# DALE W. STRONG
## CHAIRMAN
## MADISON COUNTY COMMISSION

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Dale W. Strong was elected Chairman of the Madison County Commission in November 2012 and reelected to a 2nd term in November 2016. Born at Medical Center Hospital in Huntsville, Alabama, Dale has lived in Madison County all his life. His wife, Laura, has a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Auburn University. She is also a graduate from the University of Alabama in Birmingham with a Bachelor of Science in Hospital Administration, and Alabama A & M University with a Master's in Education. Chairman Strong and his wife have a daughter, Whitney Louise Strong and a son, Harrison Dale Strong. Chairman Strong is the son of the late Horace N. Strong, III and Judy Vaughn Strong. Dale is a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

Before Dale set his sights on being a Madison County Commissioner, he worked for First Alabama Bank in Public Relations and Solvay Pharmaceutical as a Sales Representative. He has also served as a 911 Dispatcher and worked with Huntsville Emergency Medical Services, Inc. (HEMSI) and Huntsville Med-Flight. Dale continues to serve as an active member of the Monrovia Volunteer Fire Department as a volunteer firefighter and an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). His commitment to the service of others and his community was recognized when he was awarded the Medal of Valor following the devastating tornado on Airport Road in Huntsville in November 1989.

In 1996, Dale was the youngest elected official in the State of Alabama when he began his first of four consecutive terms as a Madison County Commissioner. During his 16 years as Commissioner, Dale directed the accelerated growth of his District through successful management of ALDOT and ATRIP road projects and improvements during one of the largest residential building development periods in Madison County. Dale also led the efforts to bring a much-needed 60-bed hospital to serve the growing population in western Madison County. One of Dale's most challenging responsibilities as Commissioner was the direction of the recovery and clean-up following the deadly tornadoes which struck his beloved community on April 27, 2011. Now known as the worst natural disaster in the history of the State of Alabama, more than 350 homes were destroyed throughout his District, thousands sustained major damage, and nine of his neighbors lost their lives. Strong led a remarkable clean-up and rebuilding effort where more than 500,000 cubic yards of debris was removed in record time.

As Madison County Commission Chairman, Mr. Strong's priorities continue to be public safety, accountability, and equality, while working to attract new jobs and industry to the most rapidly growing region in Alabama.

### EDUCATION AND PUBLIC SERVICE TRAINING

Sparkman High School, Harvest, AL – 1988
Athens State University, BS in Business Administration – 1992
The University of Alabama in Huntsville, Emergency Medical Technician
The University of Alabama at Birmingham, Emergency Medical Technician

### CIVIC AND GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES

Chairman, Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
The University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH) Presidential Advisory Committee
Executive Committee, Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce
Stakeholder, National Children's Advocacy Center
Lifetime Member, Monrovia Volunteer Fire & Rescue
Charter Member, Monrovia Parks and Recreation
Member – Class 11, Leadership Huntsville/Madison County
Capital Committee Member, Hogan Family YMCA, Madison, AL
University of Alabama – Birmingham Medical School Advisory Board (1997-2000)

### HONORS AND AWARDS

Athens State University Alumni Association, Distinguished Alumnus Award – 2017
Boy Scouts of America, Heart of an Eagle Award – 2018
The University of Alabama in Huntsville, Honorary Doctorate-Humane Letters – 2019

### MADISON COUNTY LIAISON

Emergency Management Agency (EMA)

Huntsville-Madison County
Airport Authority

Industrial Development Board (IDB)
of the City of Huntsville

Madison County
Sheriff's Office

100 North Side Square | Suite 700 | Huntsville, AL 35801 | (256) 532-3795
strongalabama@att.net www.madisoncountyal.gov