

March 21, 2022

At a scheduled meeting of the Walker County Commission held in their office in the Walker County Courthouse Annex, Jasper, Alabama, at 9:30 a.m. on the 21st day of March 2022, Chairman Miller acknowledged that two of the Commissioners were absent, but that they do have a quorum and welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

After Chairman Miller gave the invitation for comment from citizens and other elected officials, the County Administrator called the roll and commissioners present were Jeff Burrough and Jim Borden.

Commissioner Burrough gave the invocation and Honorable Probate Judge Lee Tucker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Bobby Nunnelley and Mr. Barry Elliott were present from the Lions Club. After Mr. Elliott gave an informative presentation on the Lions Club's programs dealing with eyesight and further presentation and request from Mr. Nunnelley, a brochure was left and the Commission was asked for any financial assistance it can provide to the Lions Club to assist them in continuing services to Walker County citizens.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to amend the agenda to add item 10, waiving of the fee for the landfill on the cleanup day of April 2, 2022 for residential, to approve the Agenda as amended and to approve the Minutes of the March 7th, 2022 meeting.

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

County Administrator Robbie Dickerson stated that on March the 16th they had

their first safety meeting for the year, that they had a very good turnout and participation, that they answered a lot of questions and had a lot of input and ideas shared between the different departments. She stated that they are getting a lot of the direct deposit forms back in, but that they will be sending them out one more time in the Premium Pay envelopes to hopefully get another surge in and get that started by hopefully the second payroll in April. She said she put the wellness screening in everyone's department boxes; that the dates are April 5th and 6th and that it is extremely important that they have a large turnout; that they have to have 80 percent participation rate to keep their premium rates in their health insurance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to open discussion of the New Account for Equitable Sharing Approval.

After explanation by County Administrator Robbie Dickerson, motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to approve the New Account for Equitable Sharing.

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to open discussion of the EMA Grant Approval.

After explanation by County Administrator Robbie Dickerson and input by Chairman Miller, motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to accept the EMA Grant Approval.

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to open discussion of the Sheriff Budget Amendment for Car Repairs.

After explanation by County Administrator Robbie Dickerson, motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to approve the Sheriff Budget Amendment for Car Repairs.

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to open for discussion of Leonard Design Contract Approval.

After explanation by Chairman Miller, input from County Engineer Mike Short and a brief discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to approve Leonard Design to proceed with Phase I.

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to open discussion of Rental Property and Approval.

After explanation by County Engineer Mike Short, input from Sheriff Nick Smith, Chairman Miller and County Attorney Richard Fikes recommending that the property be bid out for sale, and much discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to send the property out for bid and see what kind of bid they get back on the building.

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to open discussion of the Probate Annex Building Purchase, Discussion and Approval.

After explanation by Honorable Probate Judge Lee Tucker, input from County Administrator Robbie Dickerson and a brief discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to give Honorable Probate Judge Lee Tucker the authority to inquire and determine what can be done to move forward with acquiring the Annex Building.

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to open discussion of the SSUT Tax Resolution.

After explanation by County Administrator Robbie Dickerson and a brief discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to approve the SSUT Tax Resolution, to be applied to debt.

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to open discussion of the Adoption of the AG Opinion on elected officials pay.

After Chairman Miller explained that each Commissioner has the Attorney General's Opinion in front of them along with a letter from the County Attorney Richard Fikes and after Mr. Fikes' recommendation that the Attorney General's Opinion be followed, input from County Administrator Robbie Dickerson and a brief discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to adopt the Attorney General's Opinion and to follow the recommendation of County Attorney Richard Fikes that elected officials receive 24 paydays a year and that the Sheriff and Coroner be paid once a month, beginning October 1, 2022.

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to open discussion of Probate Employment Position discussion and approval.

After explanation by Honorable Probate Judge Lee Tucker and input from Commissioner Burrough, motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to approve the Probate Court Coordinator Assistant and License Coordinator Assistant, using the pay scale with starting pay of \$14.12 an hour.

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to open discussion of the Cleanup Day, the first Saturday in April, the trucks and landfill will be available for Walker County residents to dump free.

After much discussion, input from County Administrator Robbie Dickerson and Solid Waste Director John Dunnagan, motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden that property owners be allowed to dump at the landfill on April 2nd with no fee charges and that the landfill remain open until 3 p.m. that day.

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to retire to executive session and reconvene.

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

With no opposition, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

(COMMISSION RETIRED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION)
(COMMISSION RECONVENED)

Chairman Miller called the Commission meeting back to order.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS:

None.


ADJOURN:

Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden, 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 Two: Aye; District Three: Aye.

With no opposition the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Read and Approved:



Chairman



Attest