aderholt gave the invocation and County Administrator Robbie Dickerson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Davis to add Classification of the Investigations Assistant to the Agenda as item 1(a), to approve the Agenda as amended, to approve the Minutes of the January 18, 2022 & January 26, 2022 meetings and to approve the Claims Against the County for January, 2022.

With no discussion, the vote taken resulted as follows: District One: Aye; District Two: Aye; District Three: Aye; District Four: Aye.

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to open discussion of the COVID Employee Pay Resolution.

After explanation by County Administrator Robbie Dickerson, input by County Attorney Richard Fikes, and a brief discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve the COVID Employee Pay Resolution.

With no further discussion, the vote taken resulted as follows: District One: Aye; District Two: Aye; District Three: Aye; District Four: Aye.

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

County Administrator Robbie Dickerson stated that they will be talking to employees about payroll direct deposit. She stated, "It will be a benefit to our employees and it will also be a benefit to the Commission on the cost of doing checks and so forth. It has finally become economical enough to switch and it pay for itself just in labor, not counting the cost of checks, toner and envelopes."

Upon inquiry by Commissioner Davis, Robbie stated that there is no timeframe on the transition at this point, but that the bank is just waiting on them to get started.

Chairman Miller stated, "This will be a benefit for the employees of the county."

County Engineer Mike Short stated, "I want the Commissioners to know that I'm in the process of meeting with paving contractors to get you estimates. Hopefully, that will take place here in the next week or so. And we're just trying to get set up and get going as quickly as possible when the weather turns. If you have any requests, you can text them to me or call me, whatever, and I will get those reviewed and something back to you for your decision."

Commissioner Davis stated he needed to get with him as he has a ton of roads being paved as soon as the weather breaks and that he needs to add a couple of roads to that list. He also advised the other Commissioners if they had the roads and funding to do them, to get them while they are here because they've been waiting a year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to open discussion of the Classification of Jail Captain Approval.

After explanation by Sheriff Nick Smith, motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to approve the Classification of Jail Captain.

With no further discussion, the vote taken resulted as follows: District One: Aye; District Two: Aye; District Three: Aye; District Four: Aye.

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Davis to open discussion of the Classification of Investigations Assistant.

After explanation by Sheriff Nick Smith and him stating that the Commission had voted on this back in September, input from County Attorney Richard Fikes and Chairman Miller adding that the Civil Service Board wanted the specific name Investigations Assistant, motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to approve the Classification of Investigations Assistant.

With no further discussion, the vote taken resulted as follows: District One: Aye; District Two: Aye; District Three: Aye; District Four: Aye.

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to open discussion of the RJ Young Copier Agreement for Appraisal and Mapping.

After explanation by Revenue Commissioner Jerry Guthrie, motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to approve the RJ Young Copier Agreement for Appraisal and Mapping.

With no discussion, the vote taken resulted as follows: District One: Aye; District Two: Aye; District Three: Aye; District Four: Aye.

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to open discussion of Fund 120-Appraisal and Mapping Budget Amendment Approval.

After explanation by County Administrator Robbie Dickerson that this is just a line-item shift to pay for the copier, motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to approve the Fund 120-Appraisal and Mapping Budget Amendment.

With no further discussion, the vote taken resulted as follows: District One: Aye; District Two: Aye; District Three: Aye; District Four: Aye.

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to open discussion of WCHAC (Shelter) to hire a Part-time Common Laborer.

After explanation by Animal Shelter Director Kay Farley, motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to approve the WCHAC (Shelter) to hire a Part-time Common Laborer.

With no further discussion, the vote taken resulted as follows: District One: Aye; District Two: Aye; District Three: Aye; District Four: Aye.

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to open discussion of Housing Authority of Walker County Board Appointments.

After explanation by County Administrator Robbie Dickerson that the Housing Authority had requested Mr. John Tidwell be reappointed to the Board of Directors with his term ending on February 22, 2027, motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Borden to approve the reappointment of Mr. John Tidwell to the Housing Authority of Walker County.

With no discussion, the vote taken resulted as follows: District One: Aye; District

Two: Aye; District Three: Aye; District Four: Aye.

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to open discussion of the Tri-County Agency for Intellectual Disabilities Board Appointment.

After explanation by County Administrator Robbie Dickerson that they had received a letter to reappoint Mr. Jonathan Mayhall for an additional six years to the Tri-County Agency for Intellectual Disabilities Board, motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to approve the Tri-County Agency for Intellectual Disabilities Board Appointment.

With no discussion, the vote taken resulted as follows: District One: Aye; District Two: Aye; District Three: Aye; District Four: Aye.

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Davis to open discussion of the Work Session February 16, 2022.

After a brief discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Davis that the Commission have a Work Session on February 17th, 2022 at 10 a.m.

With no further discussion, the vote taken resulted as follows: District One: Aye; District Two: Aye; District Three: Aye; District Four: Aye.

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to open discussion of the Correction of Marc Stephens' position as Principal Engineering Technician.

After explanation by Chairman Miller and County Engineer Mike Short, motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Borden to approve the Correction of Marc Stephens' position as Principal Engineering Technician.

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to open discussion of Appointment of Business License Inspector and discussion of duties and responsibilities.

After explanation by Honorable Probate Judge Lee Tucker, input from County Attorney Richard Fikes and Chairman Miller and much discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Davis to table this motion, but he withdrew if for further discussion, and after further discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Borden to table this motion to the next meeting.

With no further discussion, the vote taken resulted as follows: District One: Aye; District Two: Aye; District Three: Aye; District Four: Aye.

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

After County Attorney Richard Fikes stated that he has given a letter to the County Administrator indicating what they will be discussing in executive session involves pending or threatened litigation and meets the qualifications for an executive session, motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Jim Borden to retire to Executive Session and to reconvene.

(Commission retired to Executive Session)
(Commission reconvenes)

Chairman Miller called the meeting back to order.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Davis asked that everyone pray for them and God Bless. He said the COVID virus is still around and for everyone to stay safe.

Commissioner Burrough thanked everyone for coming and had no further comments.

Commissioner Borden thanked everybody for coming and had no further comments.

Commissioner Aderholt thanked everyone for coming. He stated that he thoroughly enjoyed the rodeo last year and invited everyone to attend. He said it was good to get the citizens involved in these events. He wanted to put on the record that in response to the individual's earlier remarks that he doesn't return phone calls, that he has a system in District Four where they log all their calls and that he had tried twice to return the individual's call, but had no response.

Chairman Miller stated that he also wanted to thank everyone for coming and that he enjoyed the rodeo also. He said it was for young and old folks alike.

ADJOURN:

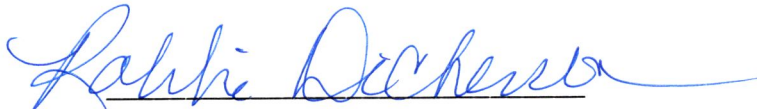
Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Davis, that this meeting be adjourned to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled meeting or at the call of the Chairman.

With no discussion, the vote taken resulted as follows: District One: Aye; District Two: Aye; District Three: Aye; District Four: Aye.

With no opposition the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Read and Approved:


Chairman


Attest