

November 2, 2021

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 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, Finance Director Milton Cronheim, Planning Director Charna Parker, Human Resources Director Melissia Rusk 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.

PRESENTATIONS

Parks and Recreation Director Jody Johnson recognized Elaine Sekowski for winning the GRPA Cross Country Championship.

MEETING OPENING

Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Shelnett gave the invocation.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

***Motion:** Commissioner Adams made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion and all voted in favor.*

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Denial of Z21080001 - Rezone 4.79 acres from R1 to B1 for a Dollar General Store - Applicant: SW North Monroe LLC/Owner: Jessica Byrd - Property located at 2971 Gratis Rd/ & Mt Vernon Rd/Map/Parcels C1610052 -District 4

Chairman Thompson opened the public hearing on the matter. Brian Sullivan with SW North Monroe LLC spoke in favor of the rezone. Mr. Sullivan stated that they were willing to engage in compromise but had been unable to have any constructive conversation with the community and requested a rezone to commercial per the Walton Co. Land Use Plan. Blake Davis spoke in opposition on behalf of the Gratis Community. He voiced their concerns of increased traffic, crime and noise and requested the Board to follow the Planning Commission recommendation. Chairman Thompson closed the public hearing on the matter.

***Motion:** Commissioner Bradford made a motion to accept the Planning Commission recommendation to deny the rezone. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion and all voted in favor.*

Accept Withdrawal of LU21080011/Rezone - Z21080004 - LU Amendment from Highway Corridor to Neighborhood Residential & Rezone 44.56 acres from A1 to R1OSC for a residential

subdivision - Applicant: Ridgecliff LLC/Owner: April Browning - Property located at 845 Cedar Ridge Rd/Map/Parcels C0910002 - District 5

Planning Director Charna Parker presented a request to withdraw the application.

Motion: *Commissioner Adams made a motion to accept the withdrawal of the application. Commissioner Bradford seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.*

Approval with Conditions - CU21080030 - Conditional Use for telecommunications tower - Applicant: New Cingular Wireless PCS LLC (DBA AT&T)/Owner: Hugh Floyd Atha, Jr. - Property located at 192 Pleasant Valley Rd/Map/Parcel C1380029 - District 4

Chairman Thompson opened the public hearing on the matter. Chad Caudill with New Cingular Wireless PCS LLC (DBA AT&T) spoke in favor of the conditional use. Mr. Caudill said that the equipment would be installed and operated in keeping with applicable FAA and FCC rules and regulations and due to the area would only be allowed a 211 ft. tower. He further stated that the 211 ft. tower would still provide the service area needed for AT&T coverage. There was no opposition present. Chairman Thompson closed the public hearing on the matter.

Motion: *Commissioner Bradford made a motion to approve the conditional use per the Planning Commission recommendation for slats in the fence in lieu of a landscape buffer and a maximum tower height of 211 ft. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion and all voted in favor.*

Approval of Z21080023 - Rezone 1.401 acres from R1 to A1 to be combined with 5889 Centerhill Church Rd - Applicant: Kevin Shelnett/Owners: Kevin & Shelley Shelnett - Property located at 336 Brook Hollow Ln/Map/Parcels N011F018 – District 2

Chairman Thompson opened the public hearing on the matter. Applicant Shelley Shelnett spoke in favor of the rezone. There was no opposition present. Chairman Thompson closed the public hearing on the matter.

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

Approval with Conditions - Z21090003 - Rezone 5.24 acres from A1 to A to allow dog breeding and kennel - Applicant: Lacey Adkins/Owners: Ryan Nolan & Lacey Adkins - Property located at 405 Willow Springs Ln/Map/Parcels C1720092Y00 - District 4

Chairman Thompson opened the public hearing on the matter. Applicant Lacey Adkins spoke in favor of the rezone and stated she had applied for a USDA Pet Breeders License for the kennel. There was no opposition present. Chairman Thompson closed the public hearing on the matter.

Motion: *Commissioner Bradford made a motion to approve with the Planning Commission recommendations per the application, all kennels inside the enclosed barn and limit of 8 kennels. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.*

Approval of Z21090005 - Rezone 1.70 acres from A1 to A2 to create a buildable lot - Applicant/Owner: Chelsea Helton, a/k/a Chelsea Leigh Boozer - Property located at Cown Rd/Map/Parcels C0600077G00 – District 1

Chairman Thompson opened the public hearing on the matter. Applicant Chelsea Helton spoke in favor of the rezone. There was no opposition present. Chairman Thompson closed the public hearing on the matter.

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

Approval of Z21090010 - Rezone 1.79 acres from R1 to B1 for a personal care home/residential care facility - Applicant/Owner: Viorica VERNYKA - Property located at 5500 Hwy 20/Pointer Rd/Map/Parcels C0070048 - District 2

Chairman Thompson opened the public hearing on the matter. Applicant Viorica VERNYKA spoke in favor of the rezone. There was no opposition present. Chairman Thompson closed the public hearing on the matter.

Motion: Commissioner Banks made a motion to approve the rezone per the Planning Commission recommendation. Commissioner Shelnett seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of October 5, 2021 Meeting Minutes
2. Contracts & Budgeted Purchases of \$5000 or Greater
3. Walton EMC Power Line Easement – Garrett Road Property – Contingent on review
4. FY22 LMIG Application
5. Acceptance of Grant – Bullet Proof Vest – Sheriff’s Office
6. Lease Agreement – Advantage Behavioral Health – Leroy Anderson Rd
7. Lease Agreement – Advantage Behavioral Health – Ga. Hwy. 11 S
8. Ratification of Actions taken by WCWSA
9. Acceptance of VOCA Grants
10. Limited Warranty Deed – Walnut Grove Sewer Treatment Plant

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

RESOLUTION

Resolution - FY22 Budget Amendment

Finance Director Milton Cronheim presented FY22 Budget Amendments

Motion: Commissioner Shelnuttt made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Banks to adopt the Resolution for FY22 Budget Amendments; voted and carried unanimously.

Resolution - Amending Project Length Budget - Pickleball Courts FY22

Finance Director Milton Cronheim presented an FY22 Budget Amendment to amend the Project Length Budget for the Pickleball Courts.

Motion: Commissioner Warren made a motion to adopt the Resolution amending the Project Length Budget for the Pickleball Courts. Commissioner Bradford seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

County Attorney Chip Ferguson presented the following Resolutions:

Resolution - Consent to provide notice to the WIBA to transfer certain fire stations currently held by the WIBA pursuant to an Installment Sale Agreement, dated as July 1, 2005, between the Authority and the County. The Installment Sale Agreement was entered into by the Authority and the County for the purpose of refinancing the costs of the acquisition, construction and installation of the fire stations for the benefit of the County.

Motion: Commissioner Bradford made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to adopt the Resolution. All voted in favor.

Resolution - Consenting to the Bond Resolution of the WIBA in connection with the issuance of bonds for the jail project and approving the IGA between WC and the WIBA in connection with issuance of such bonds

Motion: Commissioner Adams made a motion to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Banks. Commissioners Warren, Banks, Shelnuttt and Adams voted in favor. Commissioners Bradford and Dixon opposed the motion. The motion passed 4-2.

Resolution - Consenting to the Bond Resolution of the WCWSA in connection with the issuance of refunding bonds Series 2021 in connection with HLC Reservoir and approving the IGA between WC and WCWSA in connection with the issuance of such bonds.

Motion: Commissioner Bradford made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Banks to adopt the Resolution. All voted in favor.

Resolution - Consenting to the Bond Resolution of the WCWSA in connection with the issuance of refunding bonds Series 2026 in connection with HLC Reservoir and approving the IGA between WC and WCWSA in connection with the issuance of such bonds.

Motion: Commissioner Bradford made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Resolution - Amending the Service Delivery Strategy for Stanton Springs and Stanton Springs North

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

HUMAN RESOURCES

Proposed Amendments to Civil Service Personnel Rules and Regulations - Promotions/Reclassifications/Starting Salaries and Resolution

Human Resources Director Melissia Rusk presented a Resolution and Amendments to the Civil Service Personnel Rules and Regulations, Promotions/Reclassification/Starting Salaries that were approved at the October 5, 2021 meeting.

Motion: *Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shelnett to adopt the Resolution and approve the amendments. All voted in favor.*

CONTRACTS

Contract/Proposal - Ascension Program Management - Walnut Grove Park

Motion: *Commissioner Shelnett made a motion to approve the proposal and move forward subject to County Attorney review. Commissioner Bradford seconded the motion and all voted in favor.*

Contract/Proposal - Ascension Program Management - Courtroom Renovation

Motion: *Commissioner Warren made a motion to approve the proposal pending County Attorney review. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.*

Amended IGA - Revenue Sharing Agreement for Stanton Springs and Stanton Springs North

Motion: *Commissioner Bradford made a motion to approve the amended IGA, seconded by Chairman Thompson. All voted in favor.*

DISCUSSION *None*

EXECUTIVE SESSION *Not Held*

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: *Commissioner Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 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