

**December 16, 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of December 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, 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:** None.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to Approve the Agenda, to Approve the Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 2, 2024, and the new vendor list for 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.

**REPORTS FROM STAFF:**

County Administrator Amy Frederickson stated, "Good morning, everyone. I just wanted to let everyone know that we're working on ironing out the final details of the employee raises, and we look forward to discussing them the next Commission meeting."

County Engineer Glenn Peek stated, "We're waiting on some paving and striping contractors and it's mainly due to weather and the holiday season. Tubbs Hill Road project is progressing, somewhat slowly, but its progressing. And then we will be opening our annual bids on Wednesday."

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- (1) Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of Supplemental Resolution for the Obligation of All Remaining ARPA Revenue Replacement Funds for Government Service Project: "Volunteer Fire-Fighter Training Facility".

After explanation by County Administrator Amy Frederickson and input by Chairman Miller, motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by

Commissioner Burrough, to approve the Supplemental Resolution for the Obligation of All Remaining ARPA Revenue Replacement Funds for Government Services Project: "Volunteer Fire-Fighters Training Facility."

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 Aderholt to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of Request to Re-Appoint David Edgil to his Seat on the Walker County E-911 Board of Directors and to Appoint Police Chief Chris Robinson to the Walker County E-911 Board of Directors Seat Once it is Vacated by Chuck Wright on January 16, 2025.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to approve the Request to Re-Appoint David Edgil to his Seat on the Walker County E-911 Board of Directors and to Appoint Police Chief Chris Robinson to the Walker County E-911 Board of Directors Once it is Vacated by Chuck Wright on January 16, 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.

- (3) Motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to open discussion of Discussion and Approval of the FY2025 Budget Amendment to Establish Fund 001-52100-550 with an Expenditure Budget of \$44,538.00, For the Purpose of Crediting the Sheriff's Department for Revenue Received for the Sale of 3 Surplus Vehicles (Total: \$16,038.00), and to Replace Revenue Lost from Donation and Inter-Departmental Vehicle Transfers (Total: \$28,500.00).

After explanation County Administrator Amy Frederickson and a brief discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to Approve the FY2025 Budget Amendment to Establish Fund 001-52100-550 with an Expenditure Budget of \$44,538.00, For the Purpose of Crediting the Sheriff's Department for Revenue Received for the Sale of 3 Surplus Vehicles (Total \$16,038.00), and to Replace Revenue Lost from Donation and Inter-Departmental Vehicle Transfers (Total: \$28,500.00).

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.

- (4) Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to open discussion of Discussion and Approval to Classify Eight (8) Vehicles as "Surplus Property" and Allow the Sale of These Surplus Vehicles, Once Titled to County, Through

Public Auction.

After explanation by County Administrator Amy Frederickson and input from Chairman Miller, motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to Approve the Amended Request to Classify Eight (8) Vehicles as "Surplus Property" and Allow the Sale of These Surplus Vehicles, Once Titled to County, Through Public Auction.

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 Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to open discussion of Discussion and Approval to Pay B&C Truck Service, Inc., for Repairs to Department of Transportation Vehicle in the Amount of \$5,998.97.

After explanation by County Administrator Amy Frederickson and a brief discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to approve to Pay B&C Truck Service, Inc, for Repairs to Department of Transportation Vehicle in the Amount of \$5,998.97.

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 Discussion and Approval to Hire Mr. Johnathon Scott Cagle as a Part-Time Deputy Sheriff with Employment to Begin on December 18, 2024. After explanation by Sheriff Nick Smith, motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to Approve to Hire Mr. Johnathon Scott Cagle as a Part-Time Deputy Sheriff with Employment to Begin on December 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.

- (7) Motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to open discussion of Discussion and Approval to Promote Deputies Brandon Pugh and Steven Legg to the Position of Sergeant-Patrol, effective December 16, 2024.

After explanation by Sheriff Nick Smith, motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to Approve to Promote Deputies Brandon Pugh and Steven Legg.

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 to Hire Ms. Alysa Salter as a Full-Time Common Laborer for the Solid Waste Department with Employment to Begin on December 18, 2024.

After explanation by Chairman Miller, motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Borden to approve to Hire Ms. Alysa Salter as a Full-Time Common Laborer for the Solid Waste Department with Employment to Begin on December 16, 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.

- (9) Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to open discussion of Discussion and Approval to In-Service Transfer Mr. Wayne Jones to the Solid Waste Department Effective December 16, 2024.

After explanation by Chairman Miller, motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Borden to approve to In-Service Transfer Mr. Wayne Jones to the Solid Waste Department Effective December 16, 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.

After County Attorney Charles Stephens, Jr. stated that he prepared a letter stating that the matters to be discussed meets the criteria for an executive session, motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan, that this meeting be adjourned to Executive Session and to reconvene.

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 RETIRES TO EXECUTIVE SESSION)  
(COMMISSION RECONVENES)

Chairman Miller called the Commission meeting back to order and motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Borden that the Commission Meeting Reconvene.

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, "I need to add as Number 10 to add Richard Fikes to start as Chief Clerk at the Probate effective December 18, 2024 and the authority for the Chairman to sign the contract."

Motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to add an Item to the Agenda as Item 10, to Hire Richard Fikes as Chief Clerk of the Probate Court.

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

(10) Motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Dunagan to open discussion of item 10, to hire Richard Fikes as Chief Clerk of the Probate Court effective December 18, 2024 and the authority for the Chairman to sign the contract.

After explanation by Probate Judge Lee Tucker and a brief discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Borden to approve to hire Richard Fikes as Chief Clerk of the Probate Court.

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 had no further discussion comments.

Commissioner Burrough stated, "First of all, I want to thank everybody for being here and participating in our county government and showing an interest to come to our meetings. I guess the only thing I have to say is this, at this time, is wish everybody a Happy Holiday and Merry Christmas and certainly wish the best for your families and that everybody has a prosperous Christmas and Happy New Year."

Commissioner Borden stated, "Mr. Chairman, I'd to add to the agenda as item 11 to give the Chairman the authority to pay off our Justice Center, formerly known as the Old Alabama Power Building down here, give you the authority to payoff that remaining sum." And I think we would use the Account 313 to accomplish that?"

Chairman Miller stated, "Yes."

Commissioner Borden stated, "And the monies are there."

Motion was made by Commissioner Borden to add Item 11, to Allow the Chairman to pay off the Justice Center from Account 313 and handle the necessary paperwork for payoff of the New Justice Center Building which was the Old Alabama Power Building.

With no discussion, the vote taken resulted as follows: District One: Aye; District Two: Aye; District Three: Aye; District Four: Aye; Chairman: 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 item 11, to Allow the Chairman to pay off and handle the necessary paperwork for payoff of the New Justice Center Building from Fund 313.

After explanation by Chairman Miller, motion was made by Commissioner Dunagan and seconded by Commissioner Borden to Allow the Chairman to pay off and handle the necessary paperwork for payoff of the New Justice Center Building, which was the old Alabama Power Building, from Fund 313.

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 Borden thanked everyone for being here. He wished everyone a Merry and safe Christmas and a Happy New Year. He stated, 'I was kidding with Commissioner Dunagan a little earlier, he said I could speak on his behalf, so I don't won't to get as long winded as his predecessor, which he's taking after, I think, as we can tell by some of our meetings. We've had a lot of fun. John has had a pretty good sinus surgery and I hope he don't care for me giving that out. I look forward to working with John in the future. On his behalf, we sure want a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year."

Commissioner Aderholt stated, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. As these other gentlemen up here, it's good to see everybody out today. I'm glad everybody comes to participate in your County Government. Sometimes you give your opinions and sometimes you just sit and take information in, but it's always a joy to see a lot of people in the room and I'll just say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. "

Chairman Miller stated, "I, too, would like to say thank you for coming and Merry Christmas, Happy New Year. On a note down at Barney that storm shelter was set and we were looking at getting the water meter there set. There normally is a charge to set meters, but we want to thank the Cordova Water Department for setting that meter



without charge to the county for that Barney meter and we appreciate them very much. Also, the fire department building bathrooms over here the grants that we've been working on, we're moving along on closing those all up now. The bathrooms over here, the ADA bathrooms are coming to a close and are going to be pretty close on those in the basement. If you haven't had time to run by and look, it would be great to run by and look. They're going to be great. The County is looking for a bright future and a better year every year to come as long as our finances stays good, this Country looks better in the future. So, with that said, I'd entertain a motion to adjourn."

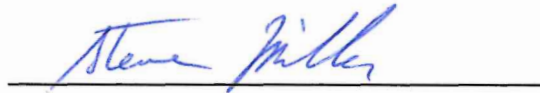
**ADJOURN:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Borden 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.

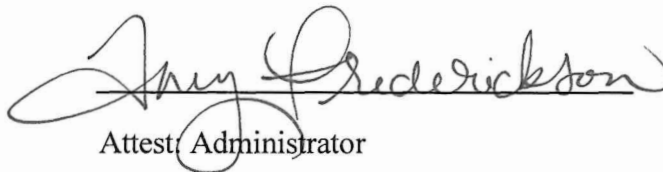
With no discussion, the vote taken resulted as follows: District One: Aye; District Two: Aye; District Three: Aye; District Four: Aye.

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Read and Approved:



Steve Miller, Chairman



Attest: Administrator