

October 21, 2024

Regular Meeting Minutes, Walker County Commission

At a regularly 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 21st day of October 2024, Chairman Miller gave the welcome and called the meeting to order.

After invitation to both citizens and other elected officials to comment, County Administrator, Amy Frederickson, called the roll and the Commissioners present were Keith Davis, Jeff Burrough, Jim Borden and Steven Aderholt.

Al Blanton gave the invocation and County Engineer Glenn Peek led the pledge of allegiance.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:

By Proclamation presented to Commissioner Keith Davis, the Commissioners commended Commissioner Davis for his tenured service and outstanding contribution to County Government.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to approve the Agenda and to approve the Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting and the Emergency Meeting on October 7, 2024.

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

Without opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

County Administrator Amy Frederickson stated that the Commission Office is in the process of contacting vendors and anticipates open enrollment to be held on November 7, 2024 in the Commission Meeting room. She added that she will be sending out email notifications to Department Heads after this meeting is adjourned.

County Engineer Glenn Peek stated that the Engineering Department is waiting on several contractors for projects they have scheduled, including Tubbs Hill Road.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (1) Motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Borden to open discussion of the proposed Resolution with Walker County Community Action Agency (WCCAA) & Walker County Transportation System (WCTS), concerning the ability of WCAA and WCTS to contract with Third-Party Transportation Services in FY 2025 through FY 2028.

After explanation by County Administrator Amy Frederickson, motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Borden, to approve the Resolution with WCCAA & WCTS for the authority to contract with third-party transportation service providers in FY2025 through FY2028.

With no additional discussion, the vote taken resulted as follows: District One: Aye; District Two: Aye; District Three: Aye; Four: 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 proposals for Bid No. 829 for the resurfacing of Scott Cemetery Road.

After explanation and recommendation by County Engineer Gleen Peek, motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve the lowest bidder's proposal for Bid No. 829.

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 proposals for Bid No. 830 for Resurfacing of Boldo & Knight Roads.

After explanation and recommendation by County Engineer Glenn Peek, motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Borden to Approve the lowest bidder's proposal for Bid No. 830.

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 Davis and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to open discussion of Walker County EMA FY 2024 Emergency Management Performance Grant

(EMPG) Cooperative Agreement (CA).

After explanation by EMA Director Regina Myers that this is a salary reimbursement, motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to Approve the EMA FY 2024 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Cooperative Agreement (CA).

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.

- (5) Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to open discussion of 3-Year contract with QCHC for the provision of 24-Hour Inmate Medical Care and the processing of Inmate Medical Billing.

After explanation by Chairman Miller, input by Sheriff Nick Smith and a brief discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to approve the 3-Year contract with QCHC's provision of 24-Hour inmate medical care and medical billing services.

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.

- (6) Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to open discussion of Catastrophic Inmate Medical Insurance provided by Hunt Insurance Group, effective October 1, 2024.

After explanation by Chairman Miller and Commissioner Aderholt, input from Sheriff Nick Smith and County Administrator Amy Frederickson and much discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve Hunt Insurance Group's Catastrophic Inmate Medical Insurance (Option 1) with coverage effective October 1, 2024.

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.

- (7) Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Davis to open discussion of a 1-Year contract with RJ Young for the Probate Court & Probate Office.

After consideration, motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Davis to table the 1-Year RJ Young Contract for Probate Court & Probate

Office.

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.

- (8) Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to open discussion of the proposed amendment to the County's Election Expenditure Budget under the General Fund to account for expenses remaining from FY 2024.

After explanation by Judge of Probate Lee Tucker, motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to approve the amendment as proposed to the General Fund's Election Expenditure budget.

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.

- (9) Motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Davis to open for discussion the new Public Records Request Policy, Forms, which would revoke prior versions of the Public Records Request policies due to substantive changes in State law.

After explanation by County Administrator Amy Frederickson and a brief discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve the New Public Records Request Policy as presented due to the changes in State law.

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.

- (10) - (19) Upon request by Commissioner Aderholt that items 10 -19 be combined, motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to open discussion of Agenda Items 10 -19 as follows:

- i. Discussion and Approval of request to hire Ms. Kaitlyn Smith as Part-Time/Seasonal Revenue Clerk, beginning October 22, 2024 and ending on January 7, 2025;
- ii. Discussion and Approval of Probate Judge A. Lee Tucker's request to hire Ms. Tammy Mixon from the Eligible Register as an Entry-Level Clerk to begin October 30, 2024;
- iii. Discussion and Approval of request to hire Mr. Jerry Allen as a full-time Common Laborer for District Four, to start October 23, 2024;
- iv. Discussion and Approval of request to hire Mr. Tony Roberts as Full-Time Common Laborer for the Solid Waste Department, to start October 23, 2024;

- v. Discussion and Approval of request to hire Mr. Russell Yadack from the Eligible Register as a full-time Jailer with a Start Date of October 23, 2024;
- vi. Discussion and Approval of request to Hire Messrs. Braxton Bridges, Christopher Craft, and Mr. Joseph Hornsby as part-time Jailers to start October 23, 2024;
- vii. Discussion and Approval of request to work Jail Captain Arcelia Jottie Tidwell out-of-classification in the Clerk Position for up to 120 days, without a change in her current pay, and effective upon approval by the Civil Service Board;
- viii. Discussion and Approval of request to work Investigator Carl Carpenter out-of-classification in the Jail Captain Position for up to 120 days, effective upon approval by the Civil Service Board;
- ix. Discussion and approval of request to work Sergeant Slade Reeves out-of-classification in the Investigator Position for up to 120 days, effective upon approval by the Civil Service Board;
- x. Discussion and Approval of Request to work Sergeant Tony Reid out-of-classification in Investigator Position for up to 120 days, effective upon approval by the Civil Service Board;

Motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to approve the Motions 10 -19 as requested and listed above.

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Aderholt thanked everybody for being here. He stated, "Obviously, we're working hard to make Walker County a better place to be." He stated that he came into office twelve years ago and Commissioner Davis came in as District One Commissioner and they have worked side by side for twelve years and that they have made some real accomplishments for Walker County, not them alone but the whole Commission, that they've worked hard for the citizens of Walker County. He further stated, "I'll tell you right now, I learned about a man that's made of integrity, a man of honor, a man who chose to do the right thing." He stated that Keith has the best intentions for Walker County. He further stated that he has learned something very special in this life, that you don't get a lot of, and that's a best friend. He said Keith has been a good friend to him. He thanked Commissioner Davis for what he had done for him and the County and all the things that he has helped him with, that he has been a good friend.

Commissioner Borden thanked everyone for being here. He said he has been here right at four years

now, but he's come to know Mr. Davis. He said, it's hard to follow what Commissioner Aderholt said to add anything to that, but he agrees with what Mr. Aderholt said. He said they have had no problems working together on this Commission since he has been here for four years and, also, considers Commissioner Davis a friend, that he believes he has had the best intentions for the County and has put the County first. He stated that it has been an honor to work with him and wished him good luck in his future endeavors.

Chairman Miller stated, "Mr. Davis, we really appreciate you. I, too, want to commend you for what you've done." He stated that if there is anything they can do to help him in any way to let them know, that he appreciates him as a friend. He thanked everyone that was in attendance today.

Commissioner Burrough thanked everyone for being here today, that they appreciate people coming to the meetings as they try to move the County forward. He said he came on the Commission eight years ago and that Keith was well spoken and knew what he was talking about and he had to follow that right off the bat. He said that was a lot of pressure, but he has learned a lot from him and they've become friends over the years. Commissioner Burrough stated that if he had ever asked Keith for help that he has always helped him. He said there are a lot of guys in the room who worked for Keith that have helped with cleanup in his district after storms. He had them stand and told them he appreciated them. He stated that he would give an update on road projects in his area at next meeting.

Commissioner Davis stated, "I always start out thanking everybody for attendance because you represent the people and we try to represent you the best way we can. The second thing I've said is that there are so many positive things going on in this county, that the positive far outweighs the negative. I've said that every Commission meeting, three hundred plus meetings for twelve years. And that's the way I feel. We can live other places, but we choose to live in Walker County. I love this County. I'm very Blessed by this County and continue to be Blessed." He said he had been asked if he was going to miss it and he gave scenarios of things he would not miss, but that he was going to miss these men. He said he was going to miss it, but that he will still be active in this Community and County. He named off many of the friends he was going to miss. He asked that we pray for him and the other gentlemen up there who will have really tough decisions to make, that they need their prayers. He asked that they pray for the county, that there is no other place he'd rather be. He stated, "Thank you so much for allowing me to represent you."

Chairman Miller stated, "So with that we'd entertain a motion to adjourn."

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by Commissioner Davis 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 One: Aye; District Two: Aye; District Three: Aye; District Four: Aye.

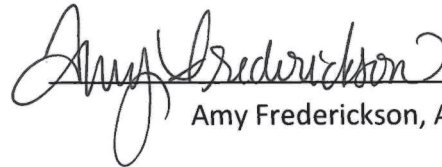
With no opposition the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Read and Approved:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Miller", written over a horizontal line.

Steve Miller, Chairman W.C.C.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy Frederickson", written over a horizontal line.

Amy Frederickson, Administrator