

HENRY COUNTY COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 24, 2026
10:00 A.M.

The Henry County Commission held its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, 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 Henry Grimsley.

Chairman Marler stated that we do have a quorum.

Public Comment from Citizens – None.

Consent Agenda

Chairman Marler requested a motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2026, regular commission meeting. Henry Grimsley moved to approve the minutes January 20, 2026, regular commission meeting seconded by Jay Jones. Vote was unanimous.

Scheduled Public Hearing - None.

New Business

Chairman Marler requested action on 2026 “Back to School” sales tax holiday July 17-19, 2026. Jason Hudspeth moved to approve 2026 “Back to School” sales tax holiday July 17-19, 2026 seconded by John Ralph Saunders. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested action on county alcohol licensing fees for 2026-2027. Joe Falkner moved to keep fees the same as current on county alcohol licensing fees for 2026-2027 seconded by John Ralph Saunders. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested action to proclaim February as Career and Technical Education Month. John Ralph Saunders moved to proclaim February as Career and Technical Education Month seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested action to proclaim American 250. Joe Falkner moved to proclaim American 250 seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested action to update Henry County Personnel Policy. Henry Grimsley moved to update Henry County Personnel Policy seconded by Jay Jones. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested action to approve Henry County Indigent Policy. Joe Falkner moved to approve Henry County Indigent Policy seconded by John Ralph Saunders. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested permission to fill in abandoned well located at Haleburg Fire Station 3 on County Rd 63. John Ralph Saunders moved to fill in abandoned well located at Haleburg Fire Station 3 on County Rd 63 seconded by Jay Jones. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested action to purchase Dozer CAT D3 from Thompson Tractor. Jay Jones moved to approve purchase of Dozer CAT D3 from Thompson Tractor seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested permission to purchase Motor Grader 2026 CAT 140 from Caterpillar from Thompson Tractor. Jason Hudspeth moved to purchase Motor Grader 2026 CAT 140 from Caterpillar from Thompson Tractor seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested permission to sell 2018 CAT Motor Grader. Joe Falkner moved to sell 2018 CAT Motor Grader seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested action to award Financing for 2026 Dump Trucks and 2026 CAT 140 Motor Grader to Bank South. Jay Jones moved to award Financing for 2026 Dump Trucks and 2026 CAT 140 Motor Grader to Bank South seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested motion to table Wild Oats subdivision east of Headland on Co Rd 22 pending Houston County approval. John Ralph Saunders motioned to table Wild Oats subdivision east of Headland on Co Rd 22 pending Houston County approval seconded by Joe Falkner. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested permission to bid patch level and triple surface treatment of County Rd 83 on current Rebuild Alabama County transportation plan. Jay Jones moved to bid patch level and triple surface treatment of County Rd 83 on current Rebuild Alabama County transportation plan seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested permission to amend sanitation policy regarding delinquent accounts to action taken after 90 days. Jay Jones moved to amend sanitation policy regarding delinquent accounts to action taken after 90 days seconded by Joe Falkner. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested permission to sell Sheriff dept surplus vehicles. Jay Jones motioned to approve sale of Sheriff dept surplus vehicles seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Old Business

None.

Reports from Staff

Chairman Marler – We will get an update from engineer and talk with our attorney regarding County Rd. 22.

County Administrator – none

County Engineer/Sanitation – See attached report.

Derek Peterson, County Attorney – none

Economic Development Director – See attached report.

EMA/Maintenance –pursuant to the Hazard Mitigation Plan being updated we have

3 scheduled public meetings for stakeholders – March 26th at 10:30, April 16th at 10:30 and April 28th from 1:30-3:30.

Safety – See attached report.

Sheriff – See attached report.

Discussion items by Commissioners

Joe Falkner - Thank everyone for the hard work. It'll be springtime soon and the road department will be busy – thank all for hard work and for being here today.

John Ralph Saunders – Echo Commissioner Falker. Thank everyone for coming and the input today. Thank all department heads for the work you're doing.

Jason Hudspeth – Thank all for coming, the hard work, and for working together!

Henry Grimsley – Thank you for what you do and keep on doing what you're doing. Have a great weekend!

Jay Jones – Echo what's been said. We have a great group, a great family and I appreciate everyone. Thank you to the Daughters of the American Revolution for what you are doing.

On a motion by Henry Grimsley seconded by Jay Jones and a unanimous vote, the Commission adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a.m.