

June 6, 2023

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 6th day of June 2023, 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, the County Administrator called the roll and Commissioners present were Jeff Burrough and Steven Aderholt. Chairman Miller inquired of County Attorney Richard Fikes if they have a quorum and Mr. Fikes answered in the affirmative.

Reverend Bobby Holt gave the invocation and Mr. Keith Duncan led the pledge of allegiance.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATION:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to Approve the Agenda, to Approve the Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2023; and to Approve the Claims Against the County for May 2023.

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

County Administrator Robbie Dickerson stated, "I have good news. We actually got ahold, by accident, an individual with AT&T who actually took on our case. To go back a few years we had an outstanding – we converted from AT&T old system to the AT&T new system, which in November of this past year we converted to C-Spire. It's a little complicated. But during that time AT&T did not clear our records like they should have. They continued billing us on both accounts. The old one is now cleared up. I received \$9500 credit. We've got that cleared up. And the same person is helping me with the other. So, hopefully, before the new year rolls around we will have all of our issues with AT&T take care of."

Chairman Miller stated, "And that number was \$9,500?"

County Administrator Dickerson continued, "Yes. And that was like the third credit we have gotten. I guess when you – this was someone that just called me and we

really got it worked out, which is great. It was \$9,576.93. We received our funds from the ACCA liability self-insured fund and this is the reasons that we work and do the programs that they have in the Workers Compensation Fund, we received -- off of one fund we received \$46,933 back and off the other \$17,461. And that goes back into the general fund." She read a card sent to all the Commissioners from Dr. Snow thanking them for their donations. She stated that they will have a visit tomorrow with CRS that will include the jail administrator, the sheriff and also Glenn Peek.

County Engineer Glenn Peek stated, "Right now at Brown's Bridge they're installing guardrails this week, next week should be the surface treatment put down and then we still have to do the initial bridge inspection before we can open it. Smith Chapel Bridge is -- they're constructing the bridge columns and doing dirt work. And we also have Ozark striping in here this week striping various different roads."

Chairman Miller stated, "Okay. We appreciate that. So Brown's Bridge should be in the next couple of weeks maybe?"

County Engineer Glenn Peek stated, "Mostly, yes, sir."

Chairman Miller stated, "Okay. Very good."

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of liquidating vehicle (Coroner).

After explanation by County Administrator Robbie Dickerson, motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to Approve the Liquidation of Vehicle (Coroner).

After a brief discussion, the vote taken resulted as follows: District Two: Aye; District Four: Aye.

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to open discussion of Discussion and Submit Name to ADOR for consideration to the Board of Equalization.

After explanation by County Administrator Robbie Dickerson, motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to table Discussion and Submit name to ADOR for consideration to the Board of Equalization until the next

meeting.

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to open discussion of the DivCoData Agreement for Solid Waste.

County Administrator Robbie Dickerson asked Ms. Tammy Elliott to explain about this item since she did all the research. After explanation by Ms. Elliott, input from Administrator Dickerson, who stated that this is for billing, input from Solid Waste Director John Dunagan and a brief discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to Approve the DivCoData Agreement for Solid Waste.

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of the ADEM Cooperative Agreement.

After explanation by County Deputy Wayne Jones and a comment by Commissioner Burrough that he is extremely proud of Wayne and the job that he has done in the liter program, that this is stretching into different avenues and he appreciates him caring enough to invest his time in doing this, motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to approve the ADEM Cooperative Agreement.

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to open discussion for Discussion and Approval of Rental Agreement/John Deere.

After explanation by Chairman Miller that they have the rental agreement in front of them, explanation by Commissioner Burrough and input by Mr. Terry King, motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to approve the Rental Agreement/John Deere. County Administrator asked if they already had it and stated that they need to get it insured. Commissioner Burrough clarified with County Engineer Glenn Peek that this will be taken out of Road & Bridge Fund.

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

District Four: Aye.

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt, to open discussion for Discussion and Approval of Self Road Paving Project.

After explanation by Commissioner Burrough and making known that this will be done with ARPA Funding and input from County Engineer Glenn Peek and much discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to Approve the Self Road and Pumpkin Creek Road Paving Project.

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to combine Number 7 – Discussion and Approval to Post for Road and Bridge Supervisor and Request Names; Number 8 – Approval to Hire Mark Richardson as SW Driver/Operator off Eligible Register; Number 9 – Approval to Post and Request for a FT Common Laborer for WCHAC; and Number 10 - Approval to Post for a FT Common Laborer/Seasonal Worker for Road and Bridge and to open for discussion.

With no discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to approve to Post for Road and Bridge Supervisor and request names; Approval to Hire Mark Richardson as SW Driver/Operator off Eligible Register; Approval to Post and Request for a FT Common Laborer for WCHAC; and Approval to Post for a FT Common Laborer/Seasonal Worker for Road and Bridge.

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Burrough stated, "This will be the shortest ever. Thank each of you for coming. I appreciate what anybody in this room does for our county. And, you know, it's always a work in progress. And we always seem to work together to get the job done. And I appreciate everybody in here. I thank David for being here with us on a regular basis. And he's working hard for our county trying to bring industry in. Sheriff and Justin I appreciate you guys. All the ladies, our revenue man, all of y'all. I appreciate you. John. But other than that, I don't have anything. We do have road projects

coming, they are actually working today. They're striping Prospect Road as we speak, Holly Grove, this Self Road Project, Moon Road Project. I talked with Wiregrass last week, they're going to be in the next couple of weeks if it don't rain them out. So we will have some new pavement on the roads for you, a few roads. That's all I've got. Thanks for coming.

Commissioner Aderholt stated, "I appreciate everybody for being here today. I want to say thank you to the staff. Ms. Robbie, AT&T has been a long time coming. She's been working on that issue quiet a while. And also Solid Waste billing, that's quiet a savings for the county, moving to the other system. We've got a lot of paving projects coming up in District Four this summer. Me and Glenn are steadily working on a few of those. So, be patient with us if you see county workers, if you see any signs out 'Men Working' please be cautious. We don't drive off and leave them, so there's usually somebody around the curve or on the edge, so be mindful of that. I leave us with Psalms 37, Trust God and do good. Thank you."

Chairman Miller stated, "I, too, would like to say thank you for everyone attending today. It's been a productive meeting. I appreciate all the staff of Walker County. Every member here that is in this Commission Office and out in the County in different departments, it takes every one of you. We appreciate each and every one of you. Like the Commissioners said, we've got a lot of projects that's going to be ongoing this summer. You know, as summer approaches, hotter and hotter and hotter, and that's when most paving projects are underway because of the weather, so be mindful and be careful of those signs and people. We've got several things that are going to be going on around the county, buildings and things, hopefully, this summer. So just be mindful and patient with us there. I know the Sheriff and I have spoken about the 24/7 365 medical. So, we're looking at that. And that will be brought back at some point, once we get all those large numbers. And then, we appreciate Mr. White bringing all he's brought to us. We've just got to look at that and see how we can help with that or whatever we can do there. So that will be something that will be upcoming. We appreciate Mr. Terry for being here today. Equipment -- when you're doing work and you don't have the equipment, it's hard to get the jobs completed or done. And so, this Commission has begun to buy new equipment and bring things into the county that makes us be able to continue to do more and more for the voters of Walker County. And we appreciate each and every one of you for attending today. With that, I would entertain a motion to adjourn."

ADJOURN:


Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt 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 Two: Aye; District Four: Aye.

With no opposition the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Read and Approved:


Chairman


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