

February 2, 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 2nd day of February 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.

Commissioner Burrough gave the invocation and Commissioner Dunagan led the pledge of allegiance.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATION:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to Approve the Agenda; to Approve the Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 20, 2026; and to Approve the New Vendor List for January 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. I have two matters that I'd like to address. The first is next Tuesday, February 10th, not this following Tuesday, but the following one, Retirement Systems of Alabama's Representatives will be here. I'd like to encourage anyone that's interested, they'll be covering the Employee's Retirement Systems Plan, as well as, the Deferred Compensation Plan. They'll be here from 1:00 to 2:00. And then I think we've had enough interest that they also will be having a second session from 2:30 to 3:30, so, again, it's not just for anyone contemplating retirement. Anyone that has questions or would like to have them look at anything, please feel free to join. We'd love to have you.

Second of all, wellness screenings - we have set the dates. They will be March 30th and March 31st. The timings and locations will be sent out to follow, probably this afternoon or the next day, if they haven't already gotten in touch with you. And that's it.

County Engineer Glenn Peek stated, "We're currently working on some paving plans for each of the districts. And I also have the Gibson Hill Bridge project still in process, which is a long one. And should begin some work on Sharon Boulevard here as soon as the weather breaks enough for them to start working on it."

Chairman Miller asked: "And one question on the project that the State is going to do around the Boldo area, do you have any timeline on what they may be doing there?"

County Engineer Peek answered: "Oh, for the Intersection of Boldo and 69?"

Chairman Miller replied: "Yes, sir."

County Engineer Glenn Peek stated: "I do not have a timeline on that yet. I did receive a phone call from the State, Nick Taylor, last week."

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

(1) Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of the Rebuild Alabama Act Annual Grant Program 2026 Application.

After explanation by County Engineer Glenn Peek, input by Commissioner Borden, and a brief discussion, Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to Approve the Rebuild Alabama Act Annual Grant Program 2026 Application.

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 Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to open discussion of Discussion and Approval to Retroactively Reappoint Mr. Dell Green to the Walker County Housing Authority Board.

After explanation by County Administrator Amy Frederickson that the Commission had received a letter from the Executive Director of the Housing Authority, Mr. Fowler, requesting his reappointment, and input from Commissioner Burrough, Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to Approve to Retroactively Reappoint Mr. Dell Green to the Walker County Housing

Authority Board.

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 Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of McGehee Engineering Corp. (MCE) \$12,000.00 Proposal for Boundary Survey at Old Airport for Agricultural Center.

After explanations by County Engineer Glenn Peek and Mr. David Knight, much discussion, and County Administrator Amy Frederickson correcting the amount from \$12,000 to \$12,200, as she had misread it, Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to Approve McGehee Engineering Corp. (MCE) \$12,200.00 Proposal for Boundary Survey at Old Airport for Agricultural Center.

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 Burrough to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of \$1,000,000.00 Transfer from Road and Bridge Fund to be Divided Equally Among District Gas Funds (\$250,000 each).

After explanation by County Engineer Glenn Peek and a brief discussion, Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to approve the \$1,000,000.00 Transfer from Road and Bridge Fund to be Divided Equally Among the Districts to be used for road maintenance. The money will be placed in each District's Gas Tax Fund (Funds 123, 124, 125, & 126).

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 Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to open discussion of Discussion and Approval to Create a Parks & Recreation Department Under Supervision of the Road & Bridge Department.

After explanation by Chairman Miller that there would be no new employees and no new funding, just to add the department to start looking for grants for this department, and input by Commissioner Aderholt, Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to Approve to Create a Parks & Recreation Department Under Supervision of the Road & Bridge Department.

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.

(6) Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Borden to open discussion of Discussion and Approval to Bid Replacement Pickup Trucks County-wide.

After explanation by County Engineer Glenn Peek and input by Commissioner Burrough, Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to approve to Bid Replacement Pickup Trucks County-wide.

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 this motion carried.

(7) Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to open discussion of Discussion and Approval to Classify as Surplus and Sell by Public Online Auction (GovDeals.com) County's Properties Located at Euclid Avenue & East 24th Street, Jasper, Alabama; Parcel ID #s 64-17-05-16-1-105-011.000 and 64-17-05-16-1-105-016.000.

After explanation by Chairman Miller, input by County Attorney Charles R. Stephens, Jr. and Revenue Commissioner Jerry Davis, and much discussion, Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to Approve to Classify as Surplus and Sell by Public Online Auction (GovDeals.com) County's Properties Located at Euclid Avenue & East 24th Street, Jasper, Alabama; Parcel ID #s 64-17-05-16-1-105-011.000 and 64-17-05-16-1-105-016.000 with a reserve amount based on the tax assessed value listed in the Revenue Office and subject to the approval of the County Commission once the bid is received.

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.

(8) Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of Walker County Children's Advocacy Center Opioid Funding Request in Amount of \$125,000.00.

After explanation by Chairman Miller, input by Commissioner Burrough, and a brief discussion, Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to approve Walker County Children's Advocacy Center Opioid Funding Request in Amount of \$125,000.00.

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.

(9) Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to open discussion of Discussion and Approval to Schedule Work Session to Discuss Presently Pending Opioid Fund Requests.

After explanation by Commissioner Burrough and a brief discussion, Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to approve the Request to Schedule Work Session to Discuss Presently Pending Opioid Fund Requests for Thursday, the 5th day of February 2026 at 9:30 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.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Dunagan thanked everybody for coming.

Commissioner Burrough stated, "I guess just about everybody in here, I think, works for us. I thank y'all for all the things y'all do to help me and help this Commission. I appreciate you. The second thing is, I'm excited about the Parks and Recreation Department. We have some things in the County that, you know, we could help apply for grants where some of our towns that don't have, you know, they don't have a Council and Mayor or something like that, anyway, we can sometimes help some of these smaller towns in our district, maybe put some activities out in the county area, you know, if it's just walking trails, pickle ball or anything like that that might be of an interest and that we can help apply for grants and stuff to get those things done. I'm excited about that."

Commissioner Borden stated. "Thank everyone for being here. Jeff pretty much covered it all in his part. Again, I'll go back to the roads, what we do, our engineering department, Glenn, does a very good job. They manage the taxpayer's dollars to get the most out of them. And we have been fortunate since I've been here, I think nearly every year we have enough money that comes – or our Road and Bridge has enough money come in that we're able to draw out some of those funds. That \$250,000 that I'll be receiving of that Million, my fourth of it, is a drop in the bucket, ladies and gentlemen, of what is needed in this county. I cannot state it enough there are things that need to be addressed in this county so that we can solve some of these problems. You're going to have to have people outside of this Commission to come to the table and be willing to talk and discuss some of this stuff, for the betterment of our county for

our citizens. We're no different than any other county. You ride through the state, you see counties that seem to prosper, their infrastructures are nicer. Again, tickled to death that I can get \$250,000, but in today's world, again, Glenn that gets us about a mile and a half, two miles of road on the high end --"

County Engineer Glenn Peek stated: "Two to two and-a-half miles. It's according to how wide your road is."

Commissioner Borden continued: "At three hundred and fifty something miles, 350, 355, miles in District Three; you do that two miles this year, it's years before you come back. What do you say the State averages on a paved highway, a traveled highway?"

County Engineer Glenn Peek replied: "It's normally ten to fifteen years they'll repave a road."

County Commissioner Borden continued: "Ten to fifteen years. We've got roads in District Three that have not been repaved in, I guess, between thirty and forty years in some cases. No road out there is going to hold up to our traffic, the industrial traffic that we have in the southern part of this county. Again, I think we have got to approach avenues to come up with funding for this problem. We just have to look at what is there and what can be done. Again, I wish I could pave all the roads in this county, but that's not going to happen with our current situation. Again, I'll keep working, I'll do the best I can to try to have stuff done to these roads, but I'm facing an uphill battle. Commissioners long after I'm gone, unless something changes, will be facing the same uphill battles."

Commissioner Aderholt stated, "I'm thankful for the new Park and Rec System, in name only at the moment. Again, we hope to do some things with that in the future. I would just like to thank everybody for coming. Hope everybody has a good weekend."

Chairman Miller stated: I, too, certainly want to say thank you to everyone. This county is working hard, and Mr. Borden and the other Commissioners here, to pave roads. We are continually looking for grants, and other funding, that we can find to help fund these projects. I know everybody that lives on a bad road understands that this county needs to do more. We want to do more. We are hands tied with the funding that we had, we can only do so much. So, these grants are very important; these park and recs are very important. The funding like for a park and rec could not be used on roads, just like the paving of the airport runway this summer that we're doing. None of that money can be used for paving roads. So, we see a lot of folks out there talking about we need to use those funds for roads, but we can't. So, not only does this county need roads paved, we need park and recs, we need airports, we need county vehicles --

you know there are just so many things, keeping up the courthouse and all the annexes. Let me also mention that we had a heating problem in the courthouse. The actuator that turns the water on and off, that's a one-line water system. So, again, Shannon Whitehead to the rescue. He's had to spend the night here and manually keep that valve opened and closed. And he's done that to keep that valve opened and closed. And he's done that to keep this courthouse up and running. So, there's a lot of things that goes on behind the scenes that we don't see and know about. But our maintenance director is out there doing his job daily. And we appreciate him. So, as we go into the future and this year is already moving, here we are in February, just remember that when you see road crews out there, slow down. Be careful, the folks out there, our people, county people, personnel or some contractor, you know, let's keep it safe out there, okay. At this time, I'd entertain a motion to adjourn to executive session.

ADJOURN

After County Attorney Charles R. Stephens, Jr. presented a letter that the matters to be discussed meets the criteria for an Executive Session, Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt that this meeting be adjourned to Executive Session and will not reconvene until 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.

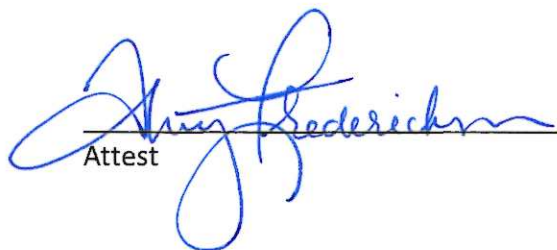
With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

(Meeting Adjourned to Executive Session)

Read and Approved:



Chairman



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WALKER COUNTY COMMISSION

Re: COMMISSION MEETING/EXECUTIVE SESSION
02/02/2026

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 the general reputation and character, physical condition, professional competence, or mental health of individuals, or, subject to the limitations set out herein, to discuss the job performance of certain public employees. It is my opinion that the Walker County Commission should enter into executive session as the names, good character and reputation of certain individuals are to be discussed and the Walker County Commission desires to avoid any impropriety during said necessary discussion.

Very truly yours,



Charles R. Stephens, Jr.

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