

March 26, 2025

At a Special called meeting of the Walker County Commission held in their offices in the Walker County Courthouse Annex, Jasper, Alabama, at 2:00 p.m. on the 26th 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 and Jim Borden. Chairman Miller asked and the County Attorney, Mr. Charles Stephens, Jr., confirmed that a quorum of the Commission was present. Commissioner Borden gave the invocation and Commissioner Burrough led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT OF AGENDA:

Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Borden to Approve the Agenda.

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

(1) Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to open discussion of Discussion and Approval to Hire Miss Lucy Allison as a Part-Time Probate Clerk in the Probation Office. Pending successful completion of the Walker County Civil Service Board drug test and application process, Miss Allison's employment is expected to begin on Friday, March 28, 2025.

After explanation by Probate Judge Lee Tucker, motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to approve to hire Miss Lucy Allison as a part-time probate clerk in the Probate Office, effective March 28, 2025, and conditioned upon her successful completion of the Walker County Civil Service Board drug test and application process.

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

(2) Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to open discussion of Discussion and Approval for Renewal of County Property, Airport, and Miscellaneous Insurance Policies and to Make Changes to County Comprehensive Auto Policy, Effective April 1, 2025.

After Chairman Miller advised the Commissioners that they have a book in front of them and explanation by County Administrator Amy Frederickson and much discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Borden to approve the renewal

of the County's Property, Airport, and Miscellaneous Insurance Policies in addition to making the recommended changes to the County's Comprehensive Auto Policy, with an effective date of April 1, 2025.

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

Without opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

The County Attorney, Charles Stephens, Jr. then presented a letter to the Commission and explained that the matters to be discussed meet the criteria for an Executive Session. In response, a motion was then made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Borden that the Commission retire to Executive Session.

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

Without opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Before leaving the public meeting room, Chairman Miller announced that the Commission would retire to Executive Session but intended to return and resume its Special meeting.

(Commission Adjourns to Executive Session)

(Commission Reconvenes)

Chairman Miller called the meeting back to order. Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan that the Commission Meeting Reconvene.

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

Without opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Commissioner Dunagan made a motion to give County Attorney Charles Stephens, Jr. the authority to pursue his inquiry into a potential, and informally made, legal issue against the County, and to continue to follow and update the Commission on the status of pending litigation, *Freeman v. Walker Co. Sheriff's Dep't, et al.*, Case No. 6:25-cv-00388-ACA.

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

The motion was declared carried.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Borden.

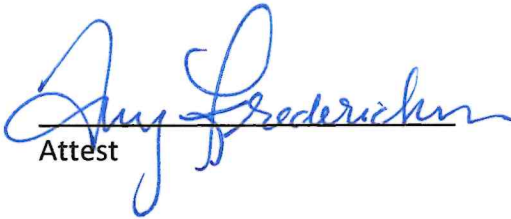
Without discussion, the vote taken resulted as follows: District One: Aye; District Three: Aye; Chairman: Aye.

Without opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Read and Approved:



Chairman


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20:05

Steve Miller
WALKER COUNTY COMMISSION

Re: COMMISSION MEETING/EXECUTIVE SESSION
3/26/25

Dear Chairman Miller:

A governmental body may enter into executive session under certain provisions provided in the Alabama Open Meetings Act. This includes both the discussion of potential liability for the County and the discussion of matters involving 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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