

HENRY COUNTY COMMISSION
APRIL 22, 2025
10:00 A.M.

The Henry County Commission held its regular meeting on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. The following members were in attendance: Chairman Ray Marler and Commissioners Joe Falkner, John Ralph Saunders, Jason Hudspeth, Henry Grimsley and Jay Jones.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation was given by John Ralph Saunders.

Chairman Marler stated that all commissioners are present, we do have a quorum.

Public Comment from Citizens. - None scheduled.

Leigh Peters with Alabama Forestry spoke to commission on economic impact for Henry County.

Consent Agenda

Chairman Marler requested a motion to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2025, regular commission meeting. Henry Grimsley moved to approve the minutes of March 25, 2025, regular commission meeting seconded by Joe Falkner. Vote was unanimous.

Scheduled Public Hearing - None.

New Business

Chairman Marler requested action to approve change order no. 2 from JMR + H in the amount of \$31,977 for importing dirt materials and change order no.3 from JMR + H in the amount of \$150,025.00 adding alternate #9 sallyport enclosure. Henry Grimsley moved to approve change order no. 2 from JMR + H in the amount of \$31,977 for importing dirt materials and change order no.3 from JMR + H in the amount of \$150,025.00 adding alternate #9 sallyport enclosure seconded by Jason Hudspeth. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested action to proclaim May as Children's Mental Health Awareness Month. John Ralph Saunders moved to proclaim May as Children's Mental Health seconded by Jay Jones. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested permission to take bids for the Triple Surface Resurfacing of County Road 29 from US 431 north to Co Rd 54, utilizing Federal Aid Exchange and Rebuild Alabama funds. Henry Grimsley moved to take bids for the Triple Surface Resurfacing of County Road 29 from US 431 north to Co Rd 54, utilizing Federal Aid Exchange and Rebuild Alabama funds. by Jay Jones. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested permission to take bids on dump bodies for FY 2026. Joe Falkner moved to take bids on dump bodies for FY 2026 seconded by Jay Jones. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested action to appoint Joe Falkner to the WRC&D Board to serve a 3-year term. Jay Jones moved to appoint Joe Falkner to the WRC&D Board to serve a 3-year term seconded by John Ralph Saunders. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested action regarding participation in the “Back to School” Sales Tax Holiday, July 18-20, 2025. Joe Falkner moved to participate in the “Back to School” Sales Tax Holiday, July 18-20, 2025, seconded by Jay Jones. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested action to approve 4-Day work week for Probate, Revenue/Tax Reappraisal, Commission, Sheriff and Sanitation office. Money-Thursdays with hours 7:00-5:00. Open to the public 7:00-4:30. Answering phone calls from customers until 5:00. Jay Jones moved to approve 4-Day work week for Probate, Revenue/Tax Reappraisal, Commission, Sheriff and Sanitation office. Money-Thursdays with hours 7:00-5:00. Open to the public 7:00-4:30. Answering phone calls from customers until 5:00 seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested action to approve Henry County Courthouse bids advertisement. Henry Grimsley moved to approve Henry County Courthouse bids advertisement seconded by Jason Hudspeth. Vote was unanimous.

Chair Marler requested permission to add an additional item to agenda to amend a previous motion for vehicles. Joe Falkner moved to add additional item to agenda to amend a previous motion for vehicles seconded by John Ralph Saunders. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested action to amend motion from February 25, 2025, for purchase of 2 Ford Explorers at Stivers Ford to the purchase of (2) 2025 Ford Police Interceptor Awd Utility vehicles that are currently ready for purchase with a total purchase price of \$94,142.00. Jay Jones moved to amend motion from February 25, 2025, for purchase of 2 Ford Explorers at Stivers Ford to the purchase of (2) 2025 Ford Police Interceptor Awd Utility vehicles that are currently ready for purchase with a total purchase price of \$94,142.00 seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Old Business

None.

Reports from Staff

Chairman Marler - New hours will begin in June.

Dawn Shirley, County Administrator – none.

Chris Champion, Engineer. – See attached report.

Derek Peterson, County Attorney – none

Rhonda Harrison, Economic Development Director – See attached report.

EMA/Maintenance -none

Safety Director/Sanitation -See attached report.

Sheriff – See attached report. Also request made for signage regarding parking at Annex building.

Discussion items by Commissioners

Joe Falkner – Thank all for being here. Thank you to the road department, Chris and Chad for the work that's been done. It's looking good. Do we have an update on 21 with the gas line? If we can figure out a way to help with the trash pickup on 431, I'll be glad to help.

John Ralph Saunders – Thank all department heads for doing what you do. Thank you to Leigh Peters for being here today and for the information.

Jason Hudspeth – Thank all for the hard work. No complaints with the work you all do.

Henry Grimsley – Good to see each and everyone. Thank you, Leigh Peters. Thank you all for bringing these good reports to us of getting the job done.

Jay Jones – Thank all our people in every department. No complaints. We are working on roads to get better. With some time and effort, it'll get done. Thank you for loving and caring about Henry County, it is the best county.

On a motion by Henry Grimsley seconded by Joe Falkner and a unanimous vote, the commission adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.