

March 2, 2021

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 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 Karen Fraser 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.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tam Ashwood and April Herren spoke during public comment concerning the culvert on Claude Brewer Road being improperly positioned.

### **MEETING OPENING**

Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Shelnett gave the invocation.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

### **PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS**

Approval of CU20120002 Conditional Use for telecommunications tower – Applicant: Brian M Devine (Verizon Wireless)/Owner: Gwen Burnham - 1811 Michael Rd-Map/Parcel C1620010 – District 4 (tabled 2/2/21)

***Motion:** Commissioner Bradford made a motion to table for an additional 30 days to give an opportunity for an impact study to be done and to allow communication with Verizon. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.*

Approval of Z20120019 - Rezone 5.26 acres from A2 to A to grow & sell plants - Applicant/Owner: Atlanta's Best Construction Inc - 1630 New Hope Church Rd/Parcel C0610090 - District 1

Chairman Thompson opened the public hearing on the matter. Planning Director Charna Parker presented the rezone and a request for withdrawal. Applicant Chris Sands requested the rezone be withdrawn due to conditions placed on the rezone. Robert Post, Mayor of Between spoke in

opposition of the withdrawal request and requested that the Board approve the rezone with the conditions recommended by the Planning Commission. Chairman Thompson closed the public hearing on the matter.

***Motion:*** *Commissioner Warren made a motion to deny the request for withdrawal. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Commissioner Warren further motioned to approve the rezone with conditions recommended by the Planning Commission. Commissioner Bradford seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.*

Denial - CU21010003 for wedding & event venue on 57.64 acres and Variance from County Ordinance requiring that the site have direct access to a collector or arterial road - Applicant/Owner: Shangrila Farms LLC (Rajan Kalidindi) - 900 Amber Stapp Studdard Rd- Map/Parcel C1720059 - District 4

Chairman Thompson opened the public hearing on the matter. Planning Director Charna Parker presented the conditional use and a request to withdraw. Tip Huynh spoke on behalf of the owner and requested withdrawal. Ronnie Almand spoke in opposition on behalf of Deborah Studdard stating concerns over the active poultry farm and traffic. Chairman Thompson closed the public hearing on the matter.

***Motion:*** *Commissioner Bradford made a motion to deny the request for withdrawal. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Commissioner Bradford further motioned to approve the Planning Commission recommendation to deny the conditional use and variance. Commissioner Shelnutt seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.*

## **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

Acceptance of Right-of-Way - Creekside Subdivision, The Oaks at Alcovy Subdivision, Bentley Farms Subdivision

***Motion:*** *Commissioner Dixon made a motion to accept the right-of-way in Creekside Subdivision, The Oaks at Alcovy Subdivision and Bentley Farms Subdivision. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. All voted in favor.*

## **ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of February 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes
2. Contracts & Budgeted Purchases of \$5,000.00 or Greater
3. Declaration of Surplus Property
4. Contracts - Southeast Corrections Probation Services - Magistrate Court, Probate Court
5. Facebook Grant Application - EMS
6. Service Agreement - Cleargov (for the record)

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

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### FY 21 Budget Amendments

***Motion:** Commissioner Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bradford to adopt the Resolution for FY 21 Budget Amendments as presented by Finance Director Milton Cronheim. All voted in favor.*

### Road Acceptance – GDOT Road Inventory

***Motion:** Commissioner Banks made a motion to adopt the Resolution updating the record of roads in the county road system so that GDOT's records accurately reflect the county road mileage. Commissioner Bradford seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.*

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

### Reclassification of Asst. District Attorney to Deputy Chief Asst. District Attorney and Addition of Senior Asst. District Attorney

HR Director Karen Fraser and District Attorney Randy McGinley presented a reclassification request and a request for an additional Senior Asst. District Attorney.

***Motion:** Commissioner Bradford made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the requests. All voted in favor.*

## **CONTRACTS**

### Inrix Incorporated - Data License for Walton County Public Works

***Motion:** Commissioner Dixon made a motion approve the Contract with Inrix Incorporated. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.*

### Municode - Meeting & Agenda Management Software Agreement

***Motion:** Commissioner Bradford made a motion to approve the Agreement with Municode for meeting and agenda software. Commissioner Shelnutt seconded the motion. All voted in favor.*

## **APPOINTMENTS**

### Advantage Behavioral Health Community Service Board

**Motion:** Commissioner Bradford made a motion to appoint John Pilgrim of the Monroe Police Department to the Advantage Behavioral Health Community Service Board. Commissioner Shelnett seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

#### Development Authority of Walton County - Reappointments

**Motion:** Commissioner Adams made a motion to reappoint Morris Jordan, Neal Jackson and Tom Carter to the Walton County Development Authority. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

#### Walton County Board of Elections

**Motion:** Commissioner Banks made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Warren to appoint Jean Gallman to replace Betty Hearn on the Walton County Board of Elections. All voted in favor.

#### Walton County Board of Tax Assessors

**Motion:** Commissioner Adams made a motion to appoint Nathan Purvis to the Walton County Board of Tax Assessors. Commissioner Bradford seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

**Motion:** Commissioner Dixon made a motion to appoint Janice Manuel to the Walton County Board of Tax Assessors. Commissioner Bradford seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

### **JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

#### Resolution – Baymare Development, IGA – Baymare Development Services, Baymare Development Agreement

**Motion:** Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the Resolution, IGA and Development Agreement for Baymare Development. Commissioner Shelnett seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

### **DISCUSSION**

#### Transfer of Funds

Chairman Thompson brought to the Board's attention an account that had remained dormant since 2007. After researching the account he requested the funds be transferred to the General Fund and put to better use for the citizens of Walton County.

**Motion:** Commissioner Warren made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bradford to transfer the money to the General Fund. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Banks expressed condolences to the family of Derward Toler who served many years on the Walton County Board of Tax Assessors.

## ADJOURNMENT

***Motion:** Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Adams, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 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