

November 18, 2024

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 18th day of November 2024, 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, Judge Tucker commended the work being done by Walker County's Head of Maintenance, Mr. Shannon Whitehead, as he had been working diligently to resolve the plumbing issues in the Probate Court. County Administrator Amy Frederickson, then called the roll and Commissioners present were John Dunagan, Jeff Burrough, Jim Borden and Steven Aderholt.

Commissioner Aderholt gave the invocation and County Engineer Glenn Peek led the pledge of allegiance.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATION:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to Approve the Agenda, to Approve the Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meetings on October 21 and October 28, 2024 and the Emergency Meeting Minutes of October 28 and November 5, 2024; to Approve the New Vendor List and Claims Against the County for October, 2024.

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 reminded all employees that the County's United Way Employee Donation drive was coming to a close and to please, return all donation forms to her office before the end of the day. Additionally, she invited all county employees receiving insurance under the County to come to the Commission Office on Wednesday from 9-10am for annual flu vaccinations.

County Engineer Glenn Peek stated that he was currently waiting on several paving projects to schedule and complete striping work and that his department was also diligently working on compiling and posting new bid packages for the next year's projects.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- (1) Motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of Request to Appoint Ms. Teresa Sherer to the TricountyAID Board of Directors.

After explanation by County Administrator Amy Frederickson, motion was made by Commissioner Adetholt and seconded by Commissioner Burrough, to approve the Appointment of Ms. Teresa Sherer to the TricountyAID Board.

With no 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 Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of IAC Agreement Extension through December 31, 2027.

After explanation by County Administrator Amy Frederickson, motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to approve IAC Agreement Extension through December 31, 2027.

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 Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of \$400.00 Invoice for Coroner Association Dues.

After explanation by County Administrator Amy Frederickson and Chairman Miller, motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to Approve the \$400.00 Invoice for Coroner Association Fees.

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 \$1825.00 SafeGuard Corp. Invoice to Repair Leaking/Damaged Sprinkler System.

After explanation by County Administrator Amy Frederickson and a brief discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to Approve the \$1825.00 Safe Guard Corp. Invoice to Repair Leaking/Damaged Sprinkler System.

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.

- (5) Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of \$1900.00 Safe Guard Proposal for Annual and Quarterly Inspections of Sprinklers, as described.

After explanation by Chairman Steve Miller and much discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to approve the \$1900.00 Safe Guard Proposal for Annual and Quarterly inspections of Sprinklers, as described.

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 Dunagan to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of Addendum to SmartFusion Contract (Agreement: JWI-WC2021.111324) to Run Concurrently with Prior Approved Contract to Finish Project & Add New Solutions ad Proposed.

After explanation by Administrator Amy Frederickson and input from Chairman Miller and much discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to Approve the Addendum to SmartFusion/Contract (Agreement: JWI-WC2021.111324) to Run Concurrently with Prior Approved Contract to Finish Project & Add New Solutions as Proposed.

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 Borden to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of the Revenue Department's Proposed Budget Amendment to the General Fund: Re-allocating \$5500.00 from 001-

51600-122 (Health Insurance) to Establish and Fund 001-51600-149 (Overtime).

After explanation by County Administrator Amy Frederickson and input by Revenue Commissioner Jerry Davis, motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to Approve the Revenue Department's Proposed Budget Amendment to the General Fund: Re-allocating \$5500.00 from 001-51600-122 (Health Insurance) to Establish and Fund 001-51600-149 (Overtime).

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 Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of Smith Lake Task Force Request for Donation of Surplus Pick-Up by Sheriff's Office to go to Smith Lake.

After explanation by Chairman Miller and input from Sheriff Nick Smith, motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to approve the Smith Lake Task Force Request for Donation of Surplus Pick-Up by Sheriff's Office to go to Smith Lake.

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 Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of Re-Appraisal's Proposed Budget Amendment to Correct Payroll Calculation Error.

After explanation by County Administrator Amy Frederickson, motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to approve the Re-Appraisal's Proposed Budget Amendment to Correct Payroll Calculation Error.

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) Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of Request to Hire Ethan Lane & Brandon Peters in the Position of Full-Time Common Laborers in District Four with a Proposed Start Date of November 20, 2024.

After Commissioner Aderholt stated he needed to hire someone, motion was made

by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Bord to Approve the Request to Hire Ethan Lane & Brandon Peters in the Position of Full-Tim Common Laborers in District Four with a Proposed Start Date of November 20, 2024.

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.

- (11) Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to open discussion of Discussion and Approval pf Request to Hire Ms. Teresa Locke as Full-Time Common Laborer in the Probate Office, with a Proposed Start Date of December 2, 2024.

After Probate Judge Lee Tucker reiterated the Commissioner Aderholt's sentiment, motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to approve the Request to Hire Ms. Teresa Locke as Full-Time Common Laborer in the Probate Office, with a Proposed Start Date of December 2, 2024.

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.

- (12) Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner to open discussion of Discussion and Approval to Transfer Kenneth W. Kimbrell as a Part-Time Heavy Equipment Operator for Road & Bridge Department, with a Proposed Start Date of November 20. 2024.

After explanation by County Engineer Glenn Peek, motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to approve to Transfer Kenneth W. Kimbrell as a Part-Time Heavy Equipment Operator for Road & Bridge Department, with a Proposed Start Date of November, 2024.

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.

- (13) Motion was made by Commission Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to open discussion for Discussion and Approval to Hire Mr. John Springfield as a Part-Time Deputy to Work as a School-Resource Officer, with a Proposed Start Date of November 20, 2024.

After explanation by Sheriff Nick Smith, motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt

and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to approve the Request to Hire Mr. John Springfield as a Part-time Deputy to Work as a School-Resource Officer with a Proposed Start Date of November 20, 2024.

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.

- (14) Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to open discussion of Discussion and Approval to Hire Mr. Drake Romine as a Part-Time Jailer with a Start Date of November 20, 2024.

After Sheriff Nick Smith stated that they needed to hire someone, motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to approve to Hire Mr. Drake Romine as a Part-Time Jailer with a Start Date of November 20, 2024.

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.

- (15) Motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to open discussion of Discussion and Approval to In-Service Transfer Captain Ralph Williams to the Position of Chief-Deputy effective November 18, 2024.

After explanation by Sheriff Nick Smith, motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to approve to In-Service Transfer Captain Ralph Williams to the Position of Chief Deputy effective November 18, 2024.

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.

- (16) Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to open discussion of Discussion and Approval to Work Deputy Daniel Vickery "Out-of-Classification" in Position of Sergeant-Jail for up to 120 Days Effective Upon Approval by the Civil Service Board.

After explanation by Sheriff Nick Smith, motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Borden to approve to Work Deputy Daniel Vickery "Out of Classification" in Position of Sergeant-Jail for up to 120 Days Effective Upon Approval by the Civil Service Board.

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 he needed to add an item to the agenda as Number 17. Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Borden to add item 17 for Discussion and Approval to move Tony Roberts and Steven Blanton up to Driver Operators in the Solid Waste Department.

After explanation by Commissioner Dunagan, motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Borden to Approve to Move Tony Roberts and Steven Blanton up to Driver Operators in the Solid Waste Department.

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 Dunagan thanked everyone for coming today for everything their employees do behind the scenes, that nobody sees what they do to keep the county going.

Commissioner Burrough thanked everyone for their attendance and, specifically thanked the SROS for their dedication in protecting our youth. Commissioner Burrough indicated that projects were ongoing and was looking forward to the continuation of progress after the Holidays.

Commissioner Borden began by thanking the employees and first responders for their hard work and dedication. Commissioner Borden asked that these people and the Commission be kept in the thoughts and prayers of the community as they continually strive to serve the people of Walker County.

Commissioner Aderholt thanked everyone for their participation and asked for continued prayers for the Commission, City, State, and County. Commissioner Aderholt extended his congratulations to Chief Deputy Ralph Williams on his recent promotion and commended Mr. David Knight and Walker County's corporate partners on their hard work and dedication in moving East Walker County forwards with his most recent addition in Heritage Industrial Park. Commissioner Aderholt also invited the community to join him and his Church for Thanksgiving in Eldridge.

Chairman Steve Miller thanked all for their attendance and participation. Chairman Miller stated that Walker County is poised to grow and thanked Mr. Knight and

Ms. Kerri of the Walker County Economic Industrial Authority for their impressive dedication and work for both the current and future residents of Walker County. Echoing Commissioner Aderholt's recognition, Chairman Miller indicated that he was thrilled with the Heritage Industrial Park's prospects and that he looked forward to seeing what industry is drawn to the site. Chairman Miller also expressed his appreciation for the employees of Walker County and its Elected Officials as well as the County's Attorney for continued service to the residents of the County.


ADJOURN:

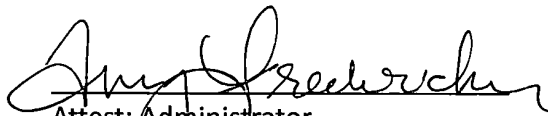
Motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan, that this meeting be adjourned to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled meeting or at the call of the Chairman.

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: Administrator