

HENRY COUNTY COMMISSION  
JANUARY 16, 2025  
11:00 A.M.

The Henry County Commission held its regular meeting on Thursday , January 16, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. The following members were in attendance: Chairman David Money and Commissioners Joe Falkner, John Ralph Saunders, Henry Grimsley and Jay Jones.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation was given by Joe Falkner.

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

Public Comment from Citizens.

None.

Comment from other Elected Officials and Department Heads.

Chairman Money recognized Rhonda Harrison, Matt Hatcher, Chad Sowell, Ray Marler, Sheriff, Josh Behringer, Susie Horn, Anna Williams, Pam Dyson and Ashley Eiland.

Awards and Presentations

- (A) Recognition of Spence Danzey in 12 years of service as the County Attorney.
- (B) Recognition of Judge Money in 12 years of service as the Probate Judge/Commission Chairman from the Henry County Commissioners.
- (C) Recognition of Judge Money in 12 years of service as the Probate Judge/Commission Chairman from Senator Tuberville's office, presented by John Ferguson.

Consent Agenda

Chairman Money requested a motion to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2024, regular commission meeting. John Ralph Saunders moved to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2024, regular commission meeting seconded by Jay Jones. Vote was unanimous.

Scheduled Public Hearing

None.

New Business

Chairman Money requested action to approve setting mileage rate at 70 cents per mile. Joe Falkner moved to approve mileage rate at 70 cents per mile seconded by Jay Jones. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Money requested action on updated EMS contract with the City of Abbeville and the City of Headland. Jay Jones moved to approve EMS contract with the City of Abbeville and the City of Headland seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Money requested approval to sell the former Headland voting house and property to the Henry County Board of Education. Jay Jones moved to approve the sell of the former Headland voting house and property to the Henry County Board of Education seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Money requested action to appoint Ray Marler to the Henry County E 911 board effective 1/20/25. Jay Jones moved to appoint Ray Marler to the Henry County E 911 board effective 1/20/25 seconded by Joe Falkner. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Money requested approval of Letter of Intent to purchase 4- Mack Dump trucks from Nextran Truck Center from the ACCA County Joint Bid for FY2026. John Ralph Saunders moved to grant approval of Letter of Intent to purchase 4- Mack Dump trucks from Nextran Truck Center from the ACCA County Joint Bid for FY2026 seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Money requested permission to take bids on 4 dump truck bodies for FY2026. Henry Grimsley moved to grant permission to take bids on 4 dump truck bodies for FY2026 seconded by Jay Jones. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Money requested approval of the 2024 Henry County Rebuild Alabama Annual Report. Joe Falkner moved to approve the 2024 Henry County Rebuild Alabama Annual Report seconded by John Ralph Saunders. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Money requested approval to extend the terms and conditions of the addendum (dated Nov. 16, 2023) to the Employment Contract with Chris Champion to Sept. 30, 2025. Henry Grimsley moved to extend the terms and conditions of the addendum (dated Nov. 16, 2023) to the Employment Contract with Chris Champion to Sept. 30, 2025 seconded by John Ralph Saunders. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Money requested approval to extend the terms and conditions of the addendum (dated Nov. 16, 2023) to the Employment Contract with Chad Granberry to Sept. 30, 2025. Jay Jones moved to extend the terms and conditions of the addendum (dated Nov. 16, 2023) to the Employment Contract with Chad Granberry to Sept. 30, 2025 seconded by Joe Falkner. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Money requested action to appoint the following citizens to the Henry County Personnel Advisory Board for 6 year terms, expiring January 2031: James Durr, Faye Woods, Gina Murphy. Jay Jones moved to appoint the following citizens to the Henry County Personnel Advisory Board for 6 year terms, expiring January 2031: James Durr, Faye Woods, Gina Murphy seconded by Joe Falkner. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Money requested approval of the TEVA Funds from the Opioid Settlement be appropriated to the Celebrate Recovery program at Abbeville Methodist Church. Henry Grimsley moved to grant approval of the TEVA Funds from the Opioid Settlement be appropriated to the Celebrate Recovery program at Abbeville Methodist Church seconded by John Ralph Saunders. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Money requested approval to amend the personnel policy with a provision that addresses a cap on the amount of the County's contribution toward the retiree health premium in coming years. Henry Grimsley made a motion to table the proposal till next month to amend the personnel policy with a provision that addresses a cap on the amount of the County's

contribution toward the retiree health premium in coming years seconded by Joe Falkner. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Money requested permission to purchase 3 – 2025 Chevy Tahoe's for the Sheriff dept. from McSweeney Auto Group - \$46,724.84 per vehicle. Henry Grimsley granted permission to purchase 3 – 2025 Chevy Tahoe's for the Sheriff dept. from McSweeney Auto Group - \$46,724.84 per vehicle seconded by Jay Jones. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Money requested permission for Sheriff to sell unserviceable vehicles. Jay Jones moved to grant permission for Sheriff to sell unserviceable vehicles seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

### Old Business

None.

### Reports from Staff

Chairman Money – See attached report.

Dawn Shirley, County Administrator – Thank you for caring Judge!

Chris Champion, Engineer. – Thank you Judge for your support of the Road Department, you have made it a joy! Thank you for your personal investment! You will be missed.

Spence Danzey, County Attorney – none.

Rhonda Harrison, Economic Development Director – See attached report. Judge, thank you for what you've done for HCEDA. You set us up on a path, unified our county, and elevated our reputation. Thank you for your Heart for Henry County.

EMA/Maintenance – Judge, I appreciated your faith in me. It's been a pleasure working for you.

Safety Director/Sanitation -See attached report. Judge 3 words came to my mind this morning. 1. Pride – in position and the way you promote Henry County. 2. Proud – Faith, County, Family, Staff. 3. Privilege – For the last 12 years I have been privileged to work for such a great man. Thank you for your service, Judge.

Sheriff – See attached report. We've always come to an agreement and been professional and I appreciate that.

### Discussion items by Commissioners

Joe Falkner – Enjoy your retirement! Thank you for all you do.

John Ralph Saunders – It's good to see everyone here. Beautiful family, friends and colleagues. You will be missed. It was a fast 12 years. I wish you the best on your future endeavors. Happy retirement!

Jason Hudspeth – absent

Henry Grimsley – Judge Money - We go way back to a little store in the country. You have done an outstanding job uniting Headland and Abbeville. You looked out for Henry County! You did an outstanding job for this county. Enjoy your retirement. My family and I love you and thank you for what you have done for Henry County.

Jay Jones – Thank you for the job you have done. You have set the bar where legends are made. You've done an outstanding job for the citizens and your love has not gone unnoticed. Have fun with your beautiful family. Thank you for your leadership. I love you.

On a motion by Henry Grimsley seconded by Joe Falkner and a unanimous vote, the commission adjourned the meeting at 11:59 a.m.