

June 15, 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 15th day of June 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, Jim Borden and Steven Aderholt.

Ms. Kelly gave the Invocation and Mayor Burgett led the pledge of allegiance.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATION:

Commissioner Burrough spoke on behalf of Ms. Heather Bridges regarding a Walk for Lives event on July 11, 2026, at Gamble Park.

Photos were taken of the Walker County Commission presenting check to Representatives of 3D Resolution from the Opioid Funding.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

After County Administrator Amy Frederickson stated that the petition to Vacate has been published, Chairman Miller asked if anyone had any public comments. The Petitioner, Mr. William Black, made a comment that this is basically his driveway and he owns all the adjoining property and he would like to pave his driveway. He said he was here to answer any questions, but no questions were posed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to Approve the Agenda and to Approve the Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 2, 2026.

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.

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

County Administrator Amy Frederickson stated, "Good morning, everyone. This is just a brief reminder that Fiscal Year 2027 Department Budgets will be due July 14th. If anyone needs any assistance, I'll be happy to help."

County Engineer Glenn Peek stated, "Our Airport Paving Project looks to be on schedule, as long as the weather holds off. I don't know how that's going to work after this week. We're wrapping up paving into Kansas on Old 78 Highway. We've got a section of Empire Road scheduled to start paving this month. And we also have some roads that are still being striped."

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 Petition to Vacate the Spur off Harbor Loop (Dogwood Circle), District One.

After explanation by Commissioner Dunagan, Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Borden to Approve the Petition to Vacate the Spur off Harbor Loop (Dogwood Circle), District One.

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

(2) Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to open discussion of Discussion and Approval to Schedule FY2027 Budget Work Session #1 on Thursday, July 23, 2026, at 9:30am in Commission Meeting Room.

After explanation by Chairman Miller, Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to Approve to Schedule FY2027 Budget Work Session #1 on Thursday, July 23, 2026, at 9:30am in Commission Meeting Room.

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.

(3) Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of Request to Increase Mail Fee from \$2.00 to \$3.58 to Adjust for Increased Postage Rates.

After explanation by Probate Judge A. Lee Tucker, input by Chairman Miller, and a brief discussion, Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to Approve Request to Increase Mail Fee from \$2.00 to \$3.58 to Adjust for Increased Postage Rates.

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.

(4) Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of \$1,000,000.00 General Obligation Warrant for FY2026 Road Projects Approved During the Commission's May 04, 2026, Regular Meeting.

After explanation by Chairman Miller that the bank needs this to give him the authority to sign the paperwork to get the loan coming on what was approved for road projects on May 4th, 2026, Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to approve the \$1,000,000.00 General Obligation Warrant for FY2026 Road Projects Approved During the Commission's May 04, 2026, Regular Meeting.

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.

(5) Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Borden to open discussion of Discussion and Approval to Hire Mr. Brandon Kelly in the Full-Time Position of Driver/Operator within the Solid Waste Department with Effective Start Date of June 17, 2026 – Conditioned Upon Mr. Kelly's Satisfactory Completion of Drug Screening and Hiring Paperwork.

After comments by Commissioner Borden, Motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Borden to approve to Hire Mr. Brandon Kelly in the Full-Time Position of Driver/Operator within the Solid Waste Department with Effective Start Date of June 17, 2026 – Conditioned Upon Mr. Kelly's Satisfactory Completion of Drug Screening and Hiring Paperwork.

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.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Aderholt stated, "Thank everybody for being here. Appreciate your attention to County Government. Ms. Kelly, I appreciate your being here. We're working hard for the taxpayers in Walker County and District Four. I appreciate everybody's cooperation. Let's keep moving forward in a positive direction in Walker County."

Commissioner Borden stated, "Along those lines, again, thank everyone for being here. We'll hopefully get our paving projects with this money that we just approved today. This is part of the Million Dollars that each of us are going to receive. I think most of us have already got with Glenn. We have a project lined up, so that will be, a positive."

Again, I just want to thank Mr. Cain for the job he does. That is not an easy job, maintaining and keeping up with what goes on day in and day out with – the Solid Waste is a large operation.

Again, we're still out mowing right-of-ways. We started out doing good because it was a very dry spring, but now the Good Lord has blessed us with rains. So, what we cut a month ago, month and a half ago, you would think we've not bushhogged this year, but we're continuing to do that, District Three still continues to go out. We're battling the potholes situation again. Some of these monies that we're receiving will help on some of the roads. But it is a mere drop in the bucket of what we need to really make a substantial change in the road conditions."

Commissioner Burrough stated, "Also, I'd like to thank each person for being here and your concern for our County Government and we hope that we can make decisions that move this County forward every time we meet. Also, I guess, I'll re-mention these events Walk for Life on July 11th; we also have the Rodeo this weekend; those are two events you can get out and support people trying to make a difference in Walker County. And on the paving projects, I've had one complete in Kansas this week. Also, tractors are out trying to catch up on the mowing."

Thank y'all for coming and I thank the Mayor for all that he's doing in District Two. He takes over the Nauvoo area. He's the Mayor of Nauvoo and he does an excellent job of trying to, you know, make the roads better, make the bridges better, and he's applying for grants and stuff for that area, too, and it affects me and we sort of overlap constituents and I want to thank him for doing the job that he does."

Commissioner Dunagan stated; "Thank everybody for coming. We are also out cutting and cutting overhead limbs. If y'all see my guys out working, please use caution. That's about all I've got."

Chairman Miller stated, "Well, I too, would like to say thank you for attending your Commission Meeting. We are trying very hard to come up with funding to pave roads. We're struggling to do that. This Five Million Dollars will go so far. And we need

more funding and doing the best we can.

Let's remember that the America 250 is this year. And we have Ms. Renee Sides here who is definitely working hard and Ms. Amy on the America 250.

This July there is going to be a lot of things going on in this County. The Mayor spoke about their Flag Raising for American 250. Jasper had one a couple of days ago over here, you know, so there's a lot of things going on across this country. So, July the 4th is really important this year for America.

Also, I'd like to say on July the 8th out here on the Courthouse Square we will be reading the Declaration of Independence. And that will coincide across this country. It starts at 6 o'clock in the Eastern, which will be 5 o'clock here. And then the schedule just goes on all the way across the West Coast, so that we're reading those Declarations of Independence at the same time. So, I want everybody to be aware of that and get the word out and Daily Mountain Eagle, July the 8th. We need that most of all. You know, we're all patriots. We're all Americans, Alabamians, Walker Countians, you know, and that flag means something to me just like it does every Veteran. And we appreciate the Veterans and always want to say, 'Thank You', for their service. If we can do anything to promote this country, that's certainly what we want to do.

So, we appreciate each and every one of you. And with that said, we'd entertain a motion to adjourn."

Probate Judge A. Lee Tucker reminded everyone that tomorrow is election day.

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden 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; District Three: Aye; District Four: Aye.

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Read and Approved:


Chairman


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