

December 1, 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 1st day of December 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, Barbara Higgins called the roll and Commissioners present were John Dunagan, Jeff Burrough, Jim Borden, and Steven Aderholt.

Commissioner Aderholt gave the invocation and County Engineer Glenn Peek led the pledge of allegiance.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATION:

Janet Clayton gave a presentation concerning the BUILD Grant that the County Commission may be interested in pursuing. Chairman Miller stated that they are already working on the STUDY grant that was awarded some time ago and that this grant (BUILD) goes hand in hand with that STUDY grant.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to Approve the Agenda; to Approve the Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 15, 2025; and to Approve the New Vendor List for November, 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 Engineer Glenn Peek stated, "We're working on plans for future projects, that includes the Gibson Hill Road Bridge and the stuff that's associated with the SS4A Grant."

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

(1) Motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of Bid #856 for Project WCP 64-06-25 Resurfacing and Striping County Road 81 (Sharon Blvd).

After explanation and recommendation by County Engineer Glenn Peek, Motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Borden to Approve the Bid #856 For Project WCP 64-06-25 Resurfacing and Striping County Road 81 (Sharon Blvd) to the low bidder Central Alabama Asphalt for \$237,680.

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.

(2) Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of TTL, Inc. Professional Services Agreement for Surveying, Bridge Hydraulic Evaluation, and Plan/Profile (Topo) Sheet for Pleasant Grove Road Bridge Replacement over Lost Creek.

After explanation by County Engineer Glenn Peek, Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to Approve the TTL, Inc. Professional Services Agreement for Surveying, Bridge Hydraulic Evaluation, and Plan/Profile (Topo) Sheet for Pleasant Grove Road Bridge Replacement over Lost Creek.

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 Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Borden to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of 2025 Employee Bonuses from Solid Waste Bonus Fund.

After explanation by Chairman Miller, Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to Approve the 2025 Employee Bonuses from Solid Waste Bonus Fund.

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 Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to open discussion of Discussion and Approval to Purchase Replacement 60-Gal Kettle for Jail Kitchen.

After explanation by Chairman Miller and much discussion, Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to approve to Purchase Replacement of 60-Gal Gas Kettle for Jail Kitchen from the lowest bidder (after the final bid is received, which is expected today) and to give the Chairman the authority to effectuate the purchase.

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.

(5) There was no response upon request of the Chairman to open for Discussion, Discussion and Approval of Request for \$68.31 Reimbursement to Chief Deputy Williams for Meals Purchased for Inmate Workers & Investigators During Law Enforcement Operation.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Dunagan stated, "Thank everybody for coming today. Also, I would like to personally thank everyone for the calls, texts, people showing up, and most of all the prayers on passing of mom. It meant a lot to see everybody and hear from everybody. I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving."

Commissioner Burrough stated, "I also I would publicly like to send my condolences to my friend next door. I went through that in July. It's tough losing your mom. But thank everybody for being here. There's not much to report out at District Two this past couple of weeks other than the weather has got real nasty. Some of the roads may start cracking causing little issues, but we will be on hand to take care of them. And hope everybody had a good Thanksgiving and look forward to getting through the rest of the holidays."

Commissioner Borden stated, "Thank everybody for being here. That's all I have."

Commissioner Aderholt stated, "The same thing. Thank everybody for being here and I would reiterate what Mr. Burrough said about this time of year we do get a lot of water on the roadways. This is the time of year when potholes do come out. We typically handle that in summertime and in the fall and spring with a pothole patcher and make a permanent fix on it, but from December through roughly February it's tough to keep them – they pop out quickly and you can't take a pothole patcher out there because you've got to be above a certain temperature to fix them. So, we use coal mix and other things until the winter season gets by us. Everybody be patient, spring is coming, we'll get them all taken care of permanently as soon as the weather heats back up."

Commissioner Burrough stated that he needs to add something to the agenda, which will be item 6. He stated that he wanted to add to the agenda what Janet brought up in her presentation, the BUILD Grant.

Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to add to the Agenda as Item 6, Discussion and Approval to apply for the BUILD Grant.

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

(6) Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to open for discussion, Discussion and Approval of the BUILD Grant.

After explanation by Chairman Miller, input by Janet Clayton and County

Engineer Glenn Peek, and much discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to approve for the Commission to apply for the BUILD Grant.

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.

Chairman Miller stated, "Thank everybody for coming. I hope everybody had a great Thanksgiving. Yes, ma'am, Ms. Tatum."

Ms. Deidre Tatum stated that she was told to come back to this meeting in reference to the Opioid Funds, that they were going to review the grant and the funds to make sure that her request was adequate and that she expected to hear something about that today.

Chairman Miller stated that they are working on looking at if and what they can do based on her request. With Thanksgiving and everything that came up, that Amy is out sick today and that they have just not got through with that, that's why it wasn't added back to agenda, that he and Attorney Stephens are still looking to see if they can spend the funding on some of those items, that that's what they're looking at, at the moment. He apologized. He said that they would definitely discuss it on the next meeting, which will be December the 15th.

Chairman Miller comments continued: "And we certainly appreciate everybody coming and hope everybody had a great Thanksgiving and please pray for all the folks in the United States of America. Our Country is a little – there's some problems and we certainly want to make sure everybody in the Christmas season has a good family time. And the United States just needs praying for. All right. If there's no other comments, at this time we'd entertain a motion to adjourn."


ADJOURN:

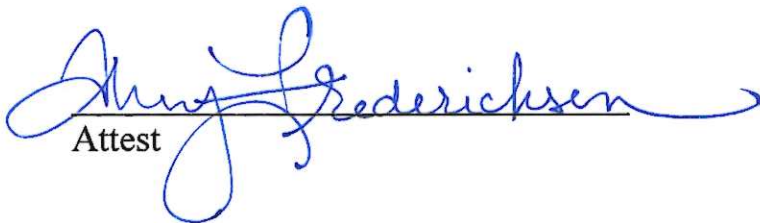
Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Burrough that this meeting be adjourned to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled meeting or at the call of the Chairman.

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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