

February 10, 2026

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Historic Walton County Courthouse. Those participating in the meeting included Chairman David Thompson, Commissioners Amarie Warren, Pete Myers, Timmy Shelnett, Lee Bradford, Jeremy Adams and Kirklyn Dixon, County Clerk Rhonda Hawk, County Manager John Ward, Planning Director Kristi Parr, Finance Director Jennifer Wall, Stormwater Manager Tyler Pannell, Sheriff's Business Manager Kim McCord and Attorney Chris Atkinson. A list of employees and citizens in attendance at the meeting is on file in the auxiliary file under this meeting date.

PRESENTATIONS

County Manager John Ward recognized Eugene Evans for his retirement from the Sheriff's Office, Jail Division.

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 district commissioners voted in favor.*

OLD BUSINESS

Peyton Woods Subdivision - Detention Pond HOA Plan

Motion: *Commissioner Warren made a motion to accept the plan for repairs from the HOA. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion and all district commissioners voted in favor.*

DISCUSSION

County Manager's Report/Update

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

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Planning Director Kristi Parr presented the Planning Commission recommendations.

Z25-0373 - Rezone 1.0 acre from a 25.05 acre tract from A1 to R1 to create a buildable lot - Applicant: Huston & Hunter Morris/Owner: Paschal Myers - Property located at 5100 Kent Rock Road & Center Hill Church Road - Map/Parcel C0290094 - District 3

Planning Commission recommended approval as submitted.

Attorney Chris Atkinson opened the public hearing on the matter. Applicant Hunter Morris spoke in favor, stating the request for rezone is to create a buildable lot and they had no plans for commercial use. There was no opposition present. Attorney Atkinson closed the public hearing on the matter.

Motion: *Commissioner Shelnutt made a motion to approve the rezone. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion and all district commissioners voted in favor.*

Z25-0374 - Rezone 4.78 acres from A1 to A for a commercial kennel with customer contact and Variance on the right side setback from the required 100 ft. from the property line to 88.25 ft. and also a Variance on less than the required 500 ft. from a residential district to 292.6 ft. on the right side and 375.7 ft. on the left side - Applicant: Raymond Spinelli/Owners: Raymond & Tammy Spinelli - Property located at 4350 Jacks Creek Road - Map/Parcel C1790024 - District 4

Planning Commission recommended denial.

Attorney Chris Atkinson opened the public hearing on the matter. There was no one to speak in favor of the rezone and variance. Chris Folgman, Alex Marshall, Catherine Marshall and Josh Stewart spoke in opposition stating their concerns. Attorney Atkinson closed the public hearing.

Motion: *Commissioner Bradford made a motion to accept the recommendation from the Planning Commission and deny the rezone and variance. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. All district commissioners voted in favor.*

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of January 6, 2026 Meeting Minutes
2. Contracts & Budgeted Purchases of \$25,000 or Greater
3. Declaration of Surplus
4. Agreement/Proposal - Novo Solutions - Public Works Software
5. MOU - Partial Funding of the Northern Loop of Monroe Bypass
6. Purchase and Sales Agreement - First, Second and Third Amendment Anglin Road
7. Ford Leasing Documents for Previously Approved SO Vehicle Leasing Program/Authorize Co. Manager to Sign Invoice and Delivery Documents as Required
8. Fiscal Agent Designation – Partnership for Families, Children and Youth
9. Settlement Agreement and Release, Change Orders Related to COP #15 and #22 - Lose Design - Walnut Grove Park

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

FINANCE

Finance Director Jennifer Wall presented financial matters to the Board.

Resolution - FY26 Budget Amendments

Motion: *Commissioner Warren made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Myers, to adopt the resolution for FY26 Budget Amendments. All district commissioners voted in favor.*

Resolution - Project Length Budget - Meridian Pickleball Courts and FY26 Budget Amendment

Finance Director Jennifer Wall stated that the City of Loganville would be donating \$200,000 toward the project cost for the Meridian Pickleball Courts. The other costs are to be covered by SPLOST IV funds.

Motion: *Commissioner Shelnutt made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion; all district commissioners voted in favor.*

SHERIFF

Budget Amendment Request to Replace (2) Vehicles

Sheriff's Business Manager Kim McCord presented a request for a budget amendment to replace two wrecked vehicles which included the cost of equipment. After insurance reimbursement, the total cost to replace the vehicles and equipment would be \$130,288.67.

Motion: *Commissioner Bradford made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. All district commissioners voted in favor.*

Agreement - Pinnacle Towers, LLC - Second Amendment to License Agreement (Whitney Rd)

Motion: *Commissioner Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Myers, to approve the Second Amendment to the License Agreement with Pinnacle Towers, LLC for the tower on Whitney Road. All district commissioners voted in favor.*

CONTRACTS

GDOT Traffic Signal - SR83 @ SR83 Connector (maintaining power to signal)

Motion: *Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve the contract with GDOT for maintaining power to the traffic signal on SR83 @ SR 83 Connector. Commissioner Shelnutt seconded the motion and all district commissioners voted in favor.*

PARKS & RECREATION

Additions/Updates to Parks and & Recreation Fee Schedule

Motion: *Commissioner Shelnutt made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Adams to approve the additions and updates to the fee schedule. All district commissioners voted in favor.*

APPOINTMENTS

Walton County Board of Appeals

Walton County Water & Sewer Authority

Motion: Commissioner Adams made a motion, due to the resignation of Chris Lammy, to appoint Josh Parker to the Board of Appeals and to appoint Laurie Hawks to fill Josh Parker's seat on the Walton County Water & Sewer Authority. Commissioner Bradford seconded the motion and all district commissioners voted in favor.

Walton Co. DFCS Board

Motion: Commissioner Bradford made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Adams to appoint Jennifer Chatham to the Walton County DFACS Board. All district commissioners voted in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Thompson announced he had received official notification at 9:30 this morning from the Department of Homeland Security verifying the purchase of a warehouse in Social Circle for an ICE Facility.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Myers, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 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