

March 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 March 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.

Al Blanton gave the invocation and County Engineer Glenn Peek led the pledge of allegiance.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATION:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to Approve the Agenda and to Approve the New Vendor List for February 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've got two items; first is the health screenings. They are scheduled for Monday, March 30th and Tuesday, March 31st. Specifically on Monday the 30th, they will be at the Landfill from 8 a.m. until 9 a.m. for Solid Waste employees; At the Landfill from 9 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. for District Two; From 10:30 to Noon at Probate; and From 1:30 to 3:40 here in the Commission Office for everyone else.

On the 31st on Tuesday, they will be at the Walker County Sheriff's Office from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

And I would just like to encourage everyone to attend. As you know, this is something that's required in order for us to keep our good rates with our insurance providers.

Secondly, I'd like to make note that we have completed the Walker County America 250 Plan, thanks to the really diligence and hard work that's been done by Renee Sides and we are in the process of reaching out to all municipalities to schedule meetings with the Mayors there so we can encourage participation in this year's events.

County Engineer Glenn Peek stated, "We've just finished resurfacing the section of Sharon Boulevard that was a Rebuild Project. We're still waiting on the permanent striping to be done. We're also working on future road and bridge projects at this time. And that's all I have.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

(1) Motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of ATRP2-64-2026-064 Walker County Letter Agreement and Resolution.

After explanation by County Engineer Glenn Peek and a brief discussion, Motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to Approve the ATRP2-64-2026-064 Walker County Letter Agreement and Resolution.

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 Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of Request to Transfer EMA Hazmat Truck and Trailer to Blackwater Search and Rescue with Conditions.

After explanation by EMA Director Regina Myers and a brief discussion, Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to Approve to Transfer EMA Hazmat Truck and Trailer to Blackwater Search and Rescue with Conditions, that the ownership of the vehicle remain with EMA and that the Blackwater Search and Rescue provide the repairs and insurance.

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 Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Borden to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of Bid #866 for Community Safe Room and Installation (Yerkwood).

After explanation by County Engineer Glenn Peek; Input from EMA Director Regina Myers, who stated that the bid will be a few thousand dollars cheaper if they go with the solar instead of gas; and Chairman Miller stating that this will be contingent on \$100,000 (From Courthouse Security) expected to be received from the State of Alabama and a \$20,000 Cawaco Grant; Motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt

and seconded by Commissioner Borden to Approve Bid #866 for Community Safe Room and Installation (Yerkwood) contingent on the \$100,000 being received from the State of Alabama and the \$20,000 Cawaco Grant for the Project.

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 to Reappoint Judge A. Lee Tucker to Serve on Northwest Alabama Mental Health Center's Board of Directors for a 5-year term beginning May 18, 2026 and ending May 18, 2031.

After explanation by Probate Judge A. Lee Turcker, Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to approve to Reappoint Judge A. Lee Tucker to Serve on Northwest Alabama Mental Health Center's Board of Directors for a 5-year term beginning May 18, 2026 and ending May 18, 2031.

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 Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of Ingenuity's ADA Compliance Proposal for Updating and Monitoring County Websites.

After explanation by Mr. Jim Doyle, Representative of Ingenuity, Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to Approve Ingenuity's ADA Compliance Proposal for Updating and Monitoring County Websites.

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 Aderholt to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of Walker County Master Gardener's Request to Use the Walker County Extension Grounds for a Garden Exposition on April 11, 2026.

After explanation by Master Gardener Mary Sanders and a brief discussion, Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to approve Walker County Master Gardener's Request to Use the Walker County Extension Grounds for a Garden Exposition on April 11, 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 this motion carried.

(7) Motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to open discussion of Discussion and Approval to Hire Sonya Beavers in the Position of Full-Time Common Laborer in the Solid Waste Department with Start Date of March 4th, 2026, Conditioned Upon Successful Completion of Payroll Paperwork and WCSB Drug Test.

Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to Approve to Hire Sonya Beavers in the Position of Full-Time Common Laborer in the Solid Waste Department with Start Date of March 4th, 2026, Conditioned Upon Successful Completion of Payroll Paperwork and WCSB Drug Test.

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 to Hire Brian Atkins as Assistant County Engineer with Start Date of April 1st, 2026, Conditioned Upon Successful Completion of Payroll Paperwork and WCSB Drug Test.

After explanation by County Engineer Glenn Peek and input by Chairman Miller, Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to approve the Request to Hire Brian Atkins as Assistant County Engineer with Start Date of April 1st, 2026, Conditioned Upon Successful Completion of Payroll Paperwork and WCSB Drug Test.

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 stated, "Thank everybody for coming. Keep our troops and this country in your prayers during this conflict. And y'all still be mindful of our workers while we're out working. We're trying to patch and fix, so if y'all see us, just kind of use caution."

Commissioner Burrough stated, "I just want to thank each of you for being here, participating in our meetings as the Commission continues to try to do what's in the best interest of this County. Again, just thank you very much for coming."

Commissioner Borden stated, "I just want to thank everyone for being here."

Commissioner Aderholt stated, "Likewise, I'd just like to thank everybody for being here today, participating in your local government. I appreciate all our county workers and everything everyone does to better our County every day. Please continue to pray for us. Today's a great day to love your neighbor."

Chairman Miller stated, "I, too, would like to say thank you to everybody for coming out to support the Commission and the business of Walker County. I'd like to say remember our men and women in arms. They are in an excursion that's going on that could really cost their lives and we want to remember the men and women and families today and really thank them for the service that they do for American. And at this time, I would entertain a motion to adjourn into Executive Session and not come back."

ADJOURN

After County Attorney Charles R. Stephens, Jr. presented a letter stating that the matters to be discussed meets the criteria for an Executive Session, Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan 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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Steve Miller
WALKER COUNTY COMMISSION

Re: COMMISSION MEETING/EXECUTIVE SESSION
3/2/26

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 pending or threatened litigation, or to receive legal advice. See *Ala. Code* § 36-25A-7(a)(5). It is my opinion that the Walker County Commission should enter executive session to discuss pending litigation.

Very truly yours,



Charles R. Stephens, Jr.

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