

March 1, 2022

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Historic Walton County Courthouse. Those participating in the meeting included Chairman David Thompson, Commissioners Bo Warren, 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 6:02 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Shelnett gave the invocation.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Planning Director Charna Parker presented the Planning Commission recommendations.

Approval with condition - Z21120011 - Rezone 1.16 acres from B2 to B3 for major auto repair - Applicants/Owners: Robert & Julie McKelvey - Property located at Willow Springs Church Rd - Map/Parcel C1580075L00 - District 4

Chairman Thompson opened the public hearing on the matter. Commissioner Bradford stated that the applicant was running behind but he was willing to move forward with the rezone. There was no opposition present. Chairman Thompson closed the public hearing on the matter.

***Motion:** Commissioner Bradford made a motion to approve the rezone with the condition of an 8 ft. fence with vinyl slats per the Planning Commission recommendation. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion and all voted in favor.*

Approval with conditions - Z21120030 - Rezone 3.36 acres from A2 & A2/B1 to B2 for convenience store and medical office building - Applicant: Khalid Javed/Owners: Khalid Javed & Monroe Medical Group LLC - Property located at 1851 & 1865 Hwy 138/HD Atha Rd - Map/Parcels C0760129 & 130 - District 3

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

Motion: Commissioner Shelnutt made a motion to approve with the conditions set by the Planning Commission for a decel lane and a left turn lane on H. D. Atha Road. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval with conditions - Z22010008 - Rezone 3.94 acres from A1 to B3 for major auto repair - Applicant/Owner: Ligil Abraham - Property located at 6030 Hwy 20 - Map/Parcel C0090004A00 - District 2

Chairman Thompson opened the public hearing on the matter. Tiep Huynh with Alcovy Consulting and Engineering spoke for the applicant. He stated that Mr. Abraham would abide by the Planning Commission recommendation. There was no opposition present. Chairman Thompson closed the public hearing on the matter.

Motion: Commissioner Banks made a motion to approve the rezone with the Planning Commission recommendation that business hours be Monday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Commissioner Bradford seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

At 6:15 p.m., Commissioner Dixon ask that Teandra Storey be allowed to speak since she had previously signed up to speak during public comment. Ms. Storey voiced her concerns with the Water Department and ask that policy changes be made at the Water Department concerning meter deposits.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.1. Approval of February 1, 2022 Meeting Minutes
- 5.2. Contracts & Budgeted Purchases of \$5000 or Greater
- 5.3. Declaration of Surplus Property
- 5.4. MOU - City of Monroe - Water Services
- 5.5. MOU - Rockdale Co. - Fire Prevention and Safety Trailer

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

FINANCE

Proposed Pay Increase - Board of Equalization Members

Motion: Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shelnutt to approve the pay increase from \$80 per day to \$90 per day for members and to increase the pay for the Chairman position from \$90 to \$130 per day. All voted in favor.

RESOLUTIONS

Finance Director Milton Cronheim presented the Resolutions.

Resolution – FY22 Budget Amendments

Commissioner Bradford stated he would like to remove item 3 of the amendment summary, \$74,515 for County Administrator/Manager and vote separately on the matter. Chairman Thompson then entertained a motion on items 1 and 2 of the summary.

Motion: *Commissioner Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bradford to approve items 1 and 2 of the Resolution Amendment Summary. All voted in favor.*

Motion: *Commissioner Banks made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shelnett to approve item 3 of the Resolution Amendment Summary. Commissioners Warren, Banks, Shelnett, Adams and Dixon voted in favor. Commissioner Bradford opposed the motion. The motion carried and the Resolution was approved.*

Resolution - Acceptance of Georgia Dept. of Community Health Grant (EMS) and amending FY 2022 Budget

Motion: *Commissioner Bradford made a motion to accept the grant and amend the budget accordingly. Commissioner Shelnett seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.*

ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS/PROPOSALS

Acceptance of Proposal - Design Services - Walnut Grove Park

Jeff Prine with Ascension Program Management, LLC presented proposals for design services for the Walton Grove Park.

Motion: *Commissioner Shelnett made a motion to accept the proposal from Lose Design in the amount of \$79,760.00. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion. All voted in favor.*

DISCUSSION

Chairman Thompson discussed meeting with the mayors to propose T-SPLOST be added to the November ballot.

Motion: *Commissioner Adams made a motion for the Chairman to begin speaking with the mayors to begin the process for having T-SPLOST added to the November ballot. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.*

Proposal to move July 5th Board Meeting to Tuesday, July 12th

Motion: *Commissioner Bradford made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Warren to move the July meeting to Tuesday, July 12th. All voted in favor.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:32 p.m., Commissioner Banks made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shelnut to enter into Executive Session to discuss hiring personnel and land acquisition. All voted in favor.

Motion: *At 7:04 p.m., Commissioner Warren made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to re-enter the regular session. All voted in favor. There were no votes taken in Executive Session.*

Motion: *Chairman Thompson made a motion to accept the unanimous decision of the interview panel and hire John Amos Ward, III as County Manager and that he be granted authority to execute the contract. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. Chairman Thompson, Commissioners Warren, Banks, Shelnut, Adams and Dixon voted in favor. Commissioner Bradford opposed the motion. The motion carried 6-1.*

Motion: *Chairman Thompson made a motion to purchase 73.45 acres located at 3866 & 3990 Anglin Road in the amount \$1,469,000.00 expanding the Walnut Grove Park from 160 acres to 233 acres and that he be allowed to enter into an agreement and execute the contract. Commissioner Shelnut seconded the motion. Chairman Thompson, Commissioners Warren, Banks, Shelnut, Adams and Dixon voted in favor. Commissioner Bradford opposed the motion. The motion carried 6-1.*

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: *Commissioner Bradford made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Adams, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 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