

April 14, 2026

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Historic Walton County Courthouse. Those participating in the meeting included Chairman David Thompson, Commissioners Amarie Warren, Pete Myers, Timmy Shelnett, Lee Bradford, Jeremy Adams and Kirklyn Dixon, County Clerk Rhonda Hawk, County Manager John Ward, Planning Director Kristi Parr, Finance Director Jennifer Wall, and County Attorney Mike Malcom. A list of employees and citizens in attendance at the meeting is on file in the auxiliary file under this meeting date.

PRESENTATIONS

Shane Short, Ben McDaniel and Dessa Morris gave an annual report on Economic Development and Walton Works

MEETING OPENING

Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Shelnett gave the invocation.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: *Commissioner Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to adopt the agenda with the addition of an appointment to the Planning Commission, District 3, Item 11.2. All district commissioners voted in favor.*

DISCUSSION

County Manager's Report/Update

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

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Solid Waste Handling Permit - Proposed Air Curtain Destructor Facility at existing Inert Landfill @ 2351 Preston Road, Good Hope (Public Hearing)

Attorney Mike Malcom opened the public hearing on the matter. There was no one present to speak. Attorney Mike Malcom closed the public hearing.

Approval of Draft - Capital Improvements Element 2026 Annual Update and Transmittal Resolution (Public Hearing)

Attorney Mike Malcom opened the public hearing on the matter. There was no one present to speak. Attorney Mike Malcom closed the public hearing.

Motion: Commissioner Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Myers, to approve the draft for the Capital Improvements Element 2026 Annual Update. All district commissioners voted in favor.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of March 3, 2026 Meeting Minutes
2. Contracts & Budgeted Purchases of \$25,000 or Greater
3. Declaration of Surplus
4. Surplus and Transfer of K9 Zoso to Handler
5. Ratification of Actions taken by WCWSA on March 13, 2026
6. Acceptance of Right of Way - The Meadows at Good Hope (for the record)
7. Grant Application - Firehouse Subs Foundation - Sheriff's Office
8. Acceptance of Donation - Deputies Beyond the Badge - Two (2) 2025 Ford Mustangs

Motion: Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shelnutt, to approve the Administrative Consent Agenda. All voted in favor.

FINANCE

Resolution - FY26 Budget Amendment

Motion: Commissioner Bradford made a motion to separate the amendment summary and vote separately on 7.8, Jail Operations. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. All district commissioners voted in favor. Chairman Thompson opposed the motion. The motion passed 6-1.

Motion: Commissioner Shelnutt made a motion to approve the budget amendment with summary items 1-7 and 9-11. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion and all district commissioners voted in favor.

Motion: Commissioner Shelnutt made a motion to approve item 8, Jail Operations of the budget amendment summary. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion. Commissioners Warren, Myers, Shelnutt and Adams voted in favor. Commissioners Bradford and Dixon opposed the motion. The motion passed 4-2.

HUMAN RESOURCES

ACCG - Defined Contribution Services Agreement - Revised Fee Schedule

Motion: Commissioner Shelnutt made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the revised fee schedule. All district commissioners voted in favor.

Adoption Agreement - Nationwide Financial Services - 457B Plan

Motion: Commissioner Shelnutt made a motion to approve the agreement. Commissioner Warren

seconded the motion; all district commissioners voted in favor.

CONTRACTS

MOU - Walton County School District - Fire Rescue Internship Program

Motion: *Commissioner Shelnuttt made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Adams to approve the MOU for a Fire Rescue Internship Program. All district commissioners voted in favor.*

ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS/PROPOSALS

Acceptance of Bid - Milling and Asphalt Replacement for 2026

Motion: *Commissioner Adams made a motion to accept the low bid from Blount Construction in the amount of \$165.64 per ton for the 2026 paving period. Commissioner Bradford seconded the motion and all district commissioners voted in favor.*

Acceptance of Proposal - Landscaping Maintenance for Government Building, Sheriff's Office, DFCS and Baker Street Property

Motion: *Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Myers, to accept the proposal from BrightView in the amount of \$82,000. All district commissioners voted in favor.*

APPOINTMENTS

Northeast Georgia Regional Commission

Motion: *Commissioner Adams made a motion to appoint Kirklyn Dixon to the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission. Commissioner Bradford seconded the motion; all district commissioners voted in favor.*

Planning Commission, District 3

Motion: *Commissioner Shelnuttt made a motion to appoint Robert Post to the Planning Commission for District 3. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. All district commissioners voted in favor.*

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: *Commissioner Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shelnuttt, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 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