

October 6, 2025

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 October 2025, 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.

Commissioner Aderholt gave the Invocation and Commissioner Borden led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATION:

- (1) Ms. Rebecca Parsons and Mr. Danny Cain with the Extension Office thanked the Commission for supporting their 4-H Programs to work with the young people here in Walker County, the Agriculture Program, Home-Ec Program, and all their other programs. Lilly Kate Clark, State Ambassador with the 4H Program handed out gift bags to the Commission and employees of the Commission Office recognizing National 4-H Week.

Chairman Miller thanked them for their continued effort with the 4H and for what they do in the county.

- (2) County Administrator Amy Frederickson read a proclamation proclaiming the Month of October, 2025 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to Approve the Agenda; to Approve the Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 15, 2025 and the Special Meeting of September 29, 2025; to Approve the Claims Against the County; and to Approve the New Vendor List for September, 2025.

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 want to thank 4H for being here. Also, I wanted to thank everyone for taking the time

Administrator Amy Frederickson reading a letter from the Path Company and input from Chairman Miller, Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to Award Guaranteed Energy Cost Savings RFQ to Path Company.

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.

(3) Motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to open discussion of Discussion and Approval to Issue Letter of Support for UAB/EMS Trauma SS4A Grant Proposal.

After explanation by Commissioner Aderholt and County Administrator Amy Frederickson reading a letter regarding UAB/EMS Trauma SS4A Grant Proposal Letter of Support, Dr. Ferguson and Dr. Hashmi, and input by Commissioner Aderholt, Motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to Approve to Issue Letter of Support for UAB/EMS Trauma SS4A Grant Proposal.

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.

(4) Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of In-Service Transfer of Micha Kilgore to Full-Time Common Laborer in the Maintenance Department.

After explanation by Chairman Miller, Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to approve the In-Service Transfer of Micha Kilgore to Full-Time Common Laborer in the Maintenance Department.

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 stated that he has a couple of items to add. He said they have had some concerns about tipping fees at the landfill, commercial rates and he wants to bring that up for discussion.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to add as Number 5 – Discussion and Approval of Tipping Fees at Walker

County Landfill.

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.

(5) Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Borden to open for discussion, Discussion and Approval of Tipping Fees at Walker County Landfill.

After explanation by Commissioner Dunagan, input by Commissioners Borden and Burrough, and input by Solid Waste Director Rodney Cain, and much discussion, Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan seconded by Commissioner Borden to close discussion and vote for approval on \$45 a ton when the scales start working or \$7 a yard right now on all commercial trash with no out of county trash.

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.

Commissioner Dunagan continued: "As Glenn mentioned earlier, Walston Bridge Road and Sunlight Road. Walston Bridge from the bridge back to 257, weather permitting, we'll start tomorrow. So y'all please use caution when you're going through there, I know school buses, school traffic, we're trying to make improvements, so please just use caution. Don't need nobody to get hurt. We are out trimming limbs, doing ditches still, so just use caution around my guys. I appreciate all of our employees for the work you do. We had a good rodeo this past weekend. I appreciate Rebo Reeves' people putting that on. Again, thank y'all for showing up to this meeting."

Commissioner Burrough stated, "Chairman maybe add Item 6, just add an executive session. I think we have a situation with an employee that we need to discuss. I think Charlie has certified it with his letter. If we can, add that to the Agenda."

(6) Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to Add an Executive Session as Item 6.

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.

Commissioner Burrough continued: "First off, I'd like to thank each person for being here and attending. Your interest in county government is important to us. And our phones are always on to answer questions and try to help all the residents that we can. Thank y'all for coming to the meeting. I asked David Knight if he was bringing some more good news. But he's still working hard for us. And appreciate him and appreciate everybody that went. I understand, I didn't get to go, but the rest of you had a good trip to Blount County. Is that right? You know, with the idea of us coming up

with some sort of agricultural center, you know, here in our county, so, I think that certainly would be a positive. We endeavor to do that. And I appreciate y'all guys taking time out to go. Other than that, thanks for coming. And I'll pass it to Jim."

Commissioner Borden stated, "Thank everyone for being here. And I'll add a little bit to what the first two commissioners said. This kind of builds as it goes down the line. The biggest thing I wanted to say, Glenn, our dates for District Three, our road projects we have is it the 20th roughly of this month?"

County Engineer Glenn Peek stated, "I believe the 23rd. If they didn't make it that week, it would not be until November the 4th."

Commissioner Borden: "No chance of being here sooner?"

County Engineer Glenn Peek: "No, sir."

Commissioner Borden continued: "I'm getting a lot of phone calls from the time that we awarded these bids. I can't call everybody that is sending me questions about the dates, so I'll make the announcement that the contractors, we've already awarded the bids, the contractors are on their way. We are just waiting on them to show up. Everything has been approved. So, like I said, I've got, I think, four projects in District Three. And hopefully they'll be here sooner than later and we can make some improvements. That's all I have."

Chairman Miller stated, "And before Mr. Aderholt starts, I'd like to get you to add Item 7, which would be Yerkwood Project Paid by Courthouse Security and Cawaco Grant, Ms. Regina brought that to my attention. Also, then Item 8 adding Clothing Allowance for EMA, \$500 each."

Commissioner Aderholt stated, "I'd like to make a Motion to add Item Number 7 – Storm Shelter at Yerkwood, using Cawaco Grants and Item 8 Clothing Allowance for EMA."

Motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to Add Item 7 – Yerkwood Storm Shelter Project, using Cawaco Grants and Item 8 – Clothing Allowance for EMA.

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.

(7) Motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Borden to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of the Yerkwood Storm Shelter Project, using Cawaco Grants.

After explanation by EMA Director Regina Myers and input by Chairman Miller, Motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Borden to Approve the Yerkwood Storm Shelter Project, using Cawaco Grants.

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.

(8) Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to open discussion of Clothing Allowance for EMA, \$500 each.

After explanation by Chairman Miller, input from EMA Director Regina Myers and Commissioner Borden, motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to Approve Clothing Allowance for EMA, \$500 each.

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.

Commissioner Aderholt continued: "We're still working on storm shelters. We're also working for an additional shelter still for Sipsey. We've had a couple of setbacks with it, but we're still working toward that. That area has been hit multiple times. I'm from the Pineywoods area. I grew up there. And I can't tell you how many times tornadoes just love to run that path from the south part of the county right through the Sipsey, east Walker County area. So, it's like a tornado corridor, so to speak. As much as we can possibly physically do as Local Government and Commission to help protect citizens, we're going to do everything that we can. Again, everything is based on funding, so we're going to run on grant monies and courthouse security money and rely on elected officials at the State legislature, our senators to help us with that. And so far, everybody has just been all-hands-on-deck to do everything they can for the County moving forward and funding us the best they can. Again, I'm thankful for this shelter that's gonna go to Yerkwood and also the coming shelter. There's more after that. We've got several other shelters – people are in line for shelters in tornado alley. I don't want to call it that, but that's essentially what it is. Again, that accentuates the need for what we're doing there.

Again, thank everybody for coming. I appreciate your participation in local government. I appreciate Ms. Parsons with 4H for coming out for 4H week and Breast Cancer Awareness. David, thank you for being here and all your continued efforts. We had a tremendous, tremendous, tremendous visit to Blount County to their Agriculture Center this past week. Most of us got to go, as Jeff was saying, to do that. And that's something we see – definitely see in our county's future that we want to do. Our county is growing. I'm proud to be from Walker County. I will be from Walker County, God willing. We want to see our county grow and move forward into the future with all the amenities and things we can offer for our citizens. So, again, thank everybody for being here."

Chairman Miller stated, "I, too, want to say thank you for coming. It is our goal

to continue to press forward. One of the things I want to mention to Mr. Ed and Mr. Al is that these courthouse security funds cannot be used for roads. We always get a lot of kickback on anything that we do, we should put that money on roads. The only thing that we can do with this money is what we're doing with it. It's courthouse security or storm shelters, that's how it's set up. So those are the things that we do and there's a lot of other funds that are the same way. But we're working hard.

I, too, was very, very impressed with the Blount County Ag Center. Great facility. I want to thank Mr. Knight for getting that together for us and 'wow,' this county has the abilities to work on funding for this through outside grants and monies and you know, we first have to ask for those things. And that's where we're headed. So, this County Commission continues to work for you, the voters of Walker County, citizens of Walker County and want to continue to do that. And with that I'd entertain a motion to Adjourn to Executive Session and not return."

ADJOURN:

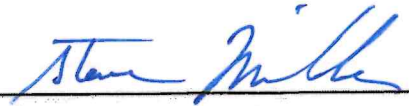
Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden that this meeting be adjourned to Executive Session and reconvene at the next regularly scheduled meeting or at the call of the Chairman.

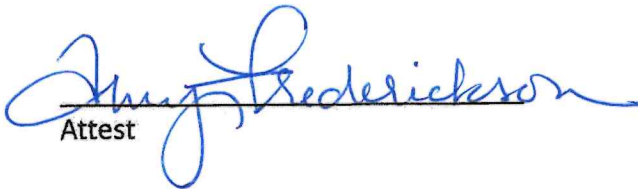
With no discussion, the vote taken resulted as follows: District One: Aye; District Two: Aye; District Three: Aye; District Four: Aye.

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

(COMMISSION ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION)

Read and Approved:


Chairman


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Steve Miller
WALKER COUNTY COMMISSION

Re: COMMISSION MEETING/EXECUTIVE SESSION
10/6/25

Dear Chairman Miller:

A governmental body may enter into executive session under certain provisions provided in the Alabama Open Meetings Act. This includes both the discussion of potential liability for the County and the discussion of matters involving the general reputation and character, physical condition, professional competence, or mental health of individuals, or, subject to the limitations set out herein, to discuss the job performance of certain public employees. It is my opinion that the Walker County Commission should enter into executive session as the names, good character and reputation of certain individuals are to be discussed and the Walker County Commission desires to avoid any impropriety during said necessary discussion.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles R. Stephens, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Charles R. Stephens, Jr.

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