

HENRY COUNTY COMMISSION
JUNE 23, 2026
10:00 A.M.

The Henry County Commission held its regular meeting on Tuesday, June 23, 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 May 26, 2026, regular commission meeting. Henry Grimsley moved to approve the minutes of May 26, 2026, regular commission meeting seconded by John Ralph Saunders. Vote was unanimous.

Award and Presentation

None.

Scheduled Public Hearing

None.

New Business

Chairman Marler requested action to apply for a CDBG Street Paving Grant for County Road 14 west of Newville, through SEARPDC. Jay Jones moved to apply for a CDBG Street Paving Grant for County Road 14 west of Newville, through SEARPDC seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested permission to reschedule July commission meeting. Henry Grimsley moved to reschedule July commission meeting to July 21st seconded by Joe Falkner. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested permission to reschedule August commission meeting and budget work session. Joe Falkner moved to reschedule August commission meeting and budget work session to August 4th seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested approval of change order number 7 with JMR + H in the amount of \$25,249.00. Jason Hudspeth moved to approve change order number 7 with JMR + H in the amount of \$25,249.00 seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested approval to fill and properly abandon the well located on James Thompson's property at 3318 County Road 61, Columbia. The Henry County Health Department deemed the well to be a safety concern to the citizens of Henry County. John Ralph Saunders moved to fill and properly abandon the well located on James Thompson's property at 3318 County Road 61, Columbia seconded by Joe Falkner. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested permission for Letter of Intent to purchase garbage truck from Sansom Equipment for \$341,074.00 . Jason Hudspeth moved to approve Letter of Intent to purchase garbage truck from Sansom Equipment for \$341,074.00 seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested action to award bid to Lewis Construction for Project # HCP 34-81-26 resurfacing County Road 42 E & W, Holiday Shores, County Road 70 (26 to 99) for \$748,546.79. Jason Hudspeth moved to award bid to Lewis Construction for Project # HCP 34-81-26 resurfacing County Road 42 E & W, Holiday Shores, County Road 70 (26 to 99) for \$748,546.79 seconded by Henry Grimsley. Joe Falkner, Jason Hudspeth, Henry Grimsley and Jay Jones voted yea. John Ralph Saunders abstained from the vote.

Chairman Marler requested action to approve Alabama Inter-Local Mutual Aid Agreement. Henry Grimsley moved to approve Alabama Inter-Local Mutual Aid Agreement seconded by John Ralph Saunders. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested action to approve MOA with ALEA and Gulf Coast HIDTA. Jason Hudspeth moved to approve MOA with ALEA and Gulf Coast HIDTA by Jay Jones. Vote was unanimous.

Old Business

None.

Reports from Staff

Chairman Marler requested that our thoughts and prayers be with the family of County Administrator Dawn Shirley after the passing of her father.

County Administrator – absent

County Engineer/Sanitation – See attached report.

Derek Peterson, County Attorney – none

Economic Development Director – See attached report.

EMA/Maintenance – Hazard Mitigation plan was held last month. No public attendance. We had county attendance. All public input surveys are being evaluated, and final draft should be approved in next 4 weeks.

Safety – See attached report.

Sheriff – For the month of May we had 2490 calls for service, 784 traffic stops, 64 citations, 72 arrests. Thank you for attending the ribbon cutting. Fire Marshall signed off and we plan to move inmates in the morning.

July 16th at 11:00 we have IGNITE launch. You are invited to attend. I will be the 6th Sheriff in the state onboard with the program.

Discussion items by Commissioners

Joe Falkner - Thank you all for the hard work and keeping the wheels rolling!

John Ralph Saunders - Thank you all for coming today and for giving the girls recognition. They appreciate it. Chad thank you to your department for everything you do. Eddie we have a picture we will get to you.

Jason Hudspeth - Thank you all for the hard work. Department heads please echo it to all the employees. The teamwork is really appreciated.

Henry Grimsley – Good to see each and everyone. Keep doing what your're doing. Y'all have a great day and a Happy 4th of July.

Jay Jones – Echo what's been said. We have great people working. Henry County is a great county.

On a motion by Henry Grimsley seconded by Joe Falkner and a unanimous vote, the Commission adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.