

January 4, 2022

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Historic Walton County Courthouse. Those participating in the meeting included Chairman David Thompson, Commissioners Mark Banks, Timmy Shelnett, Lee Bradford, Jeremy Adams and Kirklyn Dixon, County Clerk Rhonda Hawk, Finance Director Milton Cronheim, Planning Director Charna Parker, Human Resources Director Melissia Rusk and County Attorney Chip Ferguson. A list of employees and citizens in attendance at the meeting is on file in the auxiliary file under this meeting date.

MEETING OPENING

Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:21 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Shelnett gave the invocation.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

***Motion:** Commissioner Banks made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion and all voted in favor.*

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Planning Director Charna Parker presented the Planning Commission recommendations.

Approval of Z21090019 - Rezone 7.57 acres from A1 to R1 to create 4 buildable lots Applicant: Kevin Boekman/Owner: Essie Mae Johnson - Property located at 2073 Laurel Gate Lane & HD Atha Rd/Map/Parcel C0770064 - District 4 (Tabled 12/7/21)

***Motion:** Commissioner Bradford made a motion to accept the withdrawal of the rezone from Mr. Boekman. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion and all voted in favor.*

Approval of Z21100013 - Rezone 1.175 acres from A2/B1 to R1 to create a buildable lot - Applicant/Owner: James W Draper III - Property located at 3352 Bold Springs Rd - Map/Parcel C0720084 - District 5

Chairman Thompson opened the public hearing on the matter. James Draper, III spoke in favor of the rezone. There was no opposition present. Chairman Thompson closed the public hearing on the matter.

***Motion:** Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve per the Planning Commission recommendation. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.*

Approval of Z21100014 - Rezone 12.40 acres from A1 to A to grow and sell vegetables & eggs at market - Applicant: Vicky Fry/Owners: Vicky & Steve Fry - Property located at 590 N Cross Lane Rd-Map/Parcel C0700034 – District 5

Chairman Thompson opened the public hearing on the matter. Vicky Fry spoke in favor of the rezone to grow and sell vegetables and eggs. There was no opposition present. Chairman Thompson closed the public hearing.

Motion: *Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the rezone as submitted. Commissioner Bradford seconded the motion. All voted in favor.*

Approval with conditions Z21100020 - Rezone 5.00 acres from A2 to B2 and 4.92 acres from A1 to B2 for retail stores and restaurants - Applicant: Terry L. Mitchell/Owners: Hannah Mitchell, Jeffrey Mitchell & Jennifer Mitchell - Property located at 6230 Centerville Rosebud Rd and 6200 Hwy 20 - Map/Parcels C0010015 and C0090008 - District 2

Chairman Thompson opened the public hearing on the matter. Terry Mitchell and Susan Mayer spoke in favor of the rezone. There was no opposition present. Chairman Thompson closed the public hearing on the matter.

Motion: *Commissioner Banks made a motion to approve per the Planning Commission recommendation for no outside storage and an evergreen landscape buffer abutting R1 and A1 property. Commissioner Shelnett seconded the motion and all voted in favor.*

Approval of LU21110001/Z21110002– LU Amendment from Highway Corridor to Neighborhood Residential and Rezone 44.56 acres from A1 to R1OSC for a residential subdivision - Applicant: Ridgecliff LLC/Owner: April Browning - Property located at 845 Cedar Ridge Rd - Map/Parcels C0910002 - District 5

Chairman Thompson opened the public hearing on the matter. David Browning spoke in favor. There was no opposition present. Chairman Thompson closed the public hearing on the matter.

Motion: *Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve per the Planning Commission recommendation. Commissioner Shelnett seconded the motion. All voted in favor.*

Denial of Z21110004 - Rezone 125.51 acres from A1 to R1OSC to create a subdivision including Variances - Applicant: David Pearson Communities/James Matthew Mazzawi & John Mark Mazzawi as Trustees of Will of Hugh Mazzawi-Property located at Hwy. 20 & Pointer Rd - Map/Parcel C0080010 - District 2

Chairman Thompson opened the public hearing on the matter. The applicant was not present to speak but requested he be allowed to re-design and send back to the Planning Commission. Robin Dill, Terry Parsons, William Daniel and Marcella Higginbotham spoke in opposition. Chairman Thompson closed the public hearing on the matter.

Motion: *Commissioner Banks made a motion, seconded by Chairman Thompson, to refer back to the Planning Commission. All voted in favor.*

Approval of Z21110005 - Rezone 2.25 acres from A1 to R1 to create a buildable lot - Applicant: Amber Spitzer/Owners: Carl & Pamela Bishop - Property located at 1950 Bold Springs Rd - Map/Parcel C0860098 - District 5

Chairman Thompson opened the public hearing on the matter. Amber Spitzer spoke in favor of the rezone. There was no opposition present. Chairman Thompson closed the public hearing on the matter.

Motion: *Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the rezone as presented. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.*

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Amendment - OA21110006 - Walton County Land Development Ordinance per Errata Sheet dated 11/01/2021

Motion: *Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve the Amendment, seconded by Commissioner Adams. All voted in favor.*

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT AGENDA

- 6.1. Approval of December 7, 2021 Meeting Minutes
- 6.2. Approval of December 17, 2021 Meeting Minutes
- 6.3. Contracts & Budgeted Purchases of \$5000 or Greater
- 6.4. Declaration of Surplus Property
- 6.5. Board of Elections - 2022 Qualifying Fees
- 6.6. Acceptance of Forfeited Vehicles - Sheriff's Office - Jeep Cherokee and V.W. Passat
- 6.7. Amendment to existing Inmate Medical Contract

Motion: *Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the Administrative Consent Agenda. Commissioner Shelnutt seconded the motion. All voted in favor.*

FINANCE

Finance Director Milton Cronheim introduced Ryan Jones of Mauldin & Jenkins.

Presentation of FY 2021 Audit - Ryan Jones, Sr. Manager - Mauldin & Jenkins

Motion: *Commissioner Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to accept the FY 2021 Audit. All voted in favor.*

RESOLUTIONS

Finance Director Milton Cronheim presented FY22 Budget Amendments and the Judicial Branch American Rescue Grant.

Resolution - FY22 Budget Amendment and Acceptance of Judicial Branch American Rescue Grant

Motion: Commissioner Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Banks to adopt the Resolution for FY22 Budget Amendments and accept the Judicial Branch American Rescue Grant. All voted in favor.

Resolution - Setting time, dates & location of the regular monthly meetings of the Board of Commissioners for 2022

Motion: Commissioner Dixon made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Resolution - Adoption of Amended and Restated ACCG 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan for Walton Co. Employees

Motion: Commissioner Adams made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Bradford seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Resolution - Amending the Walton Co. Service Delivery Strategy to address Stanton Springs and Stanton Springs North and to limit Monroe's sewer service area at Monroe's request and to limit Loganville's sewer service area at Loganville's request

Motion: Chairman Thompson made a motion to adopt the Resolution as presented. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion. Chairman Thompson, Commissioners Banks, Shelnutt, Bradford and Adams voted in favor. Commissioner Dixon opposed the motion. The motion carried 5-1.

Resolution - Approving Local Redistricting Maps

Motion: Commissioner Banks made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon, to adopt the Resolution approving the local redistricting maps. All voted in favor.

Resolution - Consenting to Deannexation of a portion of the Development Authority's property on Snows Mill Road - (Tabled 12/17/21)

Motion: Commissioner Dixon made a motion to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Bradford; voted and carried unanimously.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Human Resources Director Melissia Rusk presented staffing requests.

Staffing Request - Magistrate Court - Associate Judge and Supplement

Motion: Commissioner Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bradford to approve the staffing request for Magistrate Court. All voted in favor.

Staffing Request - Sheriff - Two Full Time Deputies - Two Temporary Deputies

Motion: Commissioner Banks made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Adams to approve the staffing request for the Sheriff's Office. All voted in favor.

APPOINTMENTS

County Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Adams to re-appoint Rhonda Hawk as County Clerk. All voted in favor.

Assistant County Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Shelnett made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bradford to re-appoint Patrice Broughton as Assistant County Clerk; voted and carried unanimously.

County Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Adams made a motion to re-appoint the firm of Atkinson Ferguson, LLC and renew the legal services agreement. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Vice Chairman

Motion: Commissioner Dixon made a motion to re-appoint Commissioner Shelnett as Vice Chairman. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Walton County Board of Appeals

Chairman Thompson thanked Penny Keener for her service on the Board of Appeals and stated he would like to appoint Billy Mitchell as his appointee. Chairman Thompson stated that Commissioner Warren had affirmed James Kwater. Commissioner Banks affirmed Mariellen Barnes, Commissioner Shelnett affirmed Henry Kines, Commissioner Bradford affirmed Steve Merka, Commissioner Adams affirmed Todd White and Commissioner Dixon affirmed Harold Moon.

Motion: Chairman Thompson made a motion to remove Commissioner Bradford's appointee, Steve Merka, from the Board of Appeals. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion. Chairman Thompson, Commissioners Banks and Shelnett voted in favor. Commissioners Bradford and Dixon voted in opposition with Commissioner Adams abstaining. The motion failed.

Motion: Commissioner Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shelnett to reappoint all members with the exception of Penny Keener, replacing her with Billy Mitchell. All voted in favor.

Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority

Motion: Commissioner Bradford made a motion to reappoint all current members of the Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: At 8:00 p.m., Commissioner Bradford made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Adams to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. All voted in favor.

No votes were taken in Executive Session.

Motion: At 8:09 p.m., Commissioner Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to return to regular session. All voted in favor.

Motion: Commissioner Dixon made a motion to abolish the Administrative Secretary position at the Georgia Forestry Commission. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Banks, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

All documents of record for this meeting are on file in either the addendum book or auxiliary file under this meeting date.

DAVID G. THOMPSON, CHAIRMAN

RHONDA HAWK, COUNTY CLERK