

May 3, 2022

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 3, 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, HR Director Melissia Rusk, County Manager John Ward 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.

PRESENTATIONS

The Board recognized the Social Circle High School Boys Basketball Team for winning the 2022 Region 8A Championship and presented Coach Taylor Jackson with a Proclamation.

MEETING OPENING

Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:05 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 Shelnett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Planning Director Charna Parker presented the Planning Commission recommendations.

Approval of Z22020029 - Rezone 2.50 acres from A2 to A to grow & sell vegetables & flowers w/customer contact - Applicant: Pang Chang/Owners: Pang Chang & Fenglo Naovang - Property located at 3825 Sims Bridge Rd - Map/Parcel C1610024M00 - District 5

Chairman Thompson opened the public hearing on the matter. Applicants Pang Chang and Fenglo Naovang came before the Board in support of the rezone. There was no one present in opposition. Chairman Thompson closed the public hearing on the matter.

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

Approval of Z22030001 - Rezone 3.00 acres from A to A1 to create a buildable lot - Applicants/Owners: Ivan & Stefanie Childress - Property located at 2549 John Stowe Rd - Map/Parcel C1200155C00 - District 5

Chairman Thompson opened the public hearing on the matter. Applicants Ivan and Stefanie

Childress came before the Board in support of the rezone. There was no one present in opposition. Chairman Thompson closed the public hearing on the matter.

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

Approval of Amendment OA22030021 - Amendment to Walton County Land Development Ordinance per Errata Sheet dated 03/04/2022

Chairman Thompson opened the public hearing on the matter. There was no public comment. Chairman Thompson closed the public hearing on the matter.

***Motion:** Commissioner Bradford made a motion to approve the Amendment. Commissioner Shelnut seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.*

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution - Approving Placement of Daughters of the American Revolution Marker

Teresa Thompson with the Matthew Talbot Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution, came before the Board to request that a marker be placed at the Historic Courthouse honoring the 250th anniversary of the United States.

***Motion:** Chairman Thompson made a motion to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Bradford. All voted in favor.*

Resolution - Appointing Walton Co. Building Inspectors as Mobile Home Agents

***Motion:** Commissioner Bradford made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.*

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of April 5, 2022 Meeting Minutes
2. Contracts & Budgeted Purchases of \$5000 or Greater
3. Declaration of Surplus Property
4. Arbitrage Rebate Services - Bingham Arbitrage Rebate Services, Inc.
5. IGA - City of Loganville - Use of West Walton park
6. IGA Extension - Georgia Department of Public Safety
7. IGA - Code Enforcement - Jersey

***Motion:** Commissioner Bradford made a motion to approve the Administrative Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Dixon seconded motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

FINANCE

Presentation of Proposed FY23 Budget

Finance Director Milton Cronheim presented the proposed FY23 Budget and thanked the staff and budget team for their hard work in preparing the budget. The total proposed budget is \$66,763,800 with no increase in the millage rate. Commissioner Banks commented that increases in taxes would be due to the rise in assessments.

HUMAN RESOURCES

2022 Benefits Renewal and Waiver - MSI Benefits Group

HR Director Melissia Rusk presented a request to return to the ACCG Group Health Benefits Program through Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield as presented by MSI Benefits Group.

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

ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS/PROPOSALS

Walton County Water Department Director Morris Jordan presented the proposals.

Acceptance of Proposal - Campton Water Tank and Pressure Zone Improvements

***Motion:** Commissioner Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to accept the proposal from Precision Planning, Inc. in the amount of \$90,130. All voted in favor.*

Acceptance of Proposals - GIS Services

***Motion:** Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shelnett, to accept the proposal from Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$274,049. All voted in favor.*

DISCUSSION

Discussion and possible decision - Good Hope Fire Department - Proposal

The Board discussed replacement of the Good Hope Fire Station and a fire engine which was lost due to a recent fire.

Motion: Commissioner Bradford made a motion to order a replacement fire engine. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Bradford made a motion to move forward with replacing the Good Hope Fire Station and approve an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Motion: Commissioner Bradford made a motion to approve the proposal from Ascension Program

Management in the amount of \$70,200 for program management to rebuild the fire station. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

County Manager John Ward made announcements concerning a Community meeting for the new park on Hwy. 81 to be held on Tuesday, May 10th at 6:00 p.m. at Felker Park, lane closures on Ammons Bridge Road due to deep patching and upcoming election voting deadlines.

Chairman Thompson announced that Rivian is coming to Walton County and will be a huge asset for the County.

ADJOURNMENT

***Motion:** Commissioner Bradford made a motion, seconded by Chairman Thompson, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 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