

**February 17, 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

Reverend Johnson gave the invocation and Mr. Ed Howell led the pledge of allegiance.

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATION:**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to add to the Agenda New Hires for District Four as follows: Number 14, to Hire Tony Boshell as a journeyman mechanic for 120 days; Number 15, to Hire William Wiggins as a Heavy Equipment Operator for 120 days as Truck Driver; Number 16, to Hire Adam Files as Heavy Equipment Operator; and Number 17, a Permanent Resolution 2026-02-01.003 Traffic Safety Goals for Walker County; to Approve the Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2026; and to Approve the Agenda as Amended.

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.

**REPORTS FROM STAFF:**

County Administrator Amy Frederickson stated, "I'll be brief, I just wanted to let you know that last Wednesday, Montgomery Circuit Judge signed an order granting the motion to dismiss the SSUT Lawsuit filed on behalf of Tuscaloosa and the other cities, so it's wonderful news. I know that that funding means a lot to the county, so for now, it's not going to be earmarked.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

(1) Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of Walker County Community Action Agency Opioid Funding Request in Amount of \$50,000.00 for 1-year of Youth Services.

After explanation by Ms. Deidre Tatum, input by Commissioner Burrough, and a brief discussion, Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to Approve the Walker County Community Action Agency Opioid Funding Request in Amount of \$50,000.00 for 1 year of Youth Services.

With no further discussion, the vote taken resulted as follows: District One: Aye; District Two: Aye; District Three: Abstained; District 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 of the Recovery Den Opioid Funding Request in Amount of \$11,000.00 for 1-year of Opioid-Recovery Related Transportation Costs.

After explanation by Representatives from the Recovery Den, Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to Approve the Recovery Den Opioid Funding Request in Amount of \$11,000.00 for 1-year of Opioid-Recovery Related Transportation Costs.

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 Burrough to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of the HARTT Opioid Funding Request in Amount of \$50,000.00 for 1-year of Opioid-Recovery Related Transportation Costs.

After explanation by Representative from HARTT, Motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to Approve the HARTT Opioid Funding Request in Amount of \$50,000.00 for 1-year of Opioid-Recovery Related Transportation Costs.

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 Aderholt to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of the 3D Revolution Opioid Funding Request in Amount of \$50,000.00 for Opioid-Recovery Related Housing.

After explanation by Representatives of 3D Revolution, Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to approve the 3D Revolution Opioid Funding Request in Amount of \$50,000.00 for Opioid-Recovery Related Housing.

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 Borden and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of Opioid Funding Request for 26 Volunteer Fire and/or Rescue Departments within Walker County in Amount of \$5,000.00 per Department for Opioid Response.

After explanation by Mr. Richard Fikes and a brief discussion, Motion was made and withdrawn by Commissioner Borden, after which, Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to Approve the Opioid Funding Request for the Volunteer Fire and/or Rescue Departments and anybody that's on the Tobacco Tax list within Walker County in Amount of \$5,000.00 per Department for Opioid Response. (This may increase the amount of department recipients to 28)

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 Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of Resolution Calling a Special Election for Renewal and Continuation of a 1.2 Mill Countywide School Tax in Walker County and Jasper City Boards of Education.

After explanation by Cane Burnette, representing the two Boards of Education in Walker County, Motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to approve Resolution Calling a Special Election for Renewal and Continuation of a 1.2 Mill Countywide School Tax in Walker County and Jasper City Boards of Education.

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 Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Borden to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of Resolution Calling a Special Election for Renewal and Continuation of a 3.8 Mill Countywide School Tax in Walker County as Requested by Walker County and Jasper City Boards of Education.

After explanation by Cane Burnette, representing the two Boards of Education in

Walker County and input by Commissioner Aderholt, Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to Approve Resolution Calling a Special Election for Renewal and Continuation of a 3.8 Mill Countywide School Tax in Walker County as Requested by Walker County and Jasper City Boards of Education.

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.

(8) Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of the Walker County Probate Chief Clerk Compensation Agreement.

After explanation by Chief Clerk of Probate, Mr. Richard Fikes, Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to approve the Walker County Probate Chief Clerk Compensation Agreement.

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 Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Borden to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of Resolution to Relocate Precinct #16 Polling Place Currently Located at Empire Church of God to Empire Community Center, Effective Immediately.

After explanation by Chief Clerk of Probate Richard Fikes, Motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Borden to approve the Resolution to Relocate Precinct #16 Polling Place Currently Located at Empire Church of God to Empire Community Center, Effective Immediately.

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.

(10) Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to open discussion of Discussion and Approval to Approve Resolution to Relocate Precinct #22 Polling Place Currently Located at Old Parrish City Hall to the New Parrish City Hall, Effective Immediately.

After explanation by Chief Clerk of Probate Richard Fikes, Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to Approve the Resolution to Relocate Precinct #22 Polling Place Currently Located at Old Parrish City Hall to the New Parrish City Hall, Effective Immediately.

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.

(11) Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of NAVSEA Agreement Number N00164LE1264-25 (Night Vision Goggles) for Equipment Loan Renewal.

After explanation by County Administrator Amy Frederickson, Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to approve the NAVSEA Agreement Number N00164LE1264-25 (Night Vision Goggles) for Equipment Loan Renewal.

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.

(12) Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of Bid No. 868 for Purchase of Six (6) or More 2026 4X4 Crew Cab Pickup Trucks.

After explanation by County Administrator Amy Frederickson, Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to approve Bid No. 868 for Purchase of Six (6) or More 2026 4X4 Crew Cab Pickup Trucks.

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.

(13) Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Borden to open discussion of Discussion and Approval to Hold Walker County Solid Waste Management Plan Public Hearing at 9:30 a.m. on April 4, 2026 in the Commission Meeting Room of the Walker County Courthouse Annex #1 Building.

After explanation by County Administrator Amy Frederickson, Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Borden to approve to Hold Walker County Solid Waste Management Plan Public Hearing at 9:30 a.m. on April 4, 2026 in the Commission Meeting Room of the Walker County Courthouse Annex #1 Building.

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.

Motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Borden to open discussion to Hire the following:

(14) Mr. Tony Boshell as a Mechanic for 120 days;

(15) Mr. William Wiggins for 120 days.

(16) Mr. Adam Files as a Full Time Hire.

Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to approve to Hire the following, Conditioned Upon Successful Completion of Payroll Paperwork and Walker County Civil Service Board Drug Test:

(14) Mr. Tony Boshell as a Mechanic for 120 days;

(15) Mr. William Wiggins for 120 days.

(16) Mr. Adam Files as a Full Time Hire.

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.

(17) Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to open for discussion the Traffic Safety Plan Goal.

After explanation by County Administrator Amy Frederickson and input by Chairman Miller, Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to approve the Permanent Resolution 2026-02-01.003 Traffic Safety Goals for Walker County to be Adopted in Conjunction with SS4A Plan.

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.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Dunagan thanked everybody for coming out today. He stated, "I appreciate everything our non-profits do on that opioid stuff. Please be mindful of our workers while they're out on our roads. If you see our crews out, slow down. They have families they want to go home to. Congratulations to Ms. Odom on her retirement. She's going to be a hard one to replace. Richard, you have big shoes to fill."

Commissioner Burrough stated. "I also want to thank everybody for being here. All the non-profits that have come to the workshops and stuff, we're so thankful for what all you do, and just hope that what little we can help blesses y'all and you can further help people in our county. I know you guys are on the – see it firsthand and you know if our county is getting better or not. And I truly believe it is. So, thank y'all for all that you do.

We do have a couple of road projects that have just completed. Glenn is not here today. I'm sure he's going to start working on our Rebuild Alabama Projects that are coming up during the summertime. So, for each of us, he's on schedule with the Rebuild Alabama plans. I hope to get those started and get going soon.

Other than that, thank y'all for coming.'

Commissioner Borden stated, "It's hard to add, being the third and the fourth people to speak.

Just thank everyone for being here. I reiterate what the first two commissioners said. Again, just thank everyone for being here."

Commissioner Aderholt stated, "The same thing, thank everybody for being here. I appreciate everybody's hard work. Don't think that it goes unnoticed. I know a lot of people do a lot of work in the background. And sometimes they seem unappreciated, but if anything, the Lord's watching, so keep doing what you're doing."

Chairman Miller stated, "I, too, would like to say thank you for everyone being here. We appreciate you. We appreciate these folks working with the opioid funding and everybody doing a great job. We support you and we just thank you for your service. The employees of the County, thank you for what you do also.

At this time, I would entertain a Motion to Convene to Executive Session and not come back.

**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 Dunagan 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. not return.

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:

  
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WALKER COUNTY COMMISSION

Re: COMMISSION MEETING/EXECUTIVE SESSION  
2/17/26

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 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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