

March 10, 2025

At a Special called 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 10th day of March, 2025, Chairman Miller gave the welcome and called the meeting to order.

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 Borden led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Having a copy of a letter from County Attorney Charles Stephens, Jr. stating that the matters to be discussed meets the criteria for an Executive Session, motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Borden that the Commission retire to Executive Session.

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.

Chairman Miller announced that the Commission would retire to Executive Session and will resume afterwards.

(Commission Adjourns to Executive Session)

(Commission Resumes)

Chairman Miller called the meeting back to order and stated:

"Ladies and Gentlemen, we have a statement I would like to read to you:

On multiple occasions, the Walker County Commission has been asked why the Commission has not acted on the matters involving the Sheriff's Department. The Walker County Commission's authority is limited. More specifically, the Commission is responsible for maintaining county buildings, roads and approving the County's budget. However, beyond budgetary issues, the Commission has no

authority to govern a Constitutionally Elected Official. And as such, Sheriff Smith is entitled to operate his department as he sees fit.

The above notwithstanding, this Commission remains committed to the interests of justice and will continue to cooperate fully with Federal authorities throughout the remainder of their investigations.

We thank you, and at this time I would entertain a motion to adjourn.”

Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt that this meeting be adjourned to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

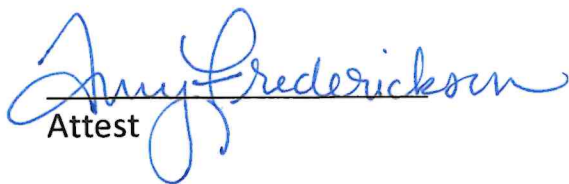
With no discussion, the vote taken resulted as follows: District One: Aye; District Two: Aye; District Three: Aye; District Four: Aye.

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Read and Approved:

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Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Amy Frederickson", written over a horizontal line.

Attest

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Steve Miller
WALKER COUNTY COMMISSION

Re: COMMISSION MEETING/EXECUTIVE SESSION
3/10/25

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles R. Stephens, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Charles R. Stephens, Jr.

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