August 11, 2026

Call to order and welcome guests
Chairman Clemons called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Call of Roll to Establish Quorum
Tiffany Merriman, County Clerk called roll; present were Chairman Clemons, Commissioner Watson, Commissioner Marchman, Commissioner Duke, Commissioner Freeman, County Administrator John Bullard, County Attorney Brad Wilson, and County Engineer Philip Widner. Monty Bridgewater gave the invocation, and County Attorney Brad Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve the minutes of July 21, 2026, Meeting, appropriations, expenditures, personnel actions, payroll, and requisitions, and approve all journal entries to be posted
Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes of July 21, 2026, Meeting, appropriations, expenditures, personnel actions, payroll, and requisitions, and approve all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comments/Updates
Chairman Clemons wished Paul Schaffer a Happy Birthday.

NEW BUSINESS

Recognition: Brooklynn Merriman winning Teen Miss Alabama
Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Recognition: Brooklynn Merriman winning Teen Miss Alabama. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2026-40: Approve Project Agreement with API Cullman LLC under Amendment 772
Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-40: Approve Project Agreement with API Cullman LLC under Amendment 772. Commissioner Freeman seconded. Commissioner Watson opposed. Commissioner Marchman opposed. Chairman Clemons voted yea. The motion passed on a majority vote.

Resolution 2026-41: Approve Economic Development Project Agreement with A1 Composites, LLC
Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-41: Approve Economic Development Project Agreement with A1 Composites, LLC. Commissioner Duke seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Ratify abatement for Project RESRG Automotive Alabama LLC in the amount of $575,400
Commissioner Duke made a motion to Ratify abatement for Project RESRG Automotive Alabama LLC in the amount of $575,400. Commissioner Watson seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider adopting Cullman County Solid Waste Management Plan
Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve adopting Cullman County Solid Waste Management Plan. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider approval of Employment Contract for County Engineer
Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve Employment Contract for County Engineer. Commissioner Freeman seconded. Commissioner Marchman abstained. The motion passed on a majority vote.

Authorize Chairman to sign lease agreement for the Board of Education

Commissioner Watson made a motion to Authorize Chairman to sign lease agreement for the Board of Education. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize Chairman to sign Department of Youth Services Long Term Detention Subsidy Contract for the period of October 1, 2026-September 30, 2027

Commissioner Duke made a motion to Authorize Chairman to sign Department of Youth Services Long Term Detention Subsidy Contract for the period of October 1, 2026-September 30, 2027. Commissioner Freeman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Authorize Chairman to sign agreement with NSS for fingerprint machine at the Cullman County Detention Center

Commissioner Watson asked what the cost is?

County Administrator John Bullard stated there is no cost. This agreement is changing from NECAM to NSS so they are just adding the name to the contract.

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to Authorize Chairman to sign agreement with NSS for fingerprint machine at the Cullman County Detention Center. Commissioner Duke seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Authorize payment for one (1) 2021 John Deere Excavator (1FF210GXPMF529102) for the Water Department in the amount of $79,650

Commissioner Watson made a motion to Authorize payment for one (1) 2021 John Deere Excavator (1FF210GXPMF529102) for the Water Department in the amount of $79,650. Commissioner Marchman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider NARCOG dues and matching request for FY 2027 in the amount of $76,172.83

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve NARCOG dues and matching request for FY 2027 in the amount of $76,172.83. Commissioner Freeman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider MOU with NARCOG for shared office space

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve MOU with NARCOG for shared office space. Commissioner Duke seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider Penny Policy for Water Department

Commissioner Freeman asked will you have this explained on the record for the public?

County Administrator John Bullard explained we are implementing a penny policy that will start with the new billing system. That will be October 5, 2026, when we begin to take bills and payments at the water department for sanitation and water. Everything will be rounded up to a nickel, and the customer will receive credit on their bill for the difference. If it is two cents difference in the nickel, then they will get two cents credit. They will never pay more than what they use. They will get credit for that, and it will come off next month's bill. This is only if they are paying with cash.

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve Penny Policy for Water Department. Commissioner Duke seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Consider Fund Balance Reserve Policy to be implemented with new budget 10/1/2026

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Fund Balance Reserve Policy to be implemented with new budget 10/1/2026. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider quote from Ortiz Concrete to install ten (10) concrete pads at Smith Lake Park in the amount of $30,000

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve quote from Ortiz Concrete to install ten (10) concrete pads at Smith Lake Park in the amount of $30,000. Commissioner Watson seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Consider quote from Walker Brothers for flooring for Brushy Pond Community Center in the amount not to exceed $11,000

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve quote from Walker Brothers for flooring for Brushy Pond Community Center in the amount not to exceed $11,000. Commissioner Duke seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Proposed plat Smith Subdivision on Hwy 91. A minor subdivision containing 10 Lots in Commission District 3. The subdivision is located 1.5 miles East of Walter Fire Department on Hwy 91 and the corner of County Road 787

Commissioner Duke made a motion to approve Proposed plat Smith Subdivision on Hwy 91. A minor subdivision containing 10 Lots in Commission District 3. The subdivision is located 1.5 miles East of Walter Fire Department on Hwy 91 and the corner of County Road 787. Commissioner Freeman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Consider extension of existing surety bond in the amount of $127,195.20 for Kingfisher Subdivision Phase 1C, located in Commission District 1 on the corner of Hwy 278 and County Road 1616

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve extension of existing surety bond in the amount of $127,195.20 for Kingfisher Subdivision Phase 1C, located in Commission District 1 on the corner of Hwy 278 and County Road 1616. Commissioner Marchman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Award Bid # 1505: for Jail Supplies and Chemicals to American Paper & Twine and to Central Paper for supplies partial including the Laundry and Kitchen Chemicals

Commissioner Duke made a motion to Award Bid # 1505: for Jail Supplies and Chemicals to American Paper & Twine and to Central Paper for supplies partial including the Laundry and Kitchen Chemicals. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the motion passed upon a unanimous voice vote.

Award Bid # 1507: for tornado siren repair to DB Telco

Commissioner Watson made a motion to Award Bid # 1507: for tornado siren repair to DB Telco. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Award Bid # 1508: pickup truck for Animal Control-no bidders

No action to be taken since there were no bidders.

Extend Bid # 1487: for Pest Control for one year to Phillips Pest Control

Commissioner Duke made a motion to Extend Bid # 1487: for Pest Control for one year to Phillips Pest Control. Commissioner Freeman seconded. The vote passed on a unanimous voice vote.

The next Commission Work Session will be on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room

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The next Commission Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room

Chairman Clemons announced the next Commission Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room.

Adjourn

Commissioner Duke made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Freeman seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Jeff Clemons,
Chairman

Attest: County Clerk

Kerry Watson,
Commissioner

Kelly Duke,
Commissioner

Garry Marchman,
Commissioner

Corey Freeman,
Commissioner