

August 2, 2022

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 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, 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 gave updates to the Board and introduced Doug Eaves with Eaves Consulting. Mr. Eaves presented a review of the upcoming LOST negotiations.

Chairman Thompson presented H.R. Director Melissia Rusk with a Certificate of Excellence in Human Resources.

MEETING OPENING

Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Shelnett gave the invocation.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

***Motion:** Commissioner Dixon made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Planning Director Charna Parker presented the Planning Commission recommendations.

Approval of Z22070003 with conditions - Rezone 17.223 from M1 to B3 for a VFW Meeting Hall - Applicant: Walton Co. Veteran's Assoc./Owner: Development Authority of Walton Co, - Property located at 1700 Snows Mill Rd. Map/Parcel C165/002 - District 6

Chairman Thompson opened the public hearing on the matter. Attorney Andrea Gray and President of the local VFW Post Scott Whisnant, spoke in favor on behalf of the Walton Co. Veteran's Association. Rachel Turgeon voiced safety concerns and requested a sign on Snows Mill stating "Blind Driveway". Chairman Thompson closed the public hearing on the matter. Commissioner Banks expressed his appreciation to the veterans for their service to the Country.

***Motion:** Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve the rezone per the Planning Commission recommendations 1) outside lighting to be downward facing, 2) 200 ft. buffer to remain on the right side of the driveway and 3) all outside activities to end by 11:00 p.m. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.*

Approval of OA22060012 - Amendment to Walton County Land Development Ordinance per Errata Sheet dated 06/03/2022

***Motion:** Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the amendment. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion and all voted in favor.*

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Alteration to Zoning - AZ22080009 - Request to change zoning conditions - Applicant/Owner: Jason Atha - Property located at Hwy. 11/Mahlon Smith Rd. - Map/Parcel C1400090 - District 4

Planning Director Charna Parker explained to the Board that the applicant would like to have the conditioned realignment of Mahlon Smith Road removed and had requested to table the matter in order to redo the site plan.

Chairman Thompson opened the public hearing on the matter. There was no one to speak in favor of the request. Chester Clegg and Alex Callaway spoke in opposition of the request. Chairman Thompson closed the public hearing on the matter.

***Motion:** Commissioner Bradford made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Adams to deny the request to remove the zoning conditions. All voted in favor.*

Acceptance of Land Donation – Willet

***Motion:** Commissioner Shelnut made a motion to accept the land donation which is located off Youth-Monroe Road. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.*

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of August 2, 2022 Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of September 6, 2022 Meeting Minutes
3. Contracts & Budgeted Purchases of \$5000 or Greater
4. Declaration of Surplus Property
5. Ratification of Actions taken by WCWSA
6. Acceptance of Grant - ACCG Health Promotion & Wellbeing Grant
7. Clinical Services Agreement - UGA School of Pharmacy
8. Contribution Agreement - Georgia Association of Conservation Districts
9. Engagement Agreement - Gilbert, Harrell, Sumerford & Martin - ARPA Funding

***Motion:** Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve the Administrative Consent Agenda. Commissioner Shelnut seconded the motion and all voted in favor.*

RESOLUTIONS

FY23 Budget Amendments

Motion: Commissioner Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to adopt and approve the Resolution for FY23 Budget Amendments. All voted in favor.

WALTON CO. WATER & SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

Resolution - Approving the issuance by WCWSA of Revenue Bonds - HLC Reservoir Water Treatment Facility Series 2022, authorizing and approving an intergovernmental contract between the Co. and the WCWSA and authorizing and approving other related matters

Motion: Commissioner Shelnett made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Chairman Thompson and all Commissioners voted in favor.

Approval of Prepayment - All or portion of outstanding principal of WCWSA Water and Sewerage Revenue Bonds Series 2013

Motion: Commissioner Shelnett made a motion to authorize the Chairman to prepay all or a portion of the outstanding principal amount of the Walton Co. Water and Sewerage Authority Water and Sewerage Revenue Bonds. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion. All voted in favor with Chairman Thompson abstaining.

HUMAN RESOURCES

UGA - Funding - Family and Consumer Science Position

Joel Burnsed, UGA Extension, Walton Co. Coordinator came before the Board requesting partial funding for a Family and Consumer Science position. UGA will fully fund the position the first year. The County is requested to partially fund the following year at \$26,000. In addition, UGA will fund a Low-Income Nutrition Education Para-professional at no cost to the County.

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

CONTRACTS

Amendment to Guthrie Road Tower Lease

Facilities Director Hank Shirley came before the Board for approval to amend the Gurthrie Road Tower Lease with Crown Castle. The amendment will lease additional ground space at the existing tower site with the annual rent increasing by \$16,800.

Motion: Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the amendment subject to County Attorney final review. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS/PROPOSALS

Mulching and Brush Clearing - Hard Labor Creek

Motion: *Commissioner Bradford made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Adams to approve the proposal from Southern Land Clearing in the amount of \$26,890.00 contingent upon references and insurance certificates and giving the Chairman the authority to award to the second best proposal if needed. All voted in favor.*

Proposal - Flock Safety - License plate recognition cameras/software

Major Scott Whisnant of the Walton County Sheriff's Office presented a proposal from Flock Safety for license plate recognition cameras and software. Major Whisnant stated that Flock Safety provides a sole source automatic license plate reader solution which is used nationally by law enforcement, residential neighborhoods and businesses. It also allows for sharing of information among other agencies as well as private entities. The plan requires 50 camera systems with an initial cost of \$277,500.00.

Motion: *Commissioner Bradford made a motion to approve the proposal. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. Chairman Thompson and all Commissioners voted in favor.*

APPOINTMENTS

Walton County Hospital Board Re-appointments and New Appointment

Motion: *Commissioner Banks made a motion to re-appoint Sue McCullers, Melissa Shannahan and Ben Garrett for a five year term expiring 9/30/2027 and to appoint Charles D. Preston to a five year term expiring 9/30/2027 replacing Dr. Mark Shaffer who no longer resides in Walton County. Commissioner Shelnut seconded the motion. All voted in favor.*

DISCUSSION

There was no further discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: *Commissioner Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Banks, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 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