

May 18, 2026

At a scheduled meeting of the Walker County Commission held in their offices in the Walker County Courthouse Annex, Jasper, Alabama, at 9:30 a.m. on the 18th day of May 2026, 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, County Administrator Amy Frederickson called the roll and Commissioners present were John Dunagan, Jeff Burrough, and Jim Borden.

Ms. Kelly Bailey gave the invocation and Mayor Terry Burgett led the pledge of allegiance.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATION:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to Approve the Agenda; to Approve the Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2026 and the Emergency Meeting of May 6, 2026.

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

County Administrator Amy Frederickson stated, "Good morning, everyone. I don't have anything of note today."

County Engineer Glenn Peek stated, "We currently have a few paving projects in process and there are also some crews out striping roads.

And then, also, we have the project at the airport, which is on schedule, right now. So, the runway has been milled and hopefully we will be paving within the next week or so."

Commissioner Burrough stated, "I have a question. Did we get any milling?"

County Engineer Glenn Peek stated, "Yes. It's being hauled to District One."

Commissioner Borden stated, "Well, I've got a question while we're in your section. Our Grant for our Brown's Bridge?"

County Engineer Glenn Peek stated, "I have not had a chance to check on it this morning, yet. So, I assumed it was going to be this week, so I'll try and see if I can find

out about that.”

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

(1) Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of Revenue Office’s 2025 DFC 22 Financial Settlement Reports.

After explanation by Revenue Commissioner Jerry Davis, Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to Approve the 2025 Revenue Office’s DFC 22 Financial Settlement Reports.

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

(2) Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to open discussion of Discussion and Approval to Temporarily Appoint Ms. Linda Ingram to the Board of Equalization for June 2026 Board of Equalization Hearings.

After explanation by Revenue Commissioner Jerry Davis, Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to Approve to Temporarily Appoint Ms. Linda Ingram to the Board of Equalization for June 2026 Board of Equalization Hearings.

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

(3) Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of SS4A Simple Grants \$13,500.00 Proposal.

After explanation and recommendation by County Engineer Glenn Peek, Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to approve SS4A Simple Grants \$13,500.00 Proposal.

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

(4) Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to open discussion of Discussion and Approval to cancel the Commission's August 17th, 2026 Regularly Scheduled Meeting Due to Lack of Quorum.

After explanation by Chairman Miller that they will be attending an ACCA Conference, Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to Approve to cancel the Commission's August 17th, 2026 Regularly Scheduled Meeting Due to Lack of Quorum.

After a brief discussion, the vote taken resulted as follows: District One: Aye; District Two: Aye; District Three: Aye.

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

(5) Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of Cattleman's Association to Use Old Fairground Property June 13th – June 23rd for Rodeo(s) Contingent Upon the Association's Provision of Required Insurance and Completed Documentation by June 10, 2026.

After explanation by Ms. Janet Adams, Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to Approve the Cattleman's Association to Use Old Fairground Property June 13th – June 23rd for Rodeo(s) Contingent Upon the Association's Provision of Required Insurance and Completed Documentation by June 10, 2026.

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

(6) Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of Walker County Landfill Holiday Closures as follows:

- a. Memorial Day Weekend – Saturday, May 23rd, 2026;
- b. Independence Day – Saturday, July 4th, 2026; and
- c. Labor Day Weekend – Saturday, September 5th, 2026.

Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to approve Walker County Landfill Holiday Closures as follows:

- a. Memorial Day Weekend – Saturday, May 23rd, 2026;
- b. Independence Day – Saturday, July 4th, 2026; and
- c. Labor Day Weekend – Saturday, September 5th, 2026.

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared this motion carried.

(7) Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of the Following In-Service Transfers from the Eligible Register, Effective Today, May 18th, 2026:

- a. Mr. Jamie Fuller, Mr. Patrick Jenkins, and Ms. Nicole Nuss to the Full-Time Position of Utility Worker/Maintenance Technician in the Solid Waste Department; and
- b. Mr. Bobby Tucker to Full-Time Position of Solid Waste Supervisor in the Solid Waste Department.

After explanation by Solid Waste Director Rodney Cain, Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Borden to Approve the Following In-Service Transfers from the Eligible Register, Effective Today, May 18th, 2026:

- a. Mr. Jamie Fuller, Mr. Patrick Jenkins and Ms. Nicole Nuss to the Full-Time Position of Utility Worker/Maintenance Technician in the Solid Waste Department; and
- b. Mr. Bobby Tucker to Full-Time Position of Solid Waste Supervisor in the Solid Waste Department.

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Dunagan stated, "Thank everybody for coming and continue to pray for the Curry Volunteer Fire Department Community and the Meeks family in the passing of Richard. He was a good one."

Commissioner Burrough stated, "Thank each and everybody for coming. Thank you, Ms. Bailey, for that wonderful prayer. I appreciate you coming.

Also, too, I know we all are continuing cutting and mowing. You know, I have a decoration book. We've been working decorations, trying to help people and I think a lot of people have had a lot of good, you know, pretty days for decorations and stuff. We're out in the community trying to help, you know, clean those type areas up. Be aware of our workers, like I said, summertime is here and we're mostly cutting grass and doing maintenance work.

Also, I would like to add an item to the agenda as number 8.

Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to add Item 8 – Dale Fowler’s CPA, LLC, Certified Public Accountant for the County Commission. Commissioner Burrough stated, “And this has to do with our certified public accountant.”

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

(8) Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to open discussion of Discussion and Approval to Hire Dale Fowler CPA, LLC, Certified Public Account to handle financials and audits for the County Commission.

After explanation by County Administrator Amy Frederickson, who stated that the other accountant has taken a position with IRS, and after input from Chairman Miller, Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to approve to Hire Dale Fowler CPA, LLC, Certified Public Accountant for the Walker County Commission.

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Commissioner Borden stated, “I just want to reiterate what the first two said, the loss in that community. These volunteer firemen, ladies and gentlemen, as I always said, they show up anytime you truly need help and nobody else is coming, they will do everything in their power to get there. They’re good pillars of the communities that they represent. Again, just thank everyone for being here.”

He added that some of the roads that they’re wanting to do in District Three are hinging on a Grant that this is the second year that they’ve applied for, that if it comes through it allows District Three to do an extra project.

Commissioner Borden continued, “Again, I just reach out and ask our Legislators in Montgomery. They know our grants are out there. I ask them to step up and help us Commissioners on a local level to try to secure some of the funding that we need. It’s not that we’re not applying for grants, we’re applying. We’re not getting anything, or I have not received anything since I’ve been in office in the way of a grant, other than the Tubbs’ Hill. Again, I just hope that Montgomery realizes the need that we have on the local level and they step up and try to help us secure some of the funding that is supposedly out there to work on these roads and to try to better our communities.

We’ve been bushhogging. Our general road maintenance goes every day. You know, when our crews are out working it’s a very dangerous environment. Glenn has stepped up. We’ve really improved our safety program. We actually had an 8-hour class, I think it was, for our employees out on the roads and in all of the departments.

You don't realize, but in a business office there are hazards associated with that. I just ask people to be careful and be courteous to the guys. They're out there all day long working, doing the best they can with what we have for them to do with."

Chairman Miller stated, "Well, I, too, would like to say thank you for everyone coming. And Ms. Bailey, we certainly enjoyed that prayer and we do appreciate you being here and just continue that for the Lord, that's the main thing. The firefighters at Curry, just continue to remember them. Richard was an awesome guy and actually my second cousin. And we just appreciate the firefighters and appreciate what Richard had done. They're going to miss him, so y'all continue to pray for the fire department at Curry and all the other fire association regulars.

We've got a lot going on in the county. As Mr. Tucker said, tomorrow is voting day. So go vote everybody. And that is how we get our voices out there. That is how we run America. You know, it starts locally and goes nationally. So, remember as we move forward here in the County Commission, roads are a major project. I see a lot of Facebook ads, a lot of things, you know, telling us that we should do better with the money, all these kinds of things. If there was enough money here to pave the roads, believe me, we would. But, when you're looking at 180 million dollars to pave roads in Walker County at a minimum and you have 2 or 3 million a year, that math just don't work.

There's just a lot of things that we need. We do need a new financial input; we need some funds. I certainly want better roads for Walker County. I know these guys up here do. Think about this: If you have a one cent sales tax, if you spent ten thousand dollars a year, that's a hundred dollars for you to drive on better roads. If you spend twenty thousand, that's two hundred dollars for you to drive on better roads. If you spend thirty thousand, that's three hundred to drive on better roads. I want better. Do you the citizens of Walker County want better?

If we want better, it costs money. We're doing everything we can by putting this Five Million Dollars that we had saved up and worked on and spreading out between these districts at a Million Two Hundred and Fifty thousand (\$1,250,000.00). But folks, that don't go far. That's a lot of money, but it don't go far in road paving business. So, we need your help folks in Walker County.

Mr. Ed, I hope you ask them again in the paper, in this article.

So, with that, I would entertain a motion to adjourn into executive session. Our attorney will be in-house momentarily. He has been in a hearing this morning and we've got a letter in here. So, I would entertain a motion to adjourn into executive session and not return."

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Burrough that this meeting be adjourned to executive session 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.

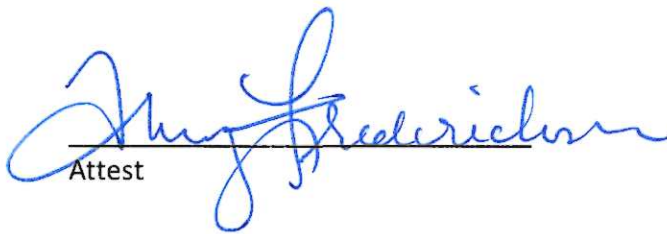
With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

(Commission adjourned to Executive Session)

Read and Approved:



Chairman



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May 15, 2026

Steve Miller
WALKER COUNTY COMMISSION

Re: COMMISSION MEETING/EXECUTIVE SESSION
5/18/26

Dear Chairman Miller:

A governmental body may enter into executive session under certain provisions provided in the Alabama Open Meetings Act. This includes the discussion of pending or threatened litigation, or to receive legal advice. See Ala. Code § 36-25A-7(a)(5). It is my opinion that the Walker County Commission should enter executive session to discuss pending litigation.

Very truly yours,



Charles R. Stephens, Jr.

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