

July 8, 2025

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Historic Walton County Courthouse. Those participating in the meeting included Chairman David Thompson, Commissioners Bo Warren via telephone, Pete Myers, Timmy Shelnett, Lee Bradford via telephone, Jeremy Adams and Kirklyn Dixon, County Clerk Rhonda Hawk, County Manager John Ward, Planning Director Charna Parker, and Attorney Chris Atkinson of Atkinson 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 6:01 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.*

DISCUSSION

Detailed Discussion - Homestead Freeze and Property Tax

Chairman Thompson gave a detailed analysis of current home and property values and explained how the Homestead Freeze affected property tax.

County Manager's Report/Update

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

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Planning Director Charna Parker presented the Planning Commission recommendations.

Z25-0155 - Rezone 8.74 acres from A1 to M1 for recycling, reuse and resale of nonmetallic mineral products & Variance to reduce left side setback to zero and right side setback to 5' - Applicant: Danny Cagle/Owner: Pinnacle Sports Academy, LLC - property located at 120 Hwy. 78/Parcel C1890002 - District 4

Planning Commission recommended approval with the following conditions: 1) Hours of operation from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday - Sunday; 2) No crushing on the weekends; 3) Must have plantings and berm as shown on revised site plan 4) Maximum of 15 trucks on site overnight.

Attorney Chris Atkinson opened a public hearing on the matter. There being no one present to speak in favor or against the matter, Chairman Thompson closed the public hearing.

Motion: *Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve the rezone and variance requested with a right side setback of 20 feet, hours of operation to be 7:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, no crushing on the weekends, must have plantings and berm as shown on the revised site plan, maximum of 15 trucks on site which must be associated with the operation, no idling trucks on site and the rezone to be for this purpose only. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.*

LU25-0182 & Z25-0181 - Land Use Change from Employment Center to Neighborhood Residential and Rezone 3.00 acres from A1 to A for dog training with customer contact & Variances on side setbacks and fencing requirements - Applicant/Owner: Beth A. Farr - property located at 720 Gene Bell Rd. and Vasco Adcock Rd./Parcel C1660111 - District 6

Planning Commission recommended approval as submitted for Land Use Change, Rezone and Variance

Attorney Chris Atkinson opened a public hearing on the matter. Applicant Beth Farr and Breanne Farr spoke in favor. There was no opposition present. Chairman Thompson closed the public hearing on the matter.

Motion: *Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve with the exception of allowing the boarding of only one dog inside the residence. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. All voted in favor.*

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of June 3, 2025 Meeting Minutes
2. Contracts & Budgeted Purchases of \$25000 or Greater
3. Declaration of Surplus
4. Engagement Letter – Mauldin & Jenkins
5. Agreement Extension Amendment - Skillet Kitchen - Jail

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

CONTRACTS

McCarthy Barnsley - WCPSC - Change Order (for the record)

Motion: *Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the change order. Commissioner Shelnutt seconded the motion. All voted in favor.*

TKC Management Services - WCPSC

Motion: *Commissioner Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Myers to approve the*

contract. All voted in favor.

ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS/PROPOSALS

Inmate Food Service - Summit Correctional Services – WCPSC

Motion: *Commissioner Adams made a motion to accept the proposal from Summitt Correctional Services for the Inmate Food Service. Commissioner Shelnett seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: *At 6:45 p.m., Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shelnett to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. All voted in favor.*

Motion: *At: 7:02 p.m., Commissioner Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shelnett to return to regular session. Commissioners Warren and Bradford were no longer present via telephone and did not re-join the meeting. Chairman Thompson, Commissioners Myers, Shelnett, Adams and Dixon voted in favor. The motion carried.*

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: *Commissioner Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 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