

June 4, 2024

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 4th day of June 2024, 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, Barbara Higgins called the roll and Commissioners present were Keith Davis, 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:

Ms. Miller said she had been asked by the Cattlemen's Association Commission to come and talk to the Commission and maybe help develop the vision of an event center here in Walker County. She gave an informative presentation on the event center she has helped start and maintain in Mississippi and mentioned some great ideas that Walker County can do with the arena type facility located in our area. She said she will be in the area full-time after the 30th and that she will be glad to help the County develop their vision in any way that she can, that she has been here in the past, that she has run at rodeos here many years ago. She said we have a diamond in the rough and no matter the size of the facility, there is a great potential here.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Borden to Approve the Agenda, to Approve the Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2024, to Approve the New Vendors List and to Approve the Claims Against the County for May, 2024.

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 Engineer Glenn Peek gave an update on intersection of Smith Chapel Bridge Road and Marlin Jordan Road.

OLD BUSINESS:

(1) Motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Borden to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of Bid No. 818 – Mountain View Road.

After explanation and recommendation by County Engineer Glenn Peek, motion

was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Borden to award Bid No. 818 – Mountain View Road to Central Alabama Asphalt for \$212,580.

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 Borden to open Discussion of Discussion and Approval of Bid No. 820 – Paving Stone for District Four.

After explanation by County Engineer Glenn Peek, motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Borden to Award Bid No. 820 to Wade Sand and Gravel.

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.

NEW BUSINESS

(1) Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to open discussion of Discussion and Approval for the County Commission to hire Amy M. Frederickson as County Administrator II effective immediately, June 4th.

After Chairman Miller explained that the Commissioners have a copy of where the Commission and Civil Service approved the position, motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to approve to hire Amy M. Frederickson as County Administrator II effective June 4, 2024.

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.

(2) Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Davis to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of Bid No. 824 - Air Cooled Chiller for Courthouse.

After explanation and recommendation by County Engineer Glenn Peek and a brief discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to award Bid No. 824 – Air Cooled Chiller for Courthouse to AirPros.

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 Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Davis to open discussion of Discussion and Approval to publish for public hearing on Blackburn Road 100' Setback waiver request for Warrior Met Coal BC LLC.

After explanation by the County Attorney Richard Fikes that Glenn had met with the representatives of the Coal Company and Engineering Company and Mr. Peek stating that this is just procedure in accordance with State Law that they need to have a public hearing before they can do this setback on a portion of Blackburn, and a brief discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to Approve to publish for public hearing on Blackburn Road 100' Setback Waiver request for Warrior Met Coal BG LLC.

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 Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Davis to open discussion of Discussion and Approval to approve June 19 (Juneteenth) as a county holiday.

After explanation by Chairman Miller, motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to approve June 19 (Juneteenth) as a county holiday.

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.

(5) Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to open discussion of Discussion and Approval to cancel the July 1, 2024 Commission Meeting and to add August 19, 2024 to also be cancelled.

After explanation by Commissioner Davis, motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to cancel the meetings for July 1st and August 19th, 2024.

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

(6) Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Davis to open discussion of Discussion and Approval to Approve \$15,000 for Supplies and Advertising for Walker County's 200-year (Bi-Centennial) Gala to be held December 6, 2024.

After explanation by Ms. Renee Sides and a brief discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to approve the \$15,000 for Supplies and Advertising for Walker County's 200-year (Bi-Centennial) Gala

to be held December 6, 2024.

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.

(7) Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to open discussion of Discussion and Approval for the Walker County Commission Chairman to execute loan for Sheriff to purchase twelve (12) vehicles, previously approved, to be paid from the Sheriff's discretionary fund.

After explanation by Sheriff Nick Smith, motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve for the Chairman to execute loan for Sheriff to purchase twelve (12) vehicles, previously approved, to be paid from the Sheriff's discretionary fund.

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.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Davis stated, "Again, I want to thank everybody for their attendance. It's good to see David, Renee and others that continue to help work and help our community. Continue to pray for us as we continue to make decisions for the County." He thanked and welcomed the new Administrator Mrs. Frederickson and said he looked forward to working with her the remaining time he has left and he knows the other gentlemen are looking forward to working with her also. He said there were a lot of things happening in District One and that he will give a report the next meeting on some projects that they have going on. He said he was glad to hear that the 200 year planning is underway. He stated, "Again, there are a lot of positive things going on in this county. I say this every meeting. Let's focus on those positive things. This is a great place and a great community to live. Again, just focus on the positive. Pray for us as we continue to have y'all in our prayers, also."

Commissioner Burrough stated, "I also would like to thank each person for being here today. I thank Renee for coming, Janet and Ms. Miller, thank you for coming. I know that they're persistent on our plans. I'm trying to help on the arena. It's a much needed thing. I hope it can progress. Thank you for coming and speaking out. Other than that, I wanted to bring up one thing, you know all of us are out helping clean, cut and do some of these decorations and stuff. You know, when you get out and about, I noticed like on a lot of the church signs, whenever I was out checking these places, you

know, people are having these Vacation Bible Schools this week. And I just think it's awesome that we've got so many churches that put it on. And a lot of them are going on this week, I just want to hope and pray that all the kids have a blast in Vacation Bible School this summer. I'm thankful for the people that actually take the time and still do those things. Some things go away in time and that's one thing that hasn't. But I just wanted to publicly say I appreciate everybody that helps put on these Vacation Bible Schools." He gave an update on the road projects going on in his district. He stated to Amy that he is looking forward to working with her.

Commissioner Davis stated, "For the record he spoke longer than me."

Commissioner Borden welcomed Mrs. Frederickson. He told Ms. Miller that they have had some activity on what she had spoken on and that he looks forward to the future of making more positive things happen out there for the people in the county. He thanked everyone for being here. He stated, "Again, going third, you don't get a lot of time they've covered most of it." He thanked everyone for being here and hoped they had a safe day.

Commissioner Aderholt stated, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll just echo what these other gentlemen have said. Congratulations Mrs. Frederickson. I look forward to working with you over the next four years. Ms. Miller, I appreciate you coming by and sharing information. I really hope we can get some momentum going forward there. And I would love to have your input on what might be possible for the citizens of Walker County. I'm also looking forward to the Bi-Centennial celebration of Walker County. I know you've put a lot of energy and effort into this, so I hope it goes off as a spectacular event for the whole county. So, like everybody else. I thank everybody for being here." He gave an update on District Four and said if anyone knows of someone needing a job to have them apply at Civil Service Board.

Commissioner Borden thanked Renee for her work on the Bi-Centennial.

Chairman Miller stated, "I, too, would like to say thank you for everyone attending. This county is poised to move forward in the next four years in a lot of different areas. The arena, Ms. Miller, we certainly appreciate your input, look forward to working with you on this particular subject. I know there are a lot of potential there and we'll work on that in the future. Ms. Sides, thank you so much. Again, sorry for putting you on the spot, but I know you're always ready to speak. So, we appreciate that and appreciate the efforts that you've put into this Bi-Centennial. And I know Mrs. Frederickson has worked with you on that also. And we appreciate that.

Mrs. Frederickson we appreciate you being here and look forward to working with you in the next four years. We appreciate Mr. Knight, what he's been doing with the Industrial Development Board and things are moving along there. And this is with great respect that we have for you and expect a lot of miracles, I guess, out of you in the next four years. Okay."

Mr. Knight stated, "I'll try."

Chairman Miller continued, "And we thank every employee of the county. Sheriff we appreciate you for being here and look forward to hopefully talking about those other vehicles and maybe getting on that timeframe that you're talking about. So, with that said, we would entertain a motion to adjourn."

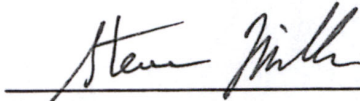
ADJOURN:

Motion was made by Commissioner Davis 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 Three: Aye; District Four: Aye.

With no opposition the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Read and Approved:



Chairman



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