

February 7, 2023

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 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, Planning Director Charna Parker, Public Works Director John Allman, 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 6:20 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Shelnett gave the invocation.

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

***Motion:** Commissioner Shelnett made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Adams to adopt the Agenda. All voted in favor.*

## **PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS**

Planning Director Charna Parker presented the Planning Commission recommendations.

Approval of CU22110013 - Event Facility - Applicant: Rheitta Ohene-Amoako/Owner: Orchard United Methodist Church Inc. - Property located at 1940 Hwy 81 - Map/Parcel C0510194 - District 3

Chairman Thompson opened the public hearing on the matter. Applicant Rheitta Ohene-Amoako spoke in favor of the conditional use. There was no one present to speak in opposition. Chairman Thompson closed the public hearing on the matter.

***Motion:** Commissioner Shelnett made a motion to approve per the Planning Commission recommendation. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.*

## **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

Alteration To Zoning Conditions AZ23010004 - Applicant: Bill Hartley/Owners: John, Jeremy, & James Mazzawi & Darin Wasileski - Property located at Hwy. 78 & Tommy Dillard Rd. - Map/Parcel C1780047A00 - District 4

Chairman Thompson opened the public hearing on the matter. Attorney Jeff Haymore with David Sellers Law firm presented a constitutional letter reserving rights of the applicant Bill Hartley. Mr. Haymore asked that conditions previously placed on the zoning be removed and the applicant be allowed access to the property from Tommy Dillard Road. Applicant Bill Hartley, Matt Mazzawi,

James Mazzawi, John Brewer and Bobby Beck spoke in favor of removing the conditions. There was no opposition. Chairman Thompson closed the public hearing on the matter.

**Motion:** *Commissioner Bradford made a motion that only condition number one, property be used for the requested purpose only, be removed. The motion died for lack of a second.*

**Motion:** *Chairman Thompson made a motion that access be allowed on Tommy Dillard Road. He further stated that 330 ft. is not enough road frontage for a decel lane to get into the property and it will stay B3 and is entitled to B3 uses. Commissioner Banks requested that the motion be amended, adding that no hazardous chemicals be stored on the premises. Chairman Thompson amended his motion per the request. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion. Chairman Thompson, Commissioners Warren, Banks, Shelnett and Adams voted in favor. Commissioners Bradford and Dixon opposed the motion. The motion carried 5-2.*

## **ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of January 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes
2. Contracts & Budgeted Purchases of \$5000 or Greater
3. Ratifications of Actions taken by WCWSA on December 13, 2022
4. Fiscal Agent Designation/Acceptance Agreement – Partnership for Families, Children and Youth
5. Donation of Radar Equipment to Georgia Department of Public Safety
6. Ascension Program Management – Proposal – Grant Application and Administration for Hard Labor Creek Recreation Area
7. ACCG – Business Associate Agreement (HIPAA)

**Motion:** *Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve the Administrative Consent Agenda. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.*

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### Resolution - Amending the Walton Co. Civil Service Personnel Rules and Regulations

**Motion:** *Commissioner Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to adopt the Resolution. All voted in favor.*

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### Proposed Increase in Solid Waste Fees

Public Works Director John Allman stated that the City of Monroe was increasing their solid waste fees. He presented a proposal to increase fees for green bags from \$1.50 per bag to \$2.00 per bag and increase scale rates at the recycling center from \$45 per ton to \$65 per ton to offset the rate increases.

**Motion:** *Commissioner Adams made a motion to increase the fees as proposed by Public Works.*

*Chairman Thompson asked that he amend his motion to include an effective date. Commissioner Adams amended his motion for the rate increase to be effective in 30 days. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion and all voted in favor.*

## **ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS/PROPOSALS**

### Proposal - Design Services for Walton Co. Employee Health Clinic - Precision Planning

***Motion:** Commissioner Shelnett made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Adams to accept the proposal from Precision Planning for Design Services for the Walton County Employee Health Clinic. All voted in favor.*

## **DISCUSSION**

### County Manager's Report/Update

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

### Decision on acquiring additional parking spaces for employees in downtown Monroe

Chairman Thompson proposed to lease 10 additional parking spaces for County Employee parking. The lease from Peters and Foster would be an annual lease at a cost of \$1000 per month.

***Motion:** Commissioner Adams made a motion to lease the additional spaces from Peters and Foster beginning April 1, 2023. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion and all voted in favor.*

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

***Motion:** At 7:15 p.m., Commissioner Warren made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Adams to enter into Executive Session to discuss land acquisition. All voted in favor.*

***Motion:** At 7:30 p.m., Commissioner Warren made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Adams to return to regular session. All voted in favor. There were no votes taken in Executive Session.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion:** Commissioner Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.*

All documents of record for this meeting are on file in either the addendum book or auxiliary file

under this meeting date.

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DAVID G. THOMPSON, CHAIRMAN

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RHONDA HAWK, COUNTY CLERK