# August 15, 2022

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 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2022, 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: Keith Davis, Jeff Burrough, Jim Borden and Steven Aderholt.

Reverend Joey Vick gave the invocation and Solid Waste Director John Dunagan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

# **AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

None.

# **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to Approve the Agenda; to Approve the Minutes of August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 meeting and the August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 emergency meeting.

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 Robbie Dickerson stated that the Flu Shots will be September the 6<sup>th</sup> here in the board room from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

County Engineer Mike Short stated that this weekend the technicians installed a new AWOS system at the Airport, Automated Weather Observation System; that they had been waiting quite a while on it and that it was a FAA Grant that has come to fruition. He said he thinks they're still waiting on FFA representatives to come and give their okay.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to open discussion of the Mill Creek Pipe Project.

After explanation by County Engineer Mike Short that the low bidder has indicated that they may not comply with the bid they presented and Mr. Short suggesting that they go to the second low bidder, and a brief discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to move on to the second lower bidder, if necessary.

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.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Davis to open discussion to In Service Shannon Whitehead to Maintenance Technician.

After explanation by Chairman Miller, motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to In Service Shannon Whitehead to Maintenance Technician.

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Davis to open discussion to In Service Timothy Taylor to Driver Operator in Solid Waste.

After explanation by Solid Waste Director John Dunagan, motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve Item 2 and Item 3 to In Service Timothy Taylor and Timothy Frankenburger to Driver Operator in Solid Waste.

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.

Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to open discussion of the Approval of Harris contract for extended data conversion.

After explanation by County Administrator Robbie Dickerson, input by County Attorney Richard Fikes and much discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve the Harris Contract for extended data conversion.

With no further discussion, the vote taken resulted as follows: District One: Aye; 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 Davis to open discussion of the RSA longevity bonus (Resolution before September 1).

After explanation by County Administrator Robbie Dickerson, input by County Attorney Richard Fikes and a brief discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve the \$76,280 one-time payout RSA longevity bonus (Resolution before September 1).

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.

Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to open discussion of Justice Center Bids and action.

After explanation by Chairman Miller and explanation and recommendation by County Engineer Mike Short, input by County Attorney Richard Fikes and his recommendation that the bids be rejected and rebid, and much discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Davis that the bids be rejected and be rebidded.

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to open discussion of Approval of the Agreement with Winfield regarding Sheriff's deputy.

After explanation by Chairman Miller, input by Sheriff Nick Smith and recommendation by County Attorney Richard Fikes, motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Borden to approve the Agreement with Winfield regarding Sheriff's deputy.

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.

Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to open discussion of Rescheduling of the August 17<sup>th</sup> work session.

After explanation by County Administrator Robbie Dickerson and much discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by

Commissioner Davis to cancel the August 17<sup>th</sup> work session and reschedule for August 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. and add another work session for September 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None.

#### **DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONER:**

Commissioner Davis thanked everybody for being here and made mention that he would pray for the Chairman and his family during this time with the passing of a loved one. He stated, "Just remember to pray for all of us."

Commissioner Burrough stated, "I just want to thank each of you for coming, also, today. And also, my condolences to you Chairman. We've been praying for you. All the other people that's joined us today that don't work with us, we're glad to see you. Thank Nick for his hard work. I seen Mr. Bishop walked in. Good to see you, Mr. Bishop."

Commissioner Borden thanked everyone for being here. He stated, "Again, condolences. I know the family personally and it is a big loss. It was a shock to me and a true loss. I'm still working for the citizens of District Three."

Commissioner Aderholt thanked everybody for being here. He stated that he would reserve his comments for the next meeting.

Chairman Miller stated, "At this time I would entertain a motion to adjourn."

# **ADJOURN:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Davis, 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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