

**April 4, 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022, 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, the County Administrator called the roll and commissioners present were Keith Davis, Jeff Burrough, Jim Borden and Steven Aderholt.

Al Blanton gave the invocation and Commissioner Jeff Burrough led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve the agenda, to approve the meeting minutes of March 21, 2022 and to approve the Claims against the County for March, 2022.

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 Robbie Dickerson emphasized the wellness screening beginning tomorrow. She gave the locations and times and said they must get at least eighty percent participation.

County Engineer Mike Short stated that he will have something under new business.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to open discussion of the State Inmate Agreement for Dips and Dunks.

After explanation by County Administrator Robbie Dickerson, input by Sheriff

Nick Smith, input by Chairman Miller, Commissioners Davis and Aderholt and much discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to approve the State Inmate Agreement for Dips and Dunks.

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.

Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to open discussion of the Direct Deposit Agreement with Pinnacle Bank.

After explanation by County Administrator Robbie Dickerson, motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to approve the Direct Deposit Agreement with Pinnacle Bank.

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.

Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioners Davis and Borden (simultaneously) to open discussion of the Scrap Tire Program.

After explanation by Commissioner Burrough, input by County Engineer Mike Short and his suggestion that they enter the program, input from Commissioner Borden and a brief discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Borden to approve the Scrap Tire Program.

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.

Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to open discussion of Review and approval of Property and Equipment Values.

After explanation by County Administrator Robbie Dickerson, input from Chairman Miller and County Engineer Mike Short, and a brief discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Borden to table this so they can all review it.

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 tabled to the next meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt for FY2023 Community Project Funding Discussion and Vote to Participate.

After explanation by County Engineer Mike Short of Representative Robert Aderholt's Community Project Funding for Highway 13 4-Lane application, input by Chairman Miller and much discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Borden to approve Walker County to enter into this agreement for free federal funding.

Commissioner Davis making known that he owns property in that area and must abstain and no further discussion, the vote taken resulted as follows: District One: Abstain; District Two: Aye; District Three: Aye; District Four: Aye.

With three Ayes and one Abstention, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

After County Attorney Richard Fikes made known that, as he understands, what will be discussed meets the criteria for an Executive Session, motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to retire to a 15-minute 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 RETIRED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION)  
(COMMISSION RECONVENED)

Chairman Miller called the meeting back to order.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Aderholt thanked everybody for being here. He said he is looking forward to summer finally being upon us, which is when they get the opportunity to do a lot of roadwork. He asked that everyone be mindful of the working men and flaggers, that they will probably be having more roadwork this summer than any time in the past and to be mindful of that.

Commissioner Borden thanked everyone for being here today. He stated, "Again, I just want to shout out to all the citizens that took part this past Saturday in our Pals Cleanup. I think we had a good participation and again, thanks to all that were involved that made it a success."

Commissioner Burrough stated, "Also, I'd like to thank the people in my District

that came out and helped on the cleanup. It's always rewarding to see, you know, some of the citizens come out and volunteer to help. Also, like Steven said, we've got a lot of work going on, hopefully some of these rainstorms will quit for a little bit. I know we've replaced several culverts in every district and that's mainly what most of us are doing right now. On the paving projects and stuff, we've just finished up Fish Hatchery Road and we've got to get the permanent striping done on it and the Nauvoo Road. We're to also resurface on the Baker Road and have several back roads that are smaller, you know, tar and gravel roads that we're going to start milling up and get them prepared to maybe, hopefully get some new surface on them. Other than that, thank you for coming. See you next time."

Commissioner Davis stated, "I get fifteen minutes, right. Is that what we said? Start the clock. I do want to make mention the Cattlemen's Association is having a cleanup day at the Jaycee Fairgrounds again this Saturday. I know Mr. Borden and Chairman have been working with them on this issue. And gentlemen, Daniel called me this morning and wanted to just make mention about the lights, you know, working on getting the power on and working on the bathrooms and seeing if we can round up some bleachers. So, if anybody knows of bleachers and things of that sort, they're going to have a cleanup day this Saturday. It's going to be All-Day. So, if anybody wants to show up and help the cleanup, I'll be out there at some point helping and looking and checking out and seeing and bringing back to the Commission what we need. We've also got some Ag money left in a CD that we might want to look at, gentlemen, of maybe looking to spend some of that towards new gates and things out there to help us as we move forward with using that facility. The Mayor of Nauvoo is here. Good to have you with us Mr. Mayor. You're welcome back here each and every time that you can come. I see some other citizens. Thank y'all for being here. Again, this Commission works for you. Like I say, you hire and you fire us. So, hopefully we will continue to do a good job for you and you'll keep hiring us. Jeff mentioned striping. We're still waiting on striping on Smith Lake Dam Road. I know Glenn's been pushing and Jeff's been pushing, we've been trying to get the striping company in here. We've waited now, I guess, about six months on striping. So, the weather is right, so hopefully they'll come in any day for that. And we're working on finishing up Smith Lake Dam project. We should be looking at getting the numbers finalized on that and moving towards that being finished also. So, that's it. I think I used my fifteen minutes, so I think I'll hush on that. Thank y'all for being here."

Chairman Miller asked that they remind everyone about the wellness again, that this is something that's very important for the county as far as the insurance goes. He thanked everyone for being here today, that they're moving along in leaps and bounds for the county, that the county has the ability to do a lot of paving this year because of the funding and that they're happy to see all of that taking place. He gave an update on the storm shelters. He thanked everyone for being here and asked that they remember this Commission in their prayers as they continue to do the county's business.

**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:

  
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Chairman

  
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