

November 17, 2025

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 17th day of November 2025, 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.

Commissioner Burrough gave the invocation and Representative Greg Barnes led the pledge of allegiance.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATION:

1. Proclamation: Alabama Farm City-Week 2025 was read by Chairman Steve Miller proclaiming November 21 through November 27, 2025, as Alabama Farm-City Week.
2. The County Commission was addressed by our newly elected District 13 House Representative, Mr. Greg Barnes, who indicated an eagerness to work with the Commission.
3. The Commission made a Presentation of FY2026 Appropriation Checks to the following:
 - a. Walker County Economic & Industrial Development Authority (\$100,000.00);
 - b. Walker County Chamber of Commerce (\$20,000.00);
 - c. Walker County Community Action Agency (\$5000.00);
 - d. Walker County Department of Transportation (\$5,000.00);
 - e. East Walker Chamber of Commerce (\$5,000.00);
 - f. Auburn Extension Office (\$7,500.00); and
 - g. ARC of Walker County (\$5,000.00)
(Photos were taken of the recipients receiving their appropriations checks)

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to Approve the Agenda and to Approve the Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 3, 2025.

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. First order of business, our WEX cards that were issued three years ago, anyone who currently has them and has not brought them in to have them replaced, they're expiring as of the end of November, so any time you have between now and preferably Thanksgiving to send in your employees or bring them in, we can exchange them." She stated that they do need the original issued WEX cards so that they can swap one for one.

"Secondly of all, you'll notice there are some pledge forms on the table at the very back. We've been asked by M4A, the Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging -- Although it came to an end, the government shutdown placed a spotlight on meal delivery and preparations services, particularly for our senior citizens. Of concern was whether, or not these meals would have continued to be provided throughout the month to our residents that are in need. Thankfully M4A their reserves allowed meal delivery services to continue through the month of November, regardless of whether, or not the government opened. Even so, there were many seniors that are currently on a wait list from our area. If you find it within your heart, they ask for us to donate to their program, 'Hearts for the Hungry.' It allows several different sponsorships in the form of one month all the way up to one year. It's a worthwhile cause.

Secondly, United Way of Central Alabama for Walker County have requested, let's see. In 2024 United Way of Central Alabama invested just over 1.5 million dollars in programs and services for Walker County residents. Among the 44 agencies and programs that were funded in part by United Way, several affiliate organizations made notable contributions to our communities, including Scouting of America, allowing 627 K-12 students to participate in career development programs; ARC of Walker County providing early intervention services to 425 children; and the Salvation Army distributing 33,640 pounds of food as well as serving 15,000 hot meals to the residents of Walker County throughout the year. Your

continuing support of these services depends on community donations. And every penny counts, so if you are able and motivated to do so, please consider donating. We've placed pledge forms on the table at the back of the room along with informational pamphlets, so if it sits on your heart, please return the completed pledge forms and donations to the Commission Office by the end of this week, so we can get it to them for the next year. That's all I have today."

County Engineer Glenn Peek stated, "Paving jobs on Walston Bridge Road, Sunlight Road and Pineywoods Road are completed with striping done, construction signs to be removed within about thirty days. Sharon Boulevard bid will be opened next week and we are working on a few other paving projects and one bridge project."

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

(1) Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of Walker County Community Action Agency's Proposal to Provide Support Services and Youth Preventative Education for Families of Drug and Alcohol Abuse & 2 Year Project Funding Request.

After explanation by Mrs. Deidre Tatum, many questions and much discussion, Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to table the motion until the next Commission Meeting to give them an opportunity to review the proposal and how it fits into the requirements for using Opioid funding.

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.

(2) Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to open discussion of Discussion and Approval to Enter Project Development Agreement with Path Company, LLC for the Development of an Energy Efficiency Performance Contract

with Walker County.

After explanation by Mr. Jacob McDonald, Representative of Pathway Company, input by County Attorney Charles R. Stephens, Jr., many questions and much discussion, Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to Approve to Enter Project Development Agreement with Path Company, LLC for the Development of an Energy Efficiency Performance Contract with Walker County.

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.

(3) Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of Alabama Scale Systems' \$59,635.00 Proposal for Walker County Landfill Scale Improvements Required for State Certification.

After explanation by Chairman Miller, Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to Approve the Alabama Scale Systems' \$59,635.00 Proposal for Walker County Landfill Scale Improvements Required for State Certification.

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.

(4) Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to open discussion of Discussion and Approval to Adopt Resolution "Authorizing Walker County to Protect the County's Interests by Intervening as a Defendant in the Simplified Seller Use Tax Litigation."

After County Administrator Amy Frederickson read the Resolution Authorizing Walker County to Protect the County's Interests by Intervening as a Defendant in the Simplified Seller Use Tax Litigation and explanation by Chairman Miller, Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to approve to Adopt Resolution "Authorizing Walker County to Protect the County's Interests by Intervening as a Defendant in the Simplified Seller Use Tax Litigation."

With no discussion, the vote taken by each Commissioner standing along with the Chairman and Representative Barnes, the vote resulted as

follows: District One: Aye; District Two: Aye; District Three: Aye, District Four: Aye.

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Dunagan stated, "Thank everybody for coming. Congratulations Greg on your position. And we will be calling on you for help. So, thank all of our employees for all the work you do. Like Glenn said, glad District One's Road Project came to a completion. Maybe we can do a few more when we get the funds in."

Commissioner Burrough, "I, also, want to thank each of you for being here. Mr. Barnes, congratulations on your new job. Sometimes it might be a thankless job being a public official, but anyways, we've got to have good people that try to do what's best for the County. Certainly, in the Commission we do beg and plead for any type of road revenue that we can get. We depend on very little money that we do get in the period of time to do roads. I mean it's just a miracle that we can pave three or four miles a district. And we appreciate the Chairman when he manages it to get us the extra, you know, revenue that we do get in. But anyways thank everybody for coming. I hope the Thanksgiving season is great and the rest of the holidays are for everybody that's here. And Jake, you guys, I look forward to working with you to try to help us save some money."

Commissioner Borden stated, "Thank everyone for being here. Again, Representative Barnes congratulations. One on our road paving, and Glenn, you can speak up here, on this, I've been getting calls – a lot of, I think, misinformation, the roads that District 3 has approved back a couple of months ago now, District 3 is waiting on the contractor. People are calling me saying you appropriate money and all, you're not paving the roads. The roads are going to be paved. I can't make the contractor show up. I've talked to them personally. Glenn has spoke to them. They have a lot of work to do. They are coming to District 3. We've got four roads, or

five roads, 4.2 miles of roads scattered throughout the district that is going to be paved. With that being said, we're going into the holiday season, I want to thank our county employees, especially our first responders out there. Ladies and gentlemen, you don't realize it, they don't have the holidays per say. They – and I've said in the past from our firefighters to our emergency medical people, law enforcement, fires, crimes and sickness does not stop just because it's a holiday. And these people, believe it or not, are out there when they get the call, they come to serve the community. So, remember them this holiday season. Again, everyone be safe this coming Thanksgiving. Don't do like I do, try to overeat. But with that said, again, just thank everyone for coming and have a good day."

Commissioner Aderholt stated, "Like these other gentlemen have said, I appreciate everybody for being here. Congratulations to Representative Barnes. We look forward to working with you. Again, thanks to all the employees and everybody that makes this county grind and do what we do. Again, I'd like to wish everybody a happy Thanksgiving. I hope you enjoy your families. And just remind everybody it's a great time of the year to let them know."

Chairman Miller stated, "I, too, would like to certainly thank everyone for attending and thank you for being interested in your county government. As they said, Thanksgiving is coming up and we certainly want to tell everybody to have a happy wonderful family time at Thanksgiving and happy Thanksgiving. Representative Barnes, we appreciate you being here. We appreciate your comments and look forward to working with you. And we will be calling on you. And, like I say, Mrs. Tatum, we appreciate certainly you being interested in helping with this opioid problem in the county. And thank you for what you already do, that's many, many hours, but we do thank you for taking on this new task. As Mr. Borden said something here about overeating, I don't think I'm going to do that, follow your advice, I think I will overeat, just like all you involved here. As we go on through these holidays, I hope and pray that all family members are safe and everybody gets to visit home and enjoy. We look forward to working with Path. We look forward to continuous success with Mr. Knight. I tell you, thank you for what you do there. You do an awesome job. I know there's more bright, wonderful things in the future. And Ms. Amy and Mr. Glenn. We thank both of y'all for what you do. And our attorney

Mr. Charlie Stephens does a great job. I know he has to put up with us. So, we appreciate you. At this time I'd entertain a motion to adjourn."

ADJOURN:

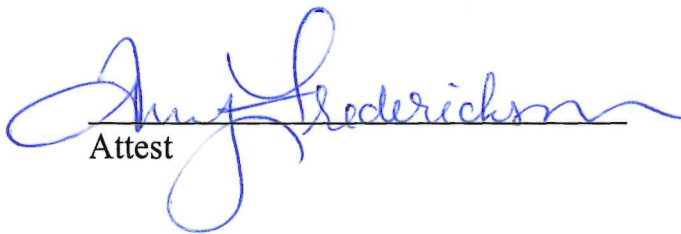
Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Burrough that this meeting be adjourned to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled meeting or at the call of the Chairman.

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


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