

July 12, 2022

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 12, 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, 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

County Manager John Ward presented departmental reports to the Board.

MEETING OPENING

Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Shelnett gave the invocation.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

***Motion:** Commissioner Bradford asked to discuss adding Flashing LED Stop Signs at certain intersections. Commissioner Dixon made a motion to adopt the agenda with the addition. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Planning Director Charna Parker presented the Planning Commission recommendations.

Approval of withdrawal CU22040002 - Conditional Use 26.8389 acres for an Event Facility and Variance requiring site to have direct access to a collector or arterial road - Applicant: Danny K Herrmann/Owners: Danny Herrmann, CF Oconee LLC, and Amy Herrmann - Property located at 4983 Rabbit Farm Rd & Rabbit Farm Rd - Parcels C0280091, 92 & 92A - District 2

***Motion:** Commissioner Banks made a motion to accept the withdrawal. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion and all voted in favor.*

Approval with conditions CU22040021 - Conditional Use on 3.00 acres for recreation area and storage building - Applicant: Jackson Kudilil/Owner: Knanaya Catholic Assoc. of GA Inc. - Property located at 6493 Escoe Dr. - Parcel C0020007 - District 2

Chairman Thompson opened the public hearing on the matter. Applicant Jackson Kudilil spoke in favor of the conditional use. William Daniel spoke in opposition stating traffic concerns for an entrance to Escoe Drive. Chairman Thompson closed the public hearing on the matter.

Motion: Commissioner Banks made a motion to approve with recreation and storage for all church activities to access Rosebud Road. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Approval of CU22040022 - Conditional Use on 16.58 acres for Agritourism-Applicants/Owners: Tim & Leah Keel - Property located at 3270 H. D. Atha Rd. - Parcel C0790113 - District 4

Chairman Thompson opened the public hearing. Applicant Tim Keel spoke in favor. There was no one present to speak in opposition. Chairman Thompson closed the public hearing on the matter.

Motion: Commissioner Bradford made a motion to approve per the Planning Commission recommendation. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Approval of Z22040008 - Rezone 54.00 acres from A1 to R1 to create a subdivision - Applicant: JMJMS Properties LLC/Owner: Whitley Construction LLC - Property located on P. J. East Rd. - Map/Parcel C0640100K000 - District 3

Chairman Thompson opened the public hearing. Applicant Mark Cash of JMJMS Properties spoke in favor. Rod Trahan of PJ East Road commented on the 55 MPH speed limit vs 45 MPH on the through fairs. No one spoke in opposition. Chairman Thompson closed the public hearing.

Motion: Chairman Thompson made a motion to approve as presented. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Chairman Thompson, Commissioners, Warren, Banks, Bradford, Adams and Dixon voted in favor with Commissioner Shelnett abstaining. The motion carried.

Approval of Z22050001 - Rezone 2.27 acres from A1 to A to operate a non-profit rabbit rescue - Applicant: Sabrina Gauntt/Owner: Mary Gauntt/Executor Cathy Gauntt - Property located at 4571 Gauntt Rd. - Map/Parcel C0670019 - District 4

Chairman Thompson opened the public hearing. Applicant Sabrina Gauntt spoke in favor. There was no one present to speak in opposition. Chairman Thompson closed the public hearing on the matter.

Motion: Commissioner Bradford made a motion to approve the rezone limiting the number of rabbits to eighteen (18). Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Acceptance of ROW - Old Good Hope Road, Locklin Road and Pope Road

Motion: Commissioner Bradford made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Adams to accept the right of way on Old Good Hope, Locklin and Pope Roads. All voted in favor.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of June 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes
2. Contracts & Budgeted Purchases of \$5000 or Greater
3. Contract - Alcovy Leadership & Character Development Program - Juvenile Ct.
4. Acceptance of Proposal - Design Build Fire Station 7 - Sunbelt Builders (for the record)
5. NEGRC - Council Reappointment
6. Anthem Administrative Services Agreement
7. Veracity Benefits, LLC - Joinder Agreement
8. Veracity Benefits BAA Agreement
9. Veracity Benefits Pharmacy Consulting Agreement
10. Quitclaim Deed GDOT - Portion of ROW Davis Academy Rd. and ROW on Lynch Rd.

Motion: Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the Administrative Consent Agenda. Commissioner Shelnuttt seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Recommendation - Changes to Employee Benefits Committee By-Laws

HR Director Melissia Rusk and EBC Chairman Tyler Pannell presented changes to the Employee Benefits Committee By-Laws.

Motion: Commissioner Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bradford to approve the changes requested. All voted in favor.

CONTRACTS

Ascension Program Management - Walnut Grove Park - Amendment #1

Contract - Lose Design - Walnut Grove Park - Amendment #1 - Additional Design Scope of Work to prepare Phase 1 for Bid

Chairman Thompson presented the contracts for the Walton Grove Park. Jeff Prine with Ascension Program Management explained the projects phases and asked for Board approval to move forward with the contract for the Program Management, Amendment #1 and the detailed engineering with Lose Design - Amendment #1.

Motion: Commissioner Shelnuttt made a motion to approve the contracts. Commissioner Warren Seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Enterprise Vehicle Replacement

County Manager John Ward presented the first phase of vehicles to be leased from Enterprise

Leasing for the new vehicle replacement program. The initial phase of vehicle replacement including costs for up fit items is \$488,198.00.

Motion: *Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shelnett to move forward with ordering the vehicles for the first phase of the lease. All voted in favor.*

ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS/PROPOSALS

Acceptance of Proposal - Anglin Road Property Lease

Motion: *Commissioner Shelnett made a motion to accept the proposal and approve the lease of the Anglin Road property through December 2023 with Paul Jones in the amount of \$5000, giving the Chairman the authority to execute the agreement. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.*

APPOINTMENTS

Appointments - Walton Co. DFACS Board

Motion: *Chairman Thompson made a motion to reappoint Dr. Juanasha Watkins and Michelle Camp to the Walton Co. DFACS Board for a 5-year term beginning July 1, 2022. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion and all voted in favor.*

DISCUSSION

Chairman Thompson discussed moving the September 6, 2022 meeting to September 13, 2022 due to the Labor Day Holiday.

Motion: *Chairman Thompson made a motion to change the September meeting date to Tuesday, September 13, 2022. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.*

Employee Donated Leave Policy

County Manager John Ward and HR Director Melissia Rusk presented a request to make changes to the Employee Donated Leave Policy. Melissia stated that the EBC would like a nod from the Commission to move forward with changes to the policy and present them at a future meeting.

Hard Labor Creek Reservoir Mulching

Chairman Thompson discussed mulching approximately 49 acres at the Hard Labor Creek Reservoir and requested a nod from the Board to acquire bids. The area could be used for a potential park. The bids will be presented at a future meeting.

Addition - Flashing LED Stop Signs

Commissioner Bradford requested the Board to approve funding of Flashing LED Stop Signs at three intersections to be used as a test pilot for other intersections. The three intersections proposed are Jacks Creek Road and Snows Mill Road, Old Monroe Hwy. and Pleasant Valley Road and Monroe-Jersey Road at H. D. Atha Road. The cost would be approximately \$10,000 per intersection.

Motion: Commissioner Bradford made a motion to approve funding and move forward with installing the LED Stop Signs at the three intersections as a test pilot program. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion. Commissioners Warren, Shelnett, Bradford, Adams and Dixon voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Banks opposed the motion. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

***Motion:** At 7:32 p.m., Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Warren to enter into Executive Session to discuss litigation matters. All voted in favor.*

***Motion:** At 7:53 p.m., Commissioner Warren made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shelnett to re-enter regular session. Commissioners Warren, Shelnett, Bradford, Adams and Dixon voted in favor. The motion carried. Commissioner Banks was not present for the vote.*

At 7:54 p.m. Commissioner Banks returned to regular session.

***Motion:** Commissioner Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shelnett to authorize the Co. Attorney to finalize a settlement agreement with Trustmark as part of the transition to Anthem Insurance. Commissioners Warren, Banks, Shelnett, Bradford and Adams voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Dixon opposed. The motion carried.*

ADJOURNMENT

***Motion:** Commissioner Shelnett made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Adams, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 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