October 19, 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 19th 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.

Chairman Miller gave the invocation and Commissioner Borden led the pledge of allegiance.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATION:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Borden to Approve the Agenda, to Approve the Meeting Minutes of October 5, 2026, and to Approve the Claims Against the County.

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. I just wanted to remind you that November 5th has been chosen for open enrollment. Additional details will be going out sometime during this week. And secondly, I just wanted to encourage all employees to continue entering their time in payroll. It's particularly helpful for us to work through any issues before they actually arise during a pay period. And we're still waiting on Paycor to complete a new report that's required for our retirement system. So, once that's completed, we'll be able to start moving towards that goal update."

County Engineer Glenn Peek stated, "We are currently waiting on some contractors. Hopefully, we'll have one contractor move in next week. I've not heard from them yet. Then the other contractors should be moving in the first or second week of November, is the last I've been told. We're also working on some other future projects."

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

(1) Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Borden to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of Resolution Appointing Ms. Tori Taylor as Walker County Safety Coordinator.

After explanation by County Administrator Amy Frederickson and input from Chairman Miller, Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to Approve the Resolution Appointing Ms. Tori Taylor as Walker County Safety Coordinator.

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.

(2) Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to open discussion of Discussion and Approval to Purchase, through Sourcewell Contract, one (1) $20,884.72 Kobota Zero-Turn Riding Mower for the Road & Bridge Department.

After explanation by County Engineer Glenn Peek and input by Commissioner Borden, motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to Approve to Purchase, through Sourcewell Contract, one (1) $20,884.72 Kobota Zero-Turn Riding Mower for the Road & Bridge 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.

(3) Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of Simple Grant $12,500.00 Work Plan to Include Application to EPA 2026 Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) National Program for the Replacement of Outdated Qualifying Equipment.

After explanation by Chairman Miller and Commissioner Borden, and input by Janet Clayton, motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to Approve the Simple Grant $12,500.00 Work Plan to Include Application to EPA 2026 Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) National Program for the Replacement of Outdated Qualifying Equipment.

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 Resolution Approving Walker County Development Authority's Petition to Designate Property as Industrial Park.

After explanation by Mr. David Knight, Commissioner Aderholt and other commissioners thanked Mr. Knight for his hard work, and County Attorney Charles R. Stephens, Jr. read the Resolution aloud, motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to approve the Resolution Approving Walker County Development Authority's Petition to Designate Property as Industrial Park.

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:

A public hearing was held October 19, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. on the Petition to the Walker County Commission to consider, approve, and formally designate the property (Description attached to Petition indicated in Item #4 in the Agenda) as an industrial park, subject to applicable laws, regulations, public-notice requirements, hearings, reviews, permits, and approvals. Other than the following from the Commission and County Attorney, there was no response when Chairman Miller asked if there was any citizen who would like to speak on the subject.

Chairman Miller explained that this is naming the Industrial Development Park and hasn't anything to do with building or whatever, that it's just about our Industrial Development Park name.

County Attorney Charles R. Stephens, Jr. stated, "You're approving the creation of the Industrial Park."

Chairman Miller explained, "We're approving the creation of the Industrial Development Park is what it is."

Commissioner Borden stated, "Well, I think we should, I guess, let the Administrator or the Attorney explain that in depth. The purpose of naming for the meeting today and why we're doing this, is to protect the Industrial Development Park from outside intrusions, maybe surrounding municipalities or counties."

County Attorney Charles R. Stephens, Jr., stated, "Well, the Development Authority has set aside what's been described in the petition that they filed a couple of weeks ago. And in that Petition, they've asked for that land to be designated or set aside as an industrial park and the Commission has to act on that petition. And there's a resolution that's been prepared if y'all approve the industrial park's creation and setting aside that acreage, I believe it's around two hundred acres, for the industrial park. Then y'all will vote and if that is approved, then you will authorize the Chairman to execute the Resolution and that will set aside the property. And I think the proposed names from the Development Authority is going to be Heritage Industrial Park. But this sets aside that land, so it is designated as an industrial park. I think at that point it may even qualify for some grant monies or improvement monies, and it will also attract industry

into the county, like our industrial park for the city has. There are a lot of industry out there. We've got a lot of manufacturing out there. We've got a paving company out there. And that's what is possible with this park, is to promote the industrial and economic development of The County."

Commissioner Borden added, "But also, it's to protect the property that The County has in doing this Resolution and passing this, is to protect us against annexation by an outside entity."

County Attorney Stephens responded, "In theory, yes, there's a small possibility, But it would protect that land and set it aside for Walker County Industrial Park."

Commissioner Aderholt stated: "Well annexation is something that an entity has to want and invite in. It's not something that a municipality can go out and grab."

Chairman Miller stated, "If we don't have any other comments or questions -- Mr. Knight anything else?

Mr. Knight stated, "Nothing else."

Chairman Miller stated: "All right, at this time, we'll declare our public hearing over. And we'll wait until 9:30 to have our regular meeting."

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Aderholt stated, "I'd like to thank everybody for being here today. It's an exciting meeting. I can't get enough of wishing everybody's attention and time for being here. We work hard to spend tax dollars wisely."

Commissioner Borden stated, "I just want to thank everyone for being here. Again, thank you David Knight for the work that you do to help try to advance this County. I just want to say thank you to all of our county employees. Our speakers over here today, I think I mentioned last meeting, I'll go off of what Glenn said about the paving companies coming in. Once they begin to come in to do some of our paving, at that time I think it would be more appropriate to let the public know what District Three is trying to accomplish and how these things will proceed in order. But I think District Three is going to be in a good position by the end of this year once we get some of these projects done. Again, just thank everyone for being here."

Commissioner Burrough stated, "I also would like to thank everyone for being here. I don't have much to say other than to brag on David and the work he does. We appreciate all the things you do. But now that we're closing up on the east side of the county, maybe we can build toward the west side of the county." He made mention that today is Al's birthday and he's not here and, he again, thanked everybody for coming.

Commissioner Dunagan stated, "Thank everybody for coming. Also, I ask that you continue to pray for the Curry High School students and faculty after a tragic

accident this weekend."

Chairman Miller stated, "Well I, too, would like to say thank you to everybody who has come to the meeting. It is great that you care about your county government. And we appreciate each, and every, one of you. We appreciate the employees of the county. We've got a lot going on in the County and got a lot to come. And this year is almost over. And we'll see in the spring, hopefully, some more paving projects and some more funding to get some of this done, as the grants come up. And just remember these guys work hard. This weekend some of us were out examining and moving debris from an area, doing everything we could to try to help. And we do work and help whenever we're called upon to do so. I just want folks to know that. And it's our intent to make this county better and better."

Commissioner Aderholt added that the Sipsey River Kayak Race that was scheduled for a couple of weeks ago will be rescheduled for October 31st.

Chairman Miller stated, "With that said, I'd entertain a motion to adjourn."

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by Commissioner Borden 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 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