

**June 17, 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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, County Administrator Amy Frederickson called the roll and Commissioners present were Jeff Burrough and Jim Borden.

Chairman Miller inquired of County Attorney Richard Fikes if they had a quorum and Mr. Fikes answered in the affirmative.

Commissioner Borden gave the invocation and County Engineer Glenn Peek led the pledge of allegiance.

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATION:**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to Approve the Agenda and to Approve the Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2024.

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

**REPORTS FROM STAFF:**

County Administrator Amy Frederickson stated, "Good morning. I just wanted to report that everything in the Commission Office is running smoothly. I have had the last two weeks to really engage in team building. And I wanted to thank everyone in the Commission Office, the staff there, for making this transition as smooth as possible. I'm looking forward to the next few weeks we'll be starting on the budget for the fiscal year 2025."

Engineer Glenn Peek gave an update on Smith Chapel Bridge. He said it has been closed out and is safe, but is not opened yet and is waiting on a bridge inspection. He said they were going to do some paving corrections on it and extend the paving a little bit. He said they would start doing some more paving projects soon.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

(1) Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to open discussion of Discussion and Approval for the County Commission to consider Jerry Guthrie's recommendation of Linda Ingram as the Walker County Commission 45-day temporary appointee for the Board of Equalization beginning August 1, 2024 through September 14, 2024.

After Chairman Miller stated that the Commission had received a recommendation letter from Revenue Commissioner Jerry Guthrie and input from Andy McSpadden, motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to accept Mr. Guthrie's recommendation of Linda Ingram as the Walker County Commission 45-day temporary appointee for the Board of Equalization beginning August 1, 2024 through September 14, 2024.

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

(2) Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of the Resolution Amendment to Tax Abatement Agreement between the Industrial Development Board of Jasper, Heiche US Surface Technology (AL) LLC.

After a brief discussion and County Attorney Richard Fikes stating that no action was needed, motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to end discussion.

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

(3) Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to open discussion of Discussion and Approval to consider and approve that the County employees have July 5, 2024, as the extended Fourth of July holiday and to give Mr. John Dunagan the authority to work his schedule at Solid Waste Department to coincide with this also.

With no discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to Approve July 5, 2024, as an extended holiday for the Fourth of July for County Employees and to give Mr. John Dunagan the authority to work his schedule at Solid Waste Department to coincide with this also.

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

(4) Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to open discussion of Discussion and Approval to approve Bid 823 One Community Safe Room (96 person) and Installation.

After explanation by County Engineer Glenn Peek, motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to award Bid No. 823 One Community Safe Room and Installation to the low bidder Redguard Diversified Structure for \$136,095.

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Burrough thanked everyone for coming and for their interest in our county government. He stated that the Smith Chapel Bridge is functional, it has aprons on both sides and tar and gravel. He said that it will have asphalt on both sides, that they are just waiting on the paving crew to come through and they will have a formal opening at some point. He said he hoped everybody is enjoying their summer. He asked that everyone bear with them as they clean up behind these storms that come through getting the debris picked up and things like that.

Commissioner Borden thanked everyone for coming. He gave an update on the Pleasantfield Road, Liberty Hill area. He stated, "Again, on the storms, we can never mention enough our first responders, our volunteer fire departments. Our hats off to these people. They do a job that most people do not understand. They do it at night, during the storms. And generally, those are late at night, holiday, and weekends. These guys leave their families, leave what they're doing and are very valuable assets to the county on keeping these roads open. They are very good about handling the situation on their own if they can. They actually call District Three people as a last resort, but we all get out and pitch in and clean up the roads. So, hats off to them as well as all of our other emergency management people, Sheriff's Department, Our County Employees, Our Solid Waste and Residential pickup. These guys work a lot of hours behind the scenes. They put a lot of time in to keep this thing running for the citizens of the county. So thank you to all of those employees."

Chairman Miller stated, "I, too, would like to say thank you for being here and caring about your county. You know, there are a lot going on in the county and we just ask that as the summer goes on, wherever you see a road paving project, whether a

state highway or a county road, whatever it may be, be cautious. We just certainly would like to not have anybody hurt or anything like that during the summer months while road construction is going on. We certainly want to say a big thank you to Mrs. Frederickson. We appreciate you. We're thankful that you came onboard and see a great future for the County with you here." He stated that all of the employees have stepped up and as far as team building, he sees it moving forward. He stated, "And with that I would entertain a motion to adjourn."

**ADJOURN:**

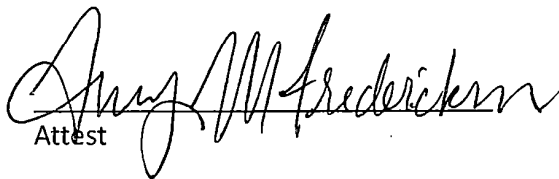
Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Burrough that this meeting be adjourned to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled meeting or at the call of the Chairman.

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

With no opposition the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Read and Approved:

  
Chairman

  
Attest