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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2025, 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.

Chairman Miller gave the invocation and County Engineer Glenn Peek led the pledge of allegiance.

#### **AWARDS AND PRESENTATION:**

Walker County Jail Administrator Justin White gave an informative presentation on Proposal to Install Health Monitoring Sensors in the Walker County Jail's M-Dorm. (A discussion, along with a question/answer session was held)

# **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to Approve the Agenda and to Approve the Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 19, 2025.

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. First, I'd like to thank Justin for his presentation. It's really remarkable how far technology has come and I appreciate your diligence. Additionally, the Commission Office is gearing up for our fiscal audit for 2022 and 2023. We, like many Alabama counties have been several years behind and so, I'm really looking forward to this opportunity to catch up so that we are able to review one year at a time from here on out."

County Engineer Glenn Peek stated, "As safety coordinator I'd like to bring it to your attention that June is National Safety Month. And as far as our CRS or County Risk Services (CRS) they have basically a challenge each week for the counties and we're participating in it. It's called game changer habits that help reduce accidents and injuries. That's all."

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

# **NEW BUSINESS:**

- (1) Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to open discussion of Discussion and Approval to Surplus and Auction through GovDeals.com the Following Vehicles for the Sheriff's Department:
  - a. 2014 Chevrolet Camaro 2LS, VIN#2G1FA1E3X9230442 (Seized; 20% Proceeds Payable to DA Forfeiture Fund)
  - b. 2007 White Ford F150, VIN#12W27KD32761 (Inventory #4965)
  - c. 2006 White Jeep Liberty VIN#1J4GK48K76W236053 (Inventory #4919)

Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to Approve to Surplus and Auction through GovDeals.com the Following Vehicles for the Sheriff's Department.

- a. 2014 Chevrolet Camaro 2LS, VIN#2G1FA1E3X9230442 (Seized; 20% Proceeds Payable to DA Forfeiture Fund)
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With no discussion, the vote taken resulted as follows: District One: Aye; District Two: Aye; District Tour: Aye.

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

(2) Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of Bid #849 for the Resurfacing of Nichols Road & Hillard Loop Road (District 2).

After explanation by Commissioner Burrough, explanation and recommendation by County Engineer Glenn Peek, and a brief discussion, Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to Reject all the Bids Received on Bid #849 and go with the annual contract for the Resurfacing of Nichols Road & Hillard Loop Road (District 2).

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 Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of Request to Hire Scott Bailey as Part-Time Common Laborer for District One and Jason Croy as Full-Time Common Laborer for Solid Waste, with expected Start-Dates of June 4, 2025.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to Approve the Request to Hire Scott Bailey as Part-Time Common Laborer for District One and Jason Croy as Full-Time Common Laborer for Solid Waste, with Expected Start-Dates of June 4, 2025, conditioned upon successful completion of the Walker County

Civil Service Board drug-test and hiring paperwork.

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

(4) Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to open discussion of Discussion and Approval to rescind the In-Service Transfers of Joshua Richardson to the position of Courthouse Security Sergeant and of Richard Victory to the position of Courthouse Security Officer and Rescind the Reclassification of Joe Taylor's Part-time Position of Courthouse Security Officer.

Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to approve to Rescind the In-Service Transfers of Joshua Richardson to the position of Courthouse Security Sergeant and of Richard Victory to the position of Courthouse Security Officer and Rescind the Reclassification of Joe Taylor's Part-time Position of Courthouse Security Officer.

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

After County Attorney Charles Stephens presented a letter to the Commission making known that the matters to be discussed meets the criteria for an Executive Session, Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to retire to executive session and resume the commission meeting afterwards.

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

(COMMISSION RETIRES TO EXECUTIVE SESSION)

Chairman Miller called the Commission Meeting back to order.

Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to reconvene the Commission Meeting.

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

(COMMISSION MEETING RECONVENES)

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None.

# **DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Dunagan thanked everyone for coming today. He stated, "We

appreciate all of our employees. We want to address a concern in District One. The County Club Bridge has been closed for some time. Me and our County Engineer have looked at it. We were concerned about people crossing it with their vehicles. They've pushed barricades out of the way, so a landowner has generously put up a gate that didn't cost the taxpayers any money. We had temporarily closed the road on each side before then. We're applying for Federal and State grants to try to get the bridge redone and rebuilt. If I do get grants or funding, the gates will come down at the landowner's expense, the road will be opened up and the bridge will be maintained. We're trying to do this for safety. I didn't have funds in District One to cover the cost, so it's all a safety issue, the reason we've done that. I wish there were funds in my account to fix it, but there's not. We had a great opening Saturday for our Fire Departments. Again, we appreciate the EMA, the Fire Departments for everything they do. People don't see how much they actually help us.

I just want to add to the agenda the proposal that Mr. White presented."

Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to add Item 5 to the Agenda as follows: Discussion and Approval to add monitors to the M Dorm at the Walker County Jail as discussed by Jail Administrator Justin White in his presentation.

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

(5) Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to open discussion of Discussion and Approval to add monitors to the M dorm at the Walker County Jail as discussed by Jail Administrator Justin White in his presentation.

After Jail Administrator Justin White clarified questions asked of him by Commissioner Borden and a brief discussion, Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to add monitors in the M Dorm at the Walker County Jail for \$144,800.

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.

Commissioner Burrough thanked everybody for being here. He stated, "I thank Glenn for putting together those bids. I hate that we don't award them when we get them like that, but we do have an annual contract and basically what that means is we will use the annual contract to actually pave those roads and we'll be getting in touch with that particular company and get that going as fast as possible. Other than that, thank you for coming."

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

Commissioner Aderholt stated. "I'd like to thank everybody for being here as well. Also, I'd like to put a public service announcement out there, we're hiring in District Four. So, if you know anybody that's looking for a job to become a Civil Servant in Walker County. We have several positions that could be opening from truck drivers to common laborers, so I'd appreciate it if anybody is looking for an opportunity to work for Walker County in District Four, please see the Civil Service Board and put your application in.

Chairman Miller stated, "Okay. With that said, we appreciate everybody for coming. And I thank the employees of Walker County. With that, I'd entertain a motion to adjourn."

# **ADJOURN:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Burrough 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 Tour: Aye.

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Read and Approved:

Chairman

Attest