

January 7, 2020

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Historic Walton County Courthouse, 111 South Broad Street, Monroe, Georgia. Those present included Chairman Kevin Little, Commissioners Mark Banks, Timmy Shelnett, Lee Bradford and Kirklyn Dixon, County Clerk Leta Talbird, Finance Director Linda Hanna, Human Resources Director Karen Fraser, Planning Director Mike Martin and County Attorney Chip Ferguson. A list of citizens and other employees in attendance at this meeting is on file in the auxiliary file under this meeting date. Commissioners Warren and Adams did not attend the meeting.

## **MEETING OPENING**

Chairman Little 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 Bradford made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner Shelnett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

## **PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS**

Approval of CU19100011 – Conditional Use for a Guest House with separate meter - Applicants/Owners: Eric & Christine Newberry - 1670 Shoal Creek Road NW/Parcel C1200009B00 – District 5

Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Applicant Eric Newberry came before the Board in support of the Conditional Use. There was no one present in opposition. Chairman Little closed the public hearing on the matter.

***Motion:** Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve the Conditional Use as presented. Commissioner Bradford seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.*

Approval of CU19100017– Conditional Use for a Guest House with separate meter and requesting up to 1,000 heated sq. ft. – Applicant: Ryan Sparks/Owner: Linda Smith – 3669 N. Sharon Church Road/Parcel N024A004 – District 2

Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Applicant Ryan Sparks came before the Board in support of the Conditional Use. There was no one present in opposition. Chairman Little closed the public hearing on the matter.

***Motion:** Commissioner Banks made a motion to approve the Conditional Use as presented. Commissioner Shelnett seconded the motion. All voted in favor.*

Approval of LU19100019 & Z19100018– Land Use Change from Neighborhood

Residential to Rural Residential and Rezone 8.97 from A1 to A for a u-pick blueberry farm - Applicant/Owner: Joseph & Merlon Harper- 3320 County Line Road- Map/Parcel C0810032D00- District 3

Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Applicant Merlon Harper came before the Board in support of the land use change and rezone. There was no one present in opposition. Chairman Little closed the public hearing on the matter.

***Motion:** Commissioner Shelnuttt made a motion to approve the land use change and rezone as presented. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.*

Approval of CU19100020– Conditional Use to allow subdivision to be a private drive gated subdivision - Applicant/Owner: Reliant Homes GA LLC – HD Atha Road/Parcel N076K001-055 – District 4

Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Ned Butler of Reliant Homes came before the Board in support of the Conditional Use. There was no one present in opposition. Chairman Little closed the public hearing on the matter.

***Motion:** Commissioner Bradford made a motion to approve the Conditional Use as presented. Commissioner Shelnuttt seconded the motion. All voted in favor.*

Approval of OA19100021 – Amendment to Walton County Land Development Ordinance per Errata Sheet dated 11/01/2019

Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Planning Director Mike Martin reviewed each proposed amendment with the Board. There was no one present in opposition. Chairman Little closed the public hearing on the matter. Commissioner Banks made a motion to approve the amendments with the condition that Errata #4 regarding event facilities will be amended to add an exemption to allow later hours for special holidays. Commissioner Shelnuttt seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

## **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

Request to abandon the roads in Belmont Subdivision - District 4 (second reading)

***Motion:** Commissioner Bradford made a motion to approve abandonment of the roads. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor.*

Acceptance of Rights of Way - Bridge Gate on the Alcovy River (Bridge Gate Drive, Bridge Gate Lane, Alcovy River Drive & Alcovy River Court)

***Motion:** Commissioner Bradford made a motion to accept the rights of way as presented. Commissioner Shelnuttt seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.*

## **ANNEXATIONS**

City of Loganville- 5.263 acres - 4550 Tuck Road - Uprise Development LLC

City of Loganville - 2.174 acres - 4550 Tuck Road - Uprise Development

City of Loganville - 4.202 acres - 4550 Tuck Road - Marson Holdings LLC

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

## **ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of November 5, 2019 Meeting Minutes
2. Contracts & Budgeted Purchases of \$5,000.00 or greater
3. Proposal - Precision Planning, Inc. - AWIA Compliance Program
4. MOU - Oconee County - Hwy. 78 Pump Station Project
5. Agreement - Southeast Corrections, LLC - Magistrate Court
6. Agreement - Southeast Corrections, LLC - Probate Court
7. 2020 Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement - EMA
8. MOU - Georgia Emergency Management & Homeland Security Agency
9. Agreement to Partially Terminate IGA - City of Monroe - Recreation Service

**Motion:** *Commissioner Shelnett made a motion to approve the Administrative Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Bradford seconded motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

## **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### Presentation of FY 2019 Audit

Christopher McKeller of Mauldin & Jenkins, CPAs presented the audit.

**Motion:** *Commissioner Bradford made a motion to accept audit. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.*

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

### Staffing Request - Civil Engineer - Planning & Development Department

**Motion:** *Commissioner Bradford made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Shelnett seconded the motion. Commissioners Shelnett, Bradford, Dixon and Chairman Little voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Banks opposed the motion. The motion carried 4-1.*

### Staffing Request - Assistant Public Defender

**Motion:** *Commissioner Shelnett made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. Commissioners Shelnett, Bradford, Dixon and Chairman Little voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Banks opposed the motion. The motion carried 4-1.*

### Staffing Request - Network Administrator - E-911 Communications

**Motion:** Commissioner Shelnuttt made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Bradford seconded the motion. Commissioners Shelnuttt, Bradford, Dixon and Chairman Little voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Banks opposed the motion. The motion carried 4-1.

Amendment to Walton County Civil Service Personnel Rules & Regulations

**Motion:** Commissioner Bradford made a motion to table the matter until the February 4, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Setting time, dates & location of the regular monthly meetings of the Board of Commissioners for 2020

**Motion:** Commissioner Shelnuttt made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Modifying Method of Appointment of Members to the Board of Directors of the Development Authority of Walton County

**Motion:** Commissioner Bradford made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Shelnuttt seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Committing SPLOST Funds to Highway 78 and Charlotte Rowell Boulevard West Bound On-Ramp Project

**Motion:** Commissioner Bradford made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon, to adopt the resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPOINTMENTS**

County Clerk

**Motion:** Commissioner Bradford made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Banks, to re-appoint Leta Talbird as County Clerk for 2020. All voted in favor.

Assistant County Clerk

**Motion:** Commissioner Bradford made a motion to re-appoint Rhonda Hawk as Assistant County Clerk for 2020. Commissioner Shelnuttt seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

County Attorney

**Motion:** Commissioner Bradford made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon, to re-appoint Atkinson Ferguson, LLC as County Attorneys for 2020. All voted in favor.

#### Vice Chairman

**Motion:** Commissioner Bradford made a motion to re-appoint Timmy Shelnutt as Vice Chairman for 2020. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. Commissioners Banks, Bradford, Dixon and Chairman Little voted in favor of the motion with Commissioner Shelnutt abstaining. The motion carried.

#### Walton County Planning Commission

**Motion:** Commissioner Dixon made a motion to re-appoint the following citizens to the Walton County Planning Commission: District 1 - Josh Ferguson, District 2 - Pete Myers, District 3 - John Pringle, District 4 - Brad Bettis, District 5 - Tim Hinton, District 6 - Timothy Kemp & At Large - Kim Crowe. Commissioner Bradford seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

#### Walton County Board of Appeals

**Motion:** Commissioner Bradford made a motion to appoint Steve Merka as District 4 Representative and to reappoint the following citizens to the Walton County Board of Appeals: District 1 - Tom Sever, District 2 - Mariellen Barnes, District 3 - Henry Kines, District 5 - Todd White, District 6 - Harold Moon, Jr. & At Large - Penny Keener. Commissioner Shelnutt seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

#### Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority

**Motion:** Commissioner Shelnutt made a motion to appoint Joshua Parker as District 5 Representative and to re-appoint the following citizens to the Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority: District 1 - Judy McDaniel, District 2 - Wendell Geiger, District 3 - Brad Johnson, District 4 - Tommy Richardson, District 6 - Lester Middlebrooks & At Large - Ryan Smith. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

#### Walton County Board of Tax Assessors

**Motion:** Commissioner Shelnutt made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bradford, to re-appoint Glenn Barton and Mark Peevy to the Walton County Board of Tax Assessors. All voted in favor.

#### Development Authority of Walton County

**Motion:** Commissioner Shelnutt made a motion to appoint the following citizens to the Development Authority of Walton County: Walton County Chairman Kevin Little, Social Circle Mayor David Keener, Loganville Mayor Rey Martinez, Monroe Mayor John Howard, Neal Jackson & Melinda Dally. Commissioner Bradford seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Commissioner Bradford made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was

*adjourned at 6:56 p.m.*

All documents of record for this meeting are on file in either the addendum book or auxiliary file under this meeting date.

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KEVIN W. LITTLE, CHAIRMAN

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LETA P. TALBIRD, CLERK