

May 2, 2023

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 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, Planning Director Charna Parker, Finance Director Milton Cronheim, HR Director Melissia Rusk, Facilities Director Hank Shirley, 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 6:04 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.*

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Planning Director Charna Parker presented the Planning Commission recommendations.

Denial of CU23020018 - Outside Storage - Applicant: Michael Greenlee/Owner: Temur Jamshedi - Property located at Lance Ct. & Hwy. 20 - Map/Parcel C0070003A00 - District 2

Chairman Thompson opened the public hearing on the matter. Attorney Parker Morgan spoke on behalf of the applicant and stated that they had made arrangements with nearby property owners and Allen Bentley to help mitigate concerns. Temur Jamshedi also spoke in favor. Fred Beinki spoke in opposition concerning the unloading of vehicles on Lance Court and the decel lane on Hwy. 20. He further stated that it is an uncontrollable variable as to where the trailers unload which creates a safety issue. In rebuttal, Mr. Morgan stated that the plan met requirements for the conditional use permit and stated Allen Bentley's property could be used for unloading and reserved the rights of the applicant. Chairman Thompson closed the public hearing on the matter.

***Motion:** Commissioner Banks made a motion to approve with the following conditions: all loading and unloading to be on the property or Allen Bentley's property. Commissioner Shelnett seconded the motion and all voted in favor.*

Approval of Z23020024 - Rezone 2.0 acres - 1 acre to R1 and 1 acre to B2 - Applicant: Farrukh Khan/Owner: Ricky Cobb - Property located at 206 HD Atha Road & Hwy. 78 - Map/Parcel C0750040A00 - District 3

Chairman Thompson opened the public hearing on the matter. Owner Ricky Cobb spoke in favor. There was no opposition present. Chairman Thompson closed the public hearing on the matter.

Motion: *Commissioner Shelnuttt made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Banks to approve the rezone. All voted in favor.*

FINANCE

Finance Director Milton Cronheim presented the financial matters.

Request to approve application for ARPA Grant - Judge Ken Wynne

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

Presentation of Proposed FY24 Budget

The proposed budget has no increase in the millage rate and a .5 increase in the fire district millage rate.

Motion: *Commissioner Warren made a motion to adopt the presentation of the proposed FY24 budget. Commissioner Shelnuttt seconded the motion and all voted in favor.*

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of April 4, 2023 Meeting Minutes
2. Contracts & Budgeted Purchases of \$5000 or Greater
3. Declaration of Surplus Property
4. Ratifications of Actions taken by WCWSA on April 11, 2023
5. DebtBook Software Agreement - Renewal
6. IGA – City of Loganville – Use of West Walton Park
7. Georgia DNR Laboratory Services Renewal – Water Department
8. MOU – GDOT and Water Dept. – Roundabout SR 81 & Ozora Church Road

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution - Approving the execution and delivery of an Intergovernmental Contract with the Walton County Public Facilities Authority; to ratify certain actions previously taken by the County; to consent to the Authority taking certain actions; and for other purposes

Motion: *Commissioner Shelnuttt made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Banks to adopt the resolution. Chairman Thompson, Commissioners Warren, Banks, Shelnuttt, Adams and Dixon voted in favor. Commissioner Bradford abstained. The motion carried.*

HUMAN RESOURCES

HR Director Melissa Rusk presented the renewal.

2023 Benefits Renewal – MSI

Motion: Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve the renewal as requested. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

CONTRACTS

Ratification of acquisition of 192.98 acres from Bakers Farm Nature Reserve, LLC and Jack's Creek Reserve, LLC for \$325,000 for the Public Safety Complex and transaction with The Atlantic Coast Conservancy, Inc. to remove the conservation easement from 80.251 acres for \$1,600,000

***Motion:** Commissioner Banks made a motion to ratify and approve the acquisition. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Chairman Thompson, Commissioners Warren, Banks, Shelnett and Adams voted in favor. Commissioners Bradford and Dixon abstained. The motion carried.*

ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS/PROPOSALS

Social Circle Community Center Walking Trail - Hammond Grading, Inc. - \$64,170.00

***Motion:** Commissioner Bradford made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shelnett to approve the bid. All Commissioners voted in favor. Chairman Thompson stated he is not against the walking trail but knows the Hammonds so he would abstain from voting. The motion carried.*

DISCUSSION

County Manager's Report/Update

County Manager John Ward gave an update and report on county matters to the Board. He also announced a called meeting of the Public Facilities Authority at 4:30 p.m. and a called Board Meeting at 5:00 p.m. on May 16th.

Chairman Thompson asked John Ward to look into the requirement of new subdivision roads needing to be 24 ft. in width and report back to the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lynn Jensen of 1680 Rivermist Drive, Monroe, addressed the Board with concerns of non-permitted businesses operating in the subdivision and non-conforming buildings being allowed to be built there. He requested that the County be more diligent in enforcing these issues.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

***Motion:** At 7:03 p.m., Commissioner Warren made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shelnett to enter into Executive Session to discuss real estate matters. All voted in favor.*

***Motion:** At 7:28 p.m., Commissioner Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bradford to return to regular session. All voted in favor. There were no votes taken in Executive Session.*

ADJOURNMENT

***Motion:** Chairman Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bradford, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 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