

April 4, 2023

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Historic Walton County Courthouse. Those participating in the meeting included Chairman David Thompson, Commissioners Mark Banks, Timmy Shelnett, Lee Bradford, Jeremy Adams, and Kirklyn Dixon, Assistant County Clerk Patrice Broughton, Planning and Zoning Director Charna Parker, Finance Director Milton Cronheim, Facilities Director Hank Shirley, 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 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Shelnett gave the invocation.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

PROCLAMATION

Lauren Gregory with A Child's Voice Advocacy Center read a proclamation that declared April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Walton County, Georgia. Chairman Thompson signed the proclamation and presented it to A Child's Voice Advocacy Center.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Planning and Zoning Director Charna Parker presented the Planning Commission recommendations.

Approval of Conditional Use CU23010025 - Event Venue on 61.16 acres - Applicant: Chris McGee - Property located at 4720 Jacks Creek Rd - Map/Parcel C1780018B00&18 - District 4

Chairman Thompson opened the public hearing on the matter. Applicant Chris McGee spoke in favor of the conditional use. No one spoke in opposition. Chairman Thompson closed the public hearing.

***Motion:** Commissioner Bradford made a motion to approve the conditional use as approved by the Planning Commission. Commissioner Shelnett seconded the motion to approve. All voted in favor.*

Approval of Rezone Z23010020 - Rezone 3.00 acres from R1 to B3 for parking & outside

storage - Applicant: Bryan Wallis/Owner: John B Hicks (Executor of Sandy J Hicks) - Property located at 6720 Hwy 20 - Map/Parcel C0020078A00 - District 2

Chairman Thompson opened the public hearing. The applicant Bryan Wallace spoke in favor of the rezone. He stated that he wanted to move his business from Gwinnett to Walton County. Jacqueline Griffen spoke in opposition. She stated that she had previously sent a letter to the Commissioners stating her concerns. She spoke of the traffic increase and safety concerns. Jerry Mitchell also spoke in opposition. Chairman Thompson closed the public hearing.

Motion: *Commissioner Banks made a motion to approve the rezone as approved by the Planning Commission. Commissioner Shelnett seconded the motion to approve. All voted in favor.*

Charna Parker presented the case to the Commissioners on behalf of the applicant.

Approval of Land Use Change LU23010028 and Rezone Z23010027 - Land Use Change from Neighborhood Residential to Suburban and Rezone 2.76 from R1 to A1 to have personal animals - Applicant: Betty M Haralson/Owners: Betty M Haralson & Phillip I Ackerson - Property located at 999 Gene Bell Rd & /Blasingame Rd - Map/Parcel C1660079 - District 6

Chairman Thompson opened the public hearing. There was no one to speak in favor or in opposition. Chairman Thompson closed the public hearing.

Motion: *Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve the land use change. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.*

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of March 7, 2023 Meeting Minutes
2. Contracts & Budgeted Purchases of \$5000 or Greater
3. Declaration of Surplus Property
4. Agreement - Central Square - Finance Software
5. IGA - City of Monroe and City of Loganville - Aerial Imagery Projects
6. Contract - Eagleview Imagery
7. Service Agreement - ARPA Grant Coordinator - Walton County Superior Court
8. Contract - San Pedro MFG Co
9. Quitclaim Deed Payment - Holder Brothers Timberframes

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution - FY23 Budget Amendments

Motion: *Commissioner Banks made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon, to adopt the*

Resolution. All voted in favor.

Resolution - Adopting Project Length Budget for Criswell Pickleball and Covered Arena

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

Resolution - Adopting Project Length Budget for Goodhope Recycling Center

Motion: *Commissioner Bradford made a motion to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Shelnett. Voted and carried unanimously.*

Resolution - Adopting Project Length Budget for Resurfacing Projects

Motion: *Commissioner Adams made a motion to adopt the Resolution, with Commissioner Banks seconding the motion. All voted in favor.*

Resolution authorizing the initial intent to issue revenue bonds through the Walton County Public Facilities Authority to finance certain capital outlay projects for the County, including parks, renovations to existing administrative buildings, and the acquisition of land and improvements for governmental purposes

Motion: *Commissioner Shelnett made a motion to adopt the Resolution, with Commissioner Banks seconding the motion. The motion carried 5-1, with Commissioner Bradford abstaining.*

ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS/PROPOSALS

Acceptance of Bid - MHB Paving - Public Works

Motion: *Commissioner Bradford made a motion to accept the low bid from MHB Paving, in the amount of \$195.88 per ton for the 2023 Milling and Deep Patching. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.*

APPOINTMENTS

Walton County Public Facilities Authority

Chairman Thompson explained that the Board of Commissioners needed to appoint a Chairman to the Walton County Public Facilities Authority.

Motion: *Commissioner Adams made a motion to appoint Chairman Thompson as the Chairman of the Walton County Public Facilities Authority. Commissioner Shelnett 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 to the Board. He announced a traffic change at Rao Drive, Michael Etchison, and McDaniel Street. Mr. Ward also announced that Keep Walton Beautiful will now accept mattresses and box springs for \$10 each.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

***Motion:** At 6:47 p.m., Commissioner Shelnutt made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Banks to enter into Executive Session to discuss litigation. All voted in favor.*

***Motion:** At 7:12 p.m., Commissioner Shelnut made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Banks 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 Shelnutt, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 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

PATRICE BROUGHTON, ASST. CO. CLERK