

**May 16, 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of May 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.

Commissioner Borden gave the invocation and Commissioner Aderholt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Borden to add the Emergency Resolution to handle the request made by Probate Judge Tucker to the Agenda; to approve the agenda and to approve the meeting minutes of May 2, 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 congratulated the payroll staff on the direct deposit for premium pay, it was 99.99 percent accurate. They had one problem which was account number, which was solved. She said she was very proud of what they did and hopefully more will sign up. She said she had sent some of them a code red zoom call on the 23<sup>rd</sup> that she wanted to let all the Commissioners know about it and other department heads that might want to participate in it. It is a seek and find information call and code red is emergency awareness to the community, where your cell phone goes off or you get an email or text or something like that. She said this can be up to like five different functions or more and each have its own administrator, so she reached out to Solid Waste and Law Enforcement. She said there's a lot of different things they can use for this. She said she would like to pursue this since it is more affordable than in the past. She thanked the Commission for allowing her to go to the

Administrator's Conference, which was probably the best one she has been to. She gave brief highlights of what was covered. She reiterated that it was a very good workshop.

County Engineer Glenn Peek stated that they have begun putting out voting machines at the voting places and that they are currently working on putting plans together for projects for this paving season and that they are waiting for ALDOT to schedule a preconstruction meeting for Brown's Bridge project.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Davis to open discussion of the property insurance discussion and approval.

After explanation by County Administrator Robbie Dickerson and a brief discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve the existing property insurance plan and then look at maybe a professional coming out to do appraisals.

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.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to open discussion of the Insolvent and Errors Report from Revenue.

After explanation by County Revenue Commissioner Jerry Guthrie and input from County Administrator Robbie Dickerson, motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden to approve the Insolvent and Errors Report from Revenue.

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 the Resolution and Agreement to Participate in the Joint Bidding Program

After explanation by County Administrator Robbie Dickerson and input by Chairman Miller, motion was made by Commissioner Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Borden to approve the Resolution and Agreement to Participate in the Joint Bidding Program.

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 Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to open discussion of the Discussion and Approval for Ingenuity Software Solid Waste Department.

After explanation by County Administrator Robbie Dickerson, input from County Attorney Richard Fikes and a brief discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to approve the Ingenuity Software for the Solid Waste Department.

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 Borden to open discussion of Approval to Hire a full-time Driver/Operator for the Solid Waste Department.

After explanation by Solid Waste Director John Dunagan, motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to approve a full-time Driver/Operator for the Solid Waste Department.

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 Holiday Schedule Discussion and Approval.

After explanation by County Administrator Robbie Dickerson and a brief discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Burrough that they have the regular scheduled meeting June 6 on June 7 and cancel the meetings the week of Fourth of July and Labor Day.

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 Aderholt and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to open discussion of the Courthouse Elevator Repair (Modernization) Discussion and Approval.

After explanation by Chairman Miller that the Commissioners have a proposal before them from TKE for renovating the existing elevator, input from County Attorney Richard Fikes and much discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to table the Courthouse Elevator Repair (Modernization).

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 the Reappointment of Debbie Sanders and Fred Mays to the Walker County DHR Board.

After explanation by Chairman Miller stating that they have a letter before them, requesting their reappointment, motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Aderholt to approve the Reappointment of Debbie Sanders and Fred Mays to the Walker County DHR 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.

Motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Burrough to open discussion of an Emergency Resolution to move the voting place to the Parrish City Hall.

Probate Judge Lee Tucker having previously given an explanation during Comments by Elected Officials, motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioners Burrough and Borden to approve the Emergency Resolution.

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 Richard Fikes stated that what they will be discussing meets the criteria for an executive session and that he has prepared a letter and submitted it to the County Administrator Robbie Dickerson, motion was made by Commissioner Burrough and seconded by Commissioner Borden that the Commission retire to Executive Session and 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.

Commissioner Borden said he just wanted to thank everyone for being here.

Commissioner Burrough stated he would like to thank each person for coming, that they appreciate people speaking and giving them their concerns. He said he was sure each commissioner would try to address their concerns on the roads, that they are all out here trying to do what they can to better the roads. He stated, "On our elevator, you know, I think the discussion we had on it, is maybe make sure and come up with the best possible solution for it. So, the people that work in the courthouse, we just need to let them know that, I understand Shannon has got it back working, so we're not pushing it down the road. We just want to get what's the best solutions." He thanked everyone again for coming.

Commissioner Davis stated, "Thank everybody for your attendance. Again, your comments and your requests and your things are important to us. I appreciate you taking the time out of your day to come in to relay your concerns to the Commission. I continue to ask you to continue to pray for us. We make decisions that we feel like is best for the county." He stated that Glenn is working on some numbers to finish up Smith Lake Dam Road and numbers for Mill Creek Road, which has two major pipe replacements.

(He had a brief discussion with Glenn on the dimensions of the pipes, et cetera.) He said he knows it's a major issue and that they are working through it the best they can, that it is going to be a major project for District One to undertake. He further stated that they are waiting on a striping crew that will hopefully be here this week and a paving crew that they've been waiting on quite a while to finish about six roads for them that they've got work needed on them.

Chairman Miller stated, "I, too, appreciate everyone for coming. Our Justice Center is moving on. I received the email this morning for the last set of blueprints to look at to approve to get the bid put together for the Justice Center. The Copeland Ferry water project center is moving on. All of that work has been signed there and everything has been moved in for them to continue on the repair there. Brown's Bridge, we have the last paperwork to sign on it. All the money has been paid already, so it's

basically just the last signature for us to sign.”

He said he appreciated everybody for coming and all the comments.

**ADJOURN:**


Motion was made by Commissioner Borden 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:

  
Chairman

  
Attest