

March 5, 2024

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 5, 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, County Manager John Ward, Facilities Director Hank Shirley, Public Works Director John Allman 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 Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to adopt the agenda. All voted in favor.*

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Withdrawal of Z23120012 - Rezone 9.66 acres from A1 to A to raise animals for commercial ag use, sell products & have tours - Applicant: Megan Kukla/Owners: Rosemary & Michael Kukla - Property located at 309 Riverbend Rd./Map/Parcel C0990008 - District 5

***Motion:** Commissioner Adams made a motion to accept the requested withdrawal. Commissioner Shelnett seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.*

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of February 13, 2024 Meeting Minutes
2. Contracts & Budgeted Purchases of \$25000 or Greater
3. Declaration of Surplus Property
4. MOU Modification - US Forest Service
5. Government Window - Saas Agreement - Walton Co. 911

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

RESOLUTIONS

FY24 Budget Amendments

***Motion:** Commissioner Banks made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Warren*

seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Project Length Budget and FY24 Budget Amendment - Walton Co. Government Building Surveillance System

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

CONTRACTS

Reeves Young, LLC - The Grove - Walton Co. Parks & Recreation Facility

Motion: *Commissioner Shelnutt made a motion seconded by Commissioner Banks to approve the contract with Reeves Young, LLC in the amount of \$40,181,731.00. Chairman Thompson, Commissioners Warren, Banks, Shelnutt, Adams and Dixon voted in favor. Commissioner Bradford abstained.*

Ascension Program Management - Walnut Grove Park

Motion: *Commissioner Warren made a motion seconded Commissioner Banks to approve the contract with Ascension Program Management not to exceed \$140,400.00. Chairman Thompson, Commissioners Warren, Banks, Shelnutt, Adams and Dixon voted in favor. Commissioner Bradford abstained.*

PUBLIC WORKS

Proposed Solid Waste Fees - Walton County Recycling Center

Motion: *Commissioner Adams made a motion to increase the scale rates for solid waste at the Walton County Recycling Center from \$65.00 per ton to \$70.00 per ton with a minimum fee of \$5.00. Commissioner Shelnutt seconded the motion. All voted in favor.*

ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS/PROPOSALS

Walton County Government Building Surveillance System

Motion: *Commissioner Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shelnutt, to accept the proposal from Atlanta Access Control, LLC in the amount of \$229,104.63; voted and carried unanimously.*

APPOINTMENTS

Voting Delegate - Georgia Opioid Settlement Advisory Commission and Regional Advisory Council Slate Consideration

Motion: *Chairman Thompson made a motion to appoint County Manager, John Ward.*

Commissioner Adams seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

Commissioner Banks stated that he needed to make an appointment to the Planning Commission and motioned that he be allowed to make the addition. Chairman Thompson seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Walton County Planning Commission - District 2

Motion: *Commissioner Banks made a motion to appoint Terry Eison to the Walton County Planning Commission for District 2. 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 and informed the Board concerning ongoing projects. He also presented a financial report that included grants awarded, interest earned and money saved on various accounts and projects. The total for the additional grants and monies equal approximately \$150,306,185.36, the two largest being the HLC Water Facility grant and the savings achieved by bonding the new jail in 2021. Commissioner Banks commended the Chairman for being instrumental in acquiring the HLC grant for \$46,200,000.00 and for pushing the bonding of the new jail in 2021 which would cost an additional \$42,309,283.00 today.

Chairman Thompson reminded everyone to check the batteries in their smoke detectors as we have had three deaths from fires in the past 10 days.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: *Commissioner Banks made a motion, seconded by Chairman Thompson, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 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