

February 13, 2024

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 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, 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 Dixon made a motion to add an appointment to the Board of Appeals and acceptance of resignation on the Planning Commission. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion. All voted in favor.*

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of January 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes
2. Contracts & Budgeted Purchases of \$25000 or Greater
3. Declaration of Surplus Property
4. Mutual Aid Agreement - EMS
5. IGA – City of Monroe – Recyclable Cardboard Pickup and Delivery (renewal)
6. Agreement – ACCG Ga. County Internship Program – Human Resources

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

RESOLUTIONS

Authorizing 2025 SPLOST

***Motion:** Commissioner Dixon made a motion to adopt the Resolution and approve the SPLOST Intergovernmental Contract. Commissioner Shelnett seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.*

CONTRACTS

Alcovy Judicial Circuit - AV Upgrade funded by ARPA Grant

Motion: Commissioner Banks made a motion to approve the contract with Conference Technologies for the AV Upgrade to be funded by ARPA Grant. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS/PROPOSALS

Temporary Access Road – WCPSC

Motion: Commissioner Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shelnutt, to accept the bid from E. R. Snell in the amount of \$1,860,655.26. All voted in favor.

APPOINTMENTS

Advantage Behavioral Health Systems Board

Motion: Chairman Thompson made a motion to reappoint John Pilgrim to the Advantage Behavioral Health Systems Board for a three-year term. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Board of Appeals

Motion: Commissioner Adams made a motion to appoint Chris Lammey to the Board of Appeals. Commissioner Shelnutt seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Acceptance of Resignation – Planning Commission

Motion: Commissioner Banks made a motion to accept the resignation of Pete Myers from the Planning Commission. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION

County Manager's Report/Update

County Manager John Ward gave an update and report on county matters and informed the Board concerning ongoing projects.

Chairman Thompson informed the Board that Commissioners Warren and Shelnutt had agreed to help work on the upcoming budget.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: At 6:27 p.m., Commissioner Shelnutt made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Adams to enter into Executive Session to discuss real estate matters. All voted in favor. There were no votes taken in Executive Session.

Motion: At 6:34 p.m., Commissioner Warren made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Banks to return to regular session. All voted in favor.

Motion: Commissioner Warren made a motion to approve the acquisition of the Grubbs property located adjacent to Criswell Park for \$17,000 per acre for approximately 65 acres and to authorize the Chairman to execute the closing documents. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Motion: Commissioner Dixon made a motion to accept the donation of 3/10 acre from Mike Breedlove at the intersection of New Hope Road and Double Springs Road for intersection improvements. Commissioner Shelnett seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Bradford made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Adams, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 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