

December 6, 2022

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 6, 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, 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.

MEETING OPENING

Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:00 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.*

FINANCE

Request for Joint Funding - Gang/Violent Crime Prosecutor

District Attorney Randy McGinley presented the Board with a request to partially fund a Gang/Violet Crime Prosecutor. The position is to be shared with Newton County, the City of Covington and the City of Monroe. The County's portion would be 25% or approximately \$30,000.

***Motion:** Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bradford to approve the request contingent upon all entities agreeing to the funding. All voted in favor.*

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Planning Director Charna Parker presented the Planning Commission recommendation.

Approval with conditions - Z22090001 - Rezone 92.012 acres from A1 to R1OSC - Applicant/Owner: Reliant Homes GA LLC - Property located at Broadnax Mill Rd./Marce Camp Rd. - Map/Parcel C0480050 & 0053-District 1 (tabled on 11/1/2022)

Chairman Thompson opened the public hearing on the matter. Ned Butler of Reliant Homes spoke in favor of the rezone. He stated that the site plan was revised by moving the entrance and adding additional landscape buffers. Carole Billue of Marce Camp Road expressed traffic concerns in the area. Chairman Thompson closed the public hearing on the matter.

Motion: Commissioner Warren made a motion to approve the Planning Commission recommendation with the amended site plan. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion. Commissioners Warren, Banks, Bradford, Adams and Dixon voted in favor. Commissioner Shelnuttt abstained from voting. The motion carried 5-1.

Approval of Z22100002 - 3.79 acres from A1 to R1 to create a 1.2 acre buildable lot - Applicant/Owner: Mary Alexander - Property located at 2057 Bomac Ct. - Map/Parcel C0510123 - District 2

Chairman Thompson opened the public hearing on the matter. Mary Alexander 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, seconded by Commissioner Shelnuttt to approve the rezone. All voted in favor.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Annexations – City of Loganville

- 1) Applicant Split Silk Properties, LLC - 5.84 acres located at 4900 Hwy. 78, Loganville, 2) Applicant Mark Myers - 2.5+/- acres located at 4706 Hwy. 81, Loganville 3) Applicant Mark Myers - 10.0+/- acres located at 4746 Hwy. 81, Loganville

Motion: Commissioner Warren made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Banks to approve the annexations. All voted in favor.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of November 1, 2022 and November 8, 2022 Meeting Minutes
2. Contracts & Budgeted Purchases of \$5000 or Greater
3. Declaration of Surplus Property
4. Acceptance of Funding - VOCA Grants
5. Proposed FY24 Budget Calendar
6. Acceptance of Donation - Barrelle Roofing - Community Night Out
7. Agreement - Southeast Corrections, LLC - Magistrate Court
8. Agreement - Southeast Corrections, LLC - Probate Court
9. Acceptance of Right of Way - Bearden Road and Frank Camp Road

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

HUMAN RESOURCES

Recommendation from Condrey & Associates

The Board discussed the recommendation from Condrey & Associates to adjust the County employee pay scale by 6% in addition to tier increases and in the future look at increases based on needs for certain positions that are not being filled.

Motion: Chairman Thompson made a motion to approve the recommended 6% increase to the pay scale with tier increases of 1-2 tiers for the department heads based on years of service. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion. Commissioner Dixon questioned if this would apply to the County Manager since he is under contract. Chairman Thompson stated that he would be included. Chairman Thompson, Commissioners Banks, Shelnutt, Bradford, Adams and Dixon voted in favor. Commissioner Warren opposed the motion. The motion carried 6-1.

DISCUSSION

County Manager's Report/Update

County Manager John Ward gave an update on county matters to the Board.

Changing Enabling Legislation:

- 1) Changes to Part-time Chairman - Salary - Vehicle
- 2) Change Authority to Purchase/Contract to \$25,000 (currently \$5000)

Motion: Chairman Thompson made a motion to request a change to the enabling legislation for a part-time Chairman with an annual salary of \$30,000, with no vehicle, effective in 2025 and to change the authority to purchase from \$5000 to \$25,000. He also motioned for counsel to draw up the new language to be presented to our legislative representative for approval. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion. Chairman Thompson, Commissioners Warren, Banks, Shelnutt, Adams and Dixon voted in favor. Commissioner Bradford opposed the motion. The motion carried 6-1.

Walton Co. Ethics Policy and Code of Conduct

Motion: Commissioner Banks made a motion to adopt the Walton County Ethics Policy and Code of Conduct. Commissioner Shelnutt seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Possible acceptance of LOST Agreement and Resolution

Chairman Thompson announced that an agreement had been reached with the cities for the County to receive 70% and the Cities to receive 30% of LOST funds. He requested approval and authority to sign the certificate and resolution.

Motion: Commissioner Banks made a motion to adopt the Resolution and approve the 70/30 agreement giving the Chairman the authority to sign the necessary documents. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Banks, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 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