October 5, 2026

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 5th day of October 2026, 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.

Mr. Al Blanton gave the invocation; and Mr. Brian Atkins 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 September 21, 2026; and to Approve the New Vendor List for September 2026.

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. I'll be brief. Just save the date, November 5th will be our open enrollment. Additional details will go out in the next few weeks. We have that available, just like we did last year. Additionally, a brief update on Paycor. As you all know, we're not able to have our new payroll system ready in time for our bi-weekly payrolls and official payrolls elected at the beginning of this month. We're anticipating that it will be ready probably towards the end of the month or next, but we just ask that employees continue to log their hours into S&W, our older system, as well as Paycor. This way, once Paycor has everything ready on their end, we'll be able to go ahead and push forward without delay."

Assistant County Engineer Brian Atkins stated, "Glenn just wanted me to let everybody know that we did receive the Rebuild Alabama Grant this last week, $350,000, and should be able to start work on Brown's Bridge Road, Blackwood Road and Tubbs' Hill Road in the coming months. Also, we finished paving on Quinton Road a few weeks ago and should be some permanent striping coming up on that road. Other than that, that's about all."

Commissioner Burrough stated, "I'd like to add to something. I know Gibson Hill has got a projected start date now, right."

Assistant County Engineer Atkins continued: "For the bridge, yes?"

Commissioner Burrough added, "And I think we're going to get that information out maybe in the next week?

Assistant County Engineer Atkins stated, "Yes. We are waiting to see If they're going to do a geotechnical-study or not on the foundation, but that's all that remains."

Commissioner Burrough asked: "Glenn will get with us and notify people when the actual road will close and begin construction on that bridge?"

Assistant County Engineer Atkins replied, "Yes."

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

(1) Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to open discussion of Discussion and Approval to Designate the Walker County Airport FBO Building as the Walker County Courthouse Annex #4.

After explanation by Chairman Miller, Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to Approve to Designate the Walker County Airport FBO Building as the Walker County Courthouse Annex #4,

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.

Brief comments and a discussion were held after the motion was voted on and approved.

(2) Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to open discussion of Discussion and Approval to Replace Two (2) Airport Access Gate Security Controls Using Designated Courthouse Security Funds.

After explanation by Chairman Miller and a brief discussion, Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to Approve to Replace Two (2) Airport Access Gate Security Controls Using Designated Courthouse Security Funds.

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 Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to open discussion of Discussion and Approval to Schedule a Public Hearing on Petition to Designate Property as Industrial Park to be Held October 19th, 2026, at 9:00am in Walker County Courthouse Annex#1 Commission Meeting Room.

After comments by Mr. David Knight and input by Chairman Miller, Motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to Approve to Schedule a Public Hearing on Petition to Designate Property as Industrial Park to be Held October 19th, 2026, at 9:00am in Walker County Courthouse Annex #1 Commission Meeting Room.

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.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Dunagan thanked everyone for coming.

Commissioner Burrough stated; "I also thank Ms. Persons for coming. And thank you so much for our gifts here. We appreciate that and appreciate what y'all do. David, thank you again for all the work you do. I appreciate everybody's support."

Commissioner Borden stated, "Along the lines of what Commissioner Burrough just said, again, I just thank everyone for being here. On comments about our grant, I would think that at this moment we still have a lot of moving parts that have got to fall in place, just like the media. As we get closer to having contractors begin to show up for the project on Tubbs Hill and Browns Bridge, Blackwood Road, I'll give a better statement at that time. I think it would be better suited to do it at that time as to just – not saying we don't want to get people's hopes up, but let's just keep speculation down until we get this thing up and running."

Commissioner Aderholt stated, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. I would just like to thank everybody for being here. Glad we got the finishing project on Quinton Road. I know we've got some more roads that are going to be paved, the bid will be let here soon for Thornton Lake Road, Golf Course Road, Pine – a cross-section road there in – the road is in Boldo. Those projects will be set here soon.

Commissioner Aderholt continued sating, "Again, it is 4H week. Thank Ms. Persons for being here. We

appreciate everything that you do. It's another opportunity to mix in the lives of the children of Walker County. Another chance we get to do that. We need to be as supportive as we possibly can. And I truly do appreciate you coming to the Commission Meeting every year reminding us."

Chairman Miller stated, "Well, I too, certainly would like to say thank you for everyone's participation. Walker County is at the door of growth. It is at the door of just an expansion that we've not seen in Walker County. And that's because of our interstate. That's because of hard work of Mr. Knight and all the commissioners and people that work for the County. You know, without all of us, it's not a functioning system. But when we all come together, here we are. We have great things going on for the County. It is our intent to continue the process, continue to do as much as we can on a limited budget and grow this county just as fast as we can. These commissioners work hard on every road in the county, every road is the most important one if you live on it, and we understand that. However, when you have limited funding, you do the best you can. And with that, I'd entertain a motion to adjourn into executive session, and we won't be coming back as we don't have anything to do after the executive session."

ADJOURN:

Having been presented a letter from County Attorney Charles R. Stephens, Jr. that the matter to be discussed meets the criteria for an Executive Session, Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Burrough that this meeting be adjourned to Executive Session 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

Attest