

May 7, 2024

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Historic Walton County Courthouse. Those participating in the meeting included Chairman David Thompson, Commissioners Bo Warren, Timmy Shelnett, Lee Bradford, Jeremy Adams and Kirklyn Dixon, County Clerk Rhonda Hawk, County Manager John Ward, Assistant Finance Director Jennifer Wall 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 6:10 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 Banks to adopt the agenda. All voted in favor.*

PROCLAMATIONS

Donate Life Month

Chairman Thompson presented a proclamation for Donate Life Month. Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shelnett, to approve the proclamation. All voted in favor.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of April 2, 2024 Meeting Minutes
2. Contracts & Budgeted Purchases of \$25000 or Greater
3. Surplus and Donation of Speed Trailer to Piedmont Tech - Sheriff's Office
4. Operating Agreement - Civic Media Group - Walton Co. Parks & Recreation
5. IGA - City of Monroe - Natural Gas Delivery Service - Walton Co. Public Safety Complex
6. IGA - City of Loganville - Use of West Walton Park
7. Walton Co. Board of Health – Environmental Health Fees

***Motion:** Chairman Thompson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bradford, to approve the Administrative Consent Agenda subject to County Attorney review of the Civic Media Group Operating Agreement. All voted in favor.*

FINANCE

Presentation of Proposed FY25 Budget

Assistant Finance Director Jennifer Wall presented the proposed FY25 Budget. The proposed FY25 Budget assumes a County-wide millage of 10.415 which is no increase. The proposed FY25 Budget assumes a Fire District millage of 2.100, an increase of .265 mills versus last year's millage rate of 1.835. Chairman Thompson explained that the proposed budget anticipates the renewal of SPLOST and should it not be renewed, an emergency meeting would be needed to amend the proposed budget due to obligations for the Public Safety Complex, The Grove Park and other projects already underway.

Project Length Budget - Protective Wall for Shooting Range - Sheriff's Office

Motion: Commissioner Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the project length budget for the protective wall at the shooting range. All voted in favor.

HUMAN RESOURCES

2024 Benefits Renewal - MSI Benefits

Ashley Gilder with MSI Benefits recommended renewal with Anthem and VeracityRX. She further commended Chairman Thompson and the Board for overall claims being down due to the use of the county employee health clinic.

Motion: Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the 2024 Benefits Renewal. Commissioner Shelnutt seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

CONTRACTS

GDOT PI# 0016363 - Intersection Improvements - St. Rt. 81 @ Ozora Church Road

Motion: Commissioner Warren made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bank, to approve the contract. All voted in favor.

APPOINTMENTS

Planning Commission, District 4

Motion: Commissioner Bradford made a motion to appoint Michelle Trammel to the Planning Commission for District 4. Commissioner Bradford stated that Keith Prather had resigned due to other obligations. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

DISCUSSION

County Manager's Report/Update

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ryan Eagleson, president of the Walton Disc Golf Club spoke in support of Disc Golf and commending the Board for the Disc Golf course at Ayers Park in Between.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Thompson announced that GDOT had agreed to a deceleration lane on Hwy. 78 at Bradley Gin Road.

ADJOURNMENT

***Motion:** Commissioner Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shelnett, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 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