

HENRY COUNTY COMMISSION
JANUARY 20, 2026
10:00 A.M.

The Henry County Commission held its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 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 Jason Hudspeth.

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 December 23, 2025, regular commission meeting. John Ralph Saunders moved to approve the minutes December 23, 2025, regular commission meeting seconded by Jay Jones. Vote was unanimous.

Scheduled Public Hearing - None.

New Business

Chairman Marler requested action to proclaim January Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Joe Falkner moved to proclaim January Human Trafficking Prevention Month seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested action to set mileage rate at 72.5 cents per mile. Henry Grimsley moved to set mileage rate at 72.5 cents per mile seconded by Jason Hudspeth. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested action to re-appoint Jody Singleton to the Southeast Alabama Regional Council on Aging (SARCOA) board for a 3-year term. John Ralph Saunders motioned to re-appoint Jody Singleton to the Southeast Alabama Regional Council on Aging (SARCOA) board for a 3-year term seconded Jason Hudspeth. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested action to re-appoint Winston Griggs to the Southeast Alabama Regional Council on Aging (SARCOA) board for a 3-year term. Jason Hudspeth motioned to re-appoint Winston Griggs to the Southeast Alabama Regional Council on Aging (SARCOA) board for a 3-year term seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested action to re-appoint Levi Knight to the Southeast Alabama Regional Council on Aging (SARCOA) board for a 3-year term. Henry Grimsley motioned to re-appoint Levi Knight to the Southeast Alabama Regional Council on Aging (SARCOA) board for a 3-year term seconded Jay Jones. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested action to approve FY2025 County Rebuild Alabama Annual Report. Henry Grimsley moved to approve FY2025 County Rebuild Alabama Annual Report seconded by Joe Falkner. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested permission to sell D5 Dozer with JM Wood Auction Company. Joe Falkner moved to approve sell of D5 Dozer with JM Wood Auction Company seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested action to approve contract with IVM Solutions for \$5,750.00. Jay Jones moved to approve contract with IVM Solutions for \$5,750.00 seconded by Jason Hudspeth. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested permission to allow Alabama Forestry Commission to temporarily store equipment on county property. Joe Falkner moved to allow Alabama Forestry Commission to temporarily store equipment on county property seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested permission to sell Tax Reappraisal vehicle on gov deals; 2021 Chevrolet Silverado VIN 3GCUYAEF1MG150018. Henry Grimsley motioned to sell Tax Reappraisal vehicle on gov deals; 2021 Chevrolet Silverado VIN 3GCUYAEF1MG150018 seconded by John Ralph Saunders. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested action to approve Final Listing of Insolvents for 2024. John Ralph Saunders moved to approve Final Listing of Insolvents for 2024 seconded by Jason Hudspeth. Vote was unanimous.

Old Business

None.

Reports from Staff

Chairman Marler – Work session will be today at 1:00. January 23rd at 5:00 is the deadline to qualify for this election.

County Administrator -We will begin looking at the county's indigent burial policy and personnel policy for review and updating.

County Engineer/Sanitation – See attached report.

Derek Peterson, County Attorney – none

Economic Development Director – See attached report.

EMA/Maintenance – none

Safety – See attached report.

Sheriff – none

Discussion items by Commissioners

Joe Falkner - I don't have anything new. We have got some calls on Knowles Road. Chad and I have been discussing, and we will make something work.

John Ralph Saunders – Thank everyone for coming today.

Jason Hudspeth – Thank you all for coming. Thank you for the hard work and for working together.

Henry Grimsley – Good to see each and every one here. If you have good people to do the job they make you look good! Have a good week to all! Keep doing what you are doing.

Jay Jones – Thank you all for what you did in 2025. We look forward to what we'll do in 2026. Thank you for your work, love, time, and effort and what you do for the county!

On a motion by Henry Grimsley seconded by Jason Hudspeth a unanimous vote, the Commission adjourned the meeting at 10:21 a.m.