

March 16, 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 16th day of March 2026, Co-Chairman Commissioner Burrough gave the welcome and called the meeting to order.

After Co-Chairman Burrough 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 Borden gave the invocation and Nauvoo Mayor Terry Burgett led the pledge of allegiance.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Opioid Settlement Fund Award was presented to April Knight on behalf of Northwest Alabama Mental Health Center in the amount of \$200,000.

(Photo session held with April Knight accepting the check from the Commission)

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to Approve the Agenda and to Approve the Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meetings of February 17th & March 2nd, 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, "Just a reminder, we do have the health screenings the 30th and 31st of next week. The 30th will be at Solid Waste and it will be for the Solid Waste Employees and District Two and it will be moving to Probate by 11 o'clock and here at the Commission Office by 1:30pm for the remainder of employees. The Jail will have it on the 31st from 2:30 to 4:00."

County Engineer Glenn Peek stated, "Update for the Airport Runway Rehab Project, we're trying to schedule a reconstruction meeting for the first part of the first week in May and work to begin as early as May. Notifications will be sent out whenever we know the exact dates. We are still – we've got some traffic striping reflectors being put down across the County and we're also working on some paving plans and estimates

for all the districts. That's all I have."

County Administrator Frederickson Added: "I have one more thing to add. April 6 will be the day for the Solid Waste plans for public hearing. It's been advertised as April 6, I believe it was about a month ago, but just to be clear it is the 6th not the 4th as it was initially announced."

Co-Chairman asked: "And Glenn. Some of those in the districts, that's Rebuild Alabama that's coming up this particular year?"

County Engineer Glenn Peek added: "Yes, sir. Yes. Yours is Old Highway 78 in Kansas."

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (1) Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to open discussion of Discussion and Approval to Designate April 11, 2026 as Walker County Clean-Up Day (an America 250 Community Service Event).

After explanation by County Administrator Amy Frederickson that this is through PALS in conjunction with the State of Alabama, and a brief discussion, Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to Approve to Designate April 11, 2026 as Walker County Clean-Up Day (an America 250 Community Service Event).

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 Borden and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to table the Alabama Southern Fair's Preapplication Request to Reserve the Old Airport – April 15th – 19th, 2026, subject to Rental Agreement.

Without discussion, the vote taken resulted as follows: District One: Aye; District Two: Aye; District Three: Aye; District Four: Aye.

Without opposition, the Chairman declared the motion tabled.

- (3) Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Borden to open discussion of Discussion and Approval to Hire Tyler Hardeman as a Full-Time Common Laborer in Solid Waste Department with Anticipated Start Date of Wednesday, March 18, 2026, Conditional Upon Satisfactory Completion of Hiring Paperwork and WCSB Drug Test.

After explanation by Solid Waste Director Rodney Cain and input by Commissioner Borden, Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to Approve to Hire Tyler Hardeman as a Full-Time Common Laborer in Solid

Waste Department with Anticipated Start Date of Wednesday, March 18, 2026, Conditional Upon Satisfactory Completion of Hiring 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.

- (4) Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Borden to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of Opioid Request in the Amount of \$50,000 for Hope for Women.

After explanation by Deidre Wilson, Director of Hope for Women, and input from Commissioners Aderholt and Burrough, Motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to Approve Opioid Request in the Amount of \$50,000 for Hope for Women.

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:

District One Commissioner John Dunagan stated, "Thank everybody for coming. Thank y'all both for what y'all do, your organizations. We sure do appreciate it.

We are out working trying to improve District One. I know it's not the way most of the public wants us to do. I wish we had money to pave all of our side roads and main roads. We're doing what we can with the funds we have.

If anybody is interested in learning about funds and how our tax structure is set up, I'll be happy to sit down and talk with you. You learn a lot when you come in to these positions that you did not know and you thought you did know, but you really don't. Most people don't realize about our two-cent sales tax going to the school system. They think it's spent on the roads. They think our ten cents we get from Governor Ivey that she passed all comes to Walker County that you spend here. That's not the case. You'll be happy to know you're paying a big chunk of that money to Mobile Port. So, please get more familiar with the tax structure and the way it's set up. Thank y'all again."

District Three Commissioner Jim Borden stated: "Well, I just reiterate what Mr. Dunagan said. Again, I just want to thank everyone for being here. We do the same thing day in and day out. We're out here working on the roads. We're cautious as a Commission trying to come up and manage the taxpayers' dollars to the maximum and create all the funds that we can to bring into our districts to do what road paving and keep our repairs going. Again, just thank everyone for being here."

District Four Commissioner Steven Aderholt stated, "Two things I want to address. Number one, sometimes you've got to narrow things down. The last time we had a

professional conscience Commission Meeting under twenty minutes, Jim and the Chairman were not here. Today we have Jim here, so now we know why Commission Meetings get really long sometimes. (Laughter) It speaks for itself. I'm just kidding. Road work in District Four, we do have a lot of road work going on. We've got some resurfacing plans going on and a lot of road restriping.

(Speaking to County Engineer Glenn Peek) And let me get with you, after the meeting, on one more.

So, again, as John always says, be mindful when you're out on the County roads, we've got limited people that work hard around curves and blind spots, things like that, so be mindful if you're out on County roads and you see a road work ahead sign or caution flag up, pay attention. We want to keep everybody as safe as we can."

Co-Chairman Commissioner Burrough stated, "Also, I want to thank each of you for being here and having an interest in the County government. We've got the bones of our group, basically, here today. Everybody that's here at all times. But anyways, I want to thank you for coming. We do have road projects that are planned. If we can push all this crazy weather out that's been going on for the last couple, two or three weeks, rain, floods and get in some pretty days, I think we can all make headway in certainly patching some of the bad spots and then getting some of these road projects underway. I know Glenn, we each have Rebuild Alabama Projects coming up later in the summer and Glenn works hard on getting those plans ready and getting them out to bid. Like I said, thank each of you for coming. "

Co-Chairman, Commissioner Burrough then asked for a motion to dismiss.

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Borden 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 this the 6th Day of April, 2026:



Chairman

Attest: Administrator