

**AGENDA**  
**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**  
**OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY**  
**OF WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA**

Office of the Walker County Commissioner  
Courthouse Annex 1, 101 South Duke Street  
LaFayette, Georgia 30728

Date: Thursday April 19, 2018

Time: 6:00 PM

Invocation: Given by Commissioner Shannon K. Whitfield

Call to Order: Commissioner Whitfield will call the meeting to order

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Pledge: Georgia Flag

New Business:

- I. Consider appeal of Zoning Variance application from petitioner Rebecca Clark to divide off less than five acres in an A-1 (agriculture) zone. Owners John David and Barbara Gill of 4863 Chamberlain Road, LaFayette, Ga 30728 Tax Parcel # 0-448-020.  
***Planning Commission decision: Denial***
- II. Resolution R-008-18 – A Resolution to designate a location for Walker County Courthouse Annex III
- III. Public consideration of Purchase Order request from the Public Works Department
- IV. Proclamation for Pet Health Awareness Week in Walker County
- V. Walker County Departmental Statistics – March 2018

Adjournment: The Special Called Meeting will be adjourned.

Open Discussion: Commissioner Whitfield will open the floor for general discussion.

*There will be a Public Input Session on Animal Issues held at the Walker County Civic Center on **May 1, 2018 at 6:00 PM.**  
There will also be a SKYWARN Storm Spotter training class at the Civic Center on May 1, 2018 at 6 PM.*

*The next regular scheduled Commissioner's Meeting will be held on Thursday **May 10, 2018 at 6:00 PM.** The first of two Public Hearings on revisions to the Walker County Animal Ordinance will take place before the opening of the New Business portion of the Commissioner's Meeting.*

3/19/2018

Gill appeal

## Gill appeal

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### Planning

Mon 3/19/2018 12:58 PM

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To: Rebecca Wooden;

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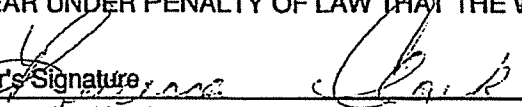
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There is a house and mobile home on the property that belonged to the parents The Gills. They both have passed away and one of the daughters is over the estate. She said in the will that her sister was suppose to get one acre that her mobile home sits on and that the daughter over the estate (Rebecca Clack) her two sons would get the rest with the house. The Planning Commission saw no hardship where a variance should be granted and went with what the Future Land Use Map showed. The map shows the area being agricultural and that would mean the property would have to be divided up into five acre tracks. Ms. Clark called this morning and wanted to go back before the board again but I explained to her that the next step would be appealing the decision to the Commissioner. If you have any questions just let me know.

Thanks,  
Kristy

# WALKER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

## Application for Zoning Variance

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE		FEE \$ 150.00	Date 2-9-18
			Case No.
Owner's Name John David & Barbara Gill		Mailing Address 4863 Chamberlain Rd.	
City/Zip LaFayette, GA. 30728		Phone 706-638-9718	
Tax Parcel # 448 0- <del>370</del> -020		Street Name and Number Same	
Current Zoning A-1	Requested Variance	Owner Occupied? Rental Property?	
Reason for Variance (Be Specific): less than 5 acres off an A-1 track			
Lessee's <small>IF APPLICABLE</small> Name		Lessee's Address	
NAME AND ADDRESS OF ALL PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN 150' OF ANY PROPERTY LINE			
1. 350 Dixon Springs Rd			
2. Rebecca Clark			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
<small>IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS REQUIRED, ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET</small>			
I SWEAR UNDER PENALTY OF LAW THAT THE WITHIN INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT			
Owner's Signature 		Date: 2-9-2018	
Date Received by the Planning Office: 2-9-18			
Planning Commission Decision/Date March 15, 2018 @ 7:00 pm Walker Co. Civic Center			
<b>THIS FORM MUST BE FULLY COMPLETED.</b>			

The Owner/Applicant must notify each property owner within 150' by providing them a copy of this application. Proof of notification must be provided to the Planning Office.

This application must be fully complete prior to filing.

**WALKER COUNTY  
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT  
AGENDA ITEM**

**Owner: John David & Barbara Gill Estate**

**Petitioner: Rebecca Clark**

**Location of 4863 Chamberlain Road**

**Property: LaFayette, GA. 30728**

**Date Applied: 2/9/2018**

**PC Meeting Date: 3/15/2018**

**Present Zoning: A-1 (Agricultural)**

**APPLICANT'S INTENT:**

Ms. Clark is asking to divide off less than five acres in an  
A-1 (agricultural) zone.

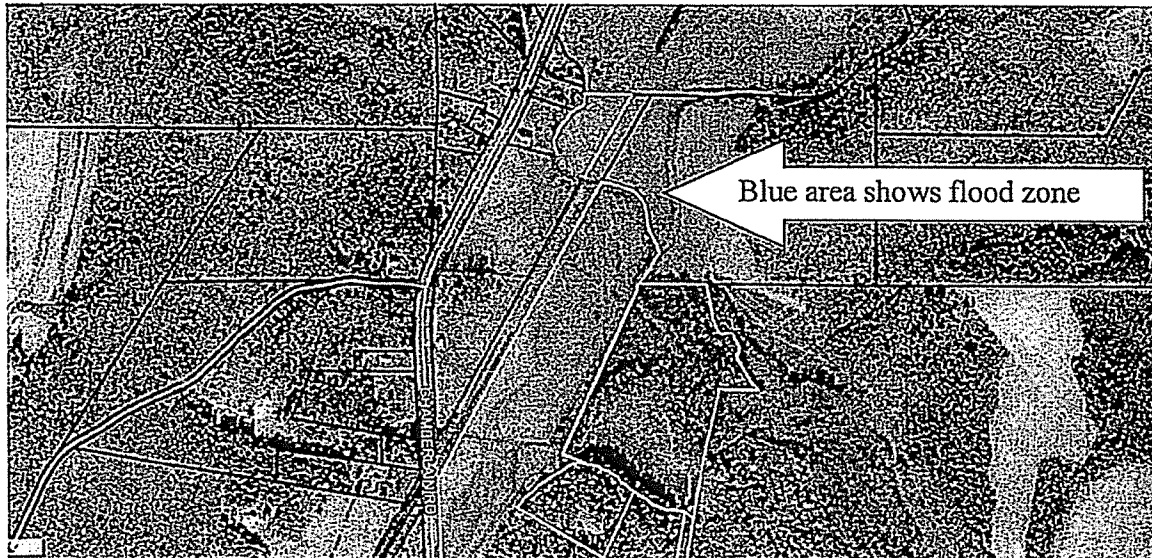
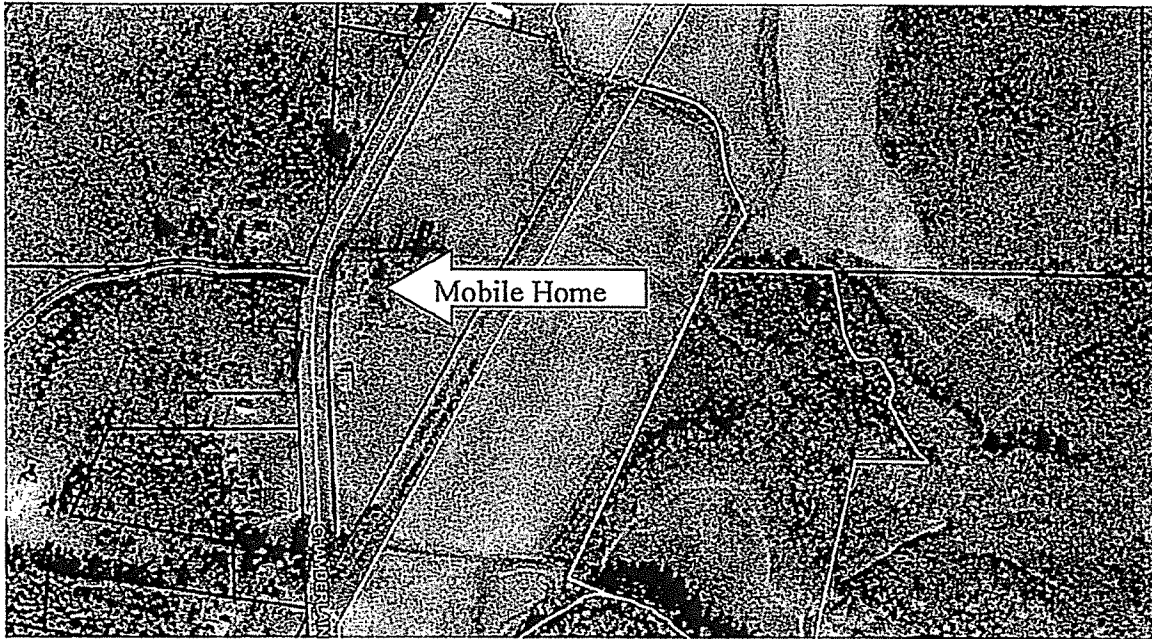
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**DETAILS OF REQUEST:**

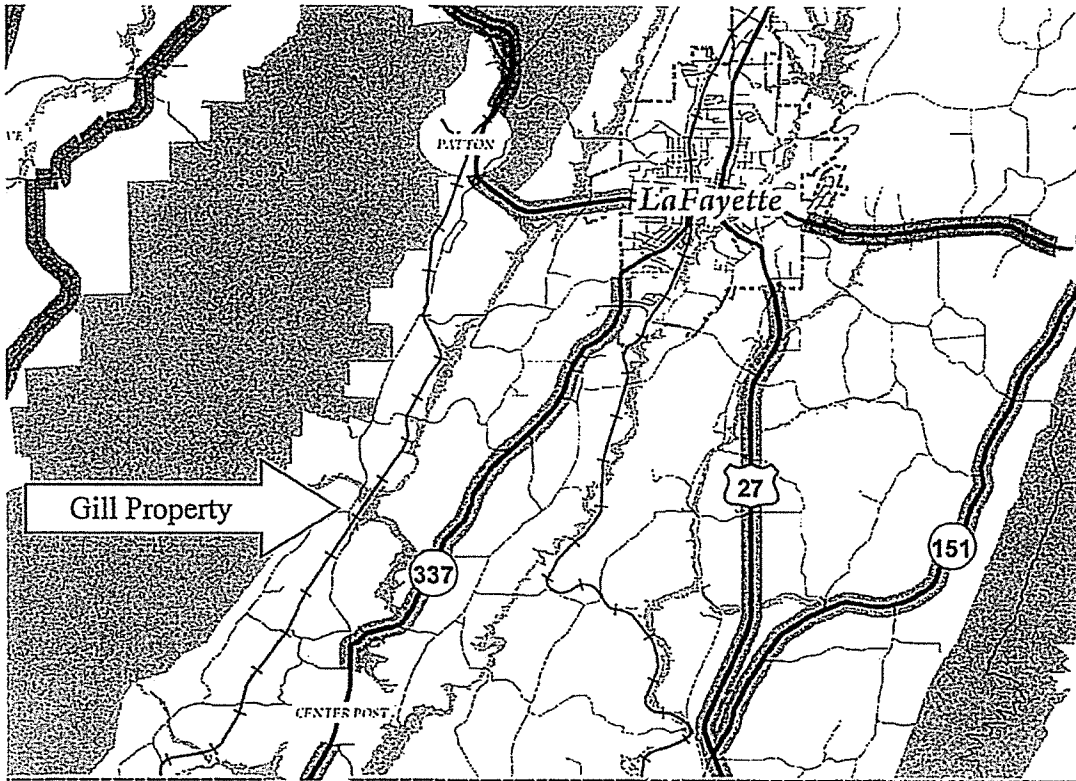
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


Ms. Clark is the daughter to the late Mr. & Mrs. Gill and is asking to divide off one acre with an existing mobile home from the 15.2 acres in this A-1 zone. There is also a house on the property. This property is on septic and will also need their approval on any divide less than three acres. All surrounding properties are zoned A-1 (agricultural).

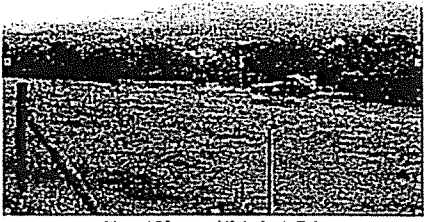
# Projected Area:



# Future Land Use Map:



-  City Limits
- Character Areas**
-  Agriculture/Forestry
-  County Suburban
-  Crossroad Community
-  Greenspace/Conservation
-  Industrial
-  McLemore Cove Historic District
-  Mixed Use
-  Rural Residential
-  Major Highway Corridor
-  Rural Gateway Corridor
-  Scenic Highway

Agricultural/Forest		
	Quality Community Objectives	Implementation Measures
 <p>Hwy 193 near Nickajack Rd.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sense of place</li> <li>• Regional identity</li> <li>• Heritage preservation</li> <li>• Open space preservation</li> <li>• Environmental protection</li> <li>• Growth preparedness</li> </ul>	<p>More detailed sub-area planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify lands that participate in land trusts, conservation easements and the conservation covenant program</li> </ul> <p>New or revised local development regulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restrict commercial and residential development</li> </ul> <p>Incentives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conservation Covenants for Agricultural Lands</li> </ul> <p>Public Investments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public land as open space, recreation areas</li> </ul> <p>Infrastructure Improvements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use utility siting to control growth</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Description</b></p> <p>Lands in open, cultivated state or sparsely settled, woods, farms.</p> <p>Development Strategies/Policies:</p> <p>Maintain rural character by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strictly limiting new development.</li> <li>• Protecting farmland and open space</li> <li>• Promoting use of conservation easements by landowners</li> <li>• Limit residential subdivisions, require cluster or conservation subdivision design, architecture that maintains rural character.</li> <li>• Widen roadways only when absolutely necessary.</li> <li>• Carefully design the roadway alterations to minimize visual impact</li> <li>• Promote these areas as passive-use tourism, recreation</li> <li>• Help young farmers to develop organic, agriculture and protect the land.</li> </ul>		

# Agenda packe

Carlen Bowers <c.bowers@walkerga.us>

Wed 4/18/2018 12:36 PM

To: Joe Legge <j.legge@walkerga.us>;

Joe,

Please place on the next agenda a purchase order request from the Public Works Department for \$100,178.00 to purchase right of way mowing equipment.

Thank you,

Carlen Bowers

Public Works Director

Walker Co.,GA: Road Dept.

Dept.- 706.375.5601

[c.bowers@walkerga.us](mailto:c.bowers@walkerga.us)



**RESOLUTION R-008-18**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SOLE COMMISSIONER OF WALKER COUNTY TO DESIGNATE  
A LOCATION FOR WALKER COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX III**

**WHEREAS**, the emergency response to the collapse of an adjoining building on February 22, 2018 caused the temporary closure of the Walker County Courthouse Annex Building II, and the lack of structural integrity of the adjoining building and resulting concern for the safety of Walker County employees and members of the public has caused the Walker County Courthouse Annex Building II to remain temporarily closed; and

**WHEREAS**, As a result of the Walker County Courthouse Annex Building II's temporary closure and to fulfill the county's duties and responsibilities under state law to provide space for county and state offices and to prepare for an upcoming criminal trial term of court in Walker County Superior Court, the governing authority is making ready for use as a courthouse annex a building owned by Walker County located at 201 South Main, LaFayette, Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, Walker County has owned the building located at 201 South Main since October 15, 1990, and said building was in limited use following the relocation of the Tax Commissioner's Office, Tax Assessor's Office, and other county services; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Sole Commissioner of Walker County, Georgia that the building at 201 South Main, LaFayette, Georgia be hereby designated as Walker County Courthouse Annex III.

**SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED** this 19th day of April, 2018.

**ATTEST:**

**WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA**

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**REBECCA WOODEN, County Clerk**

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**SHANNON K. WHITFIELD, Sole Commissioner**



BY THE SOLE COMMISSIONER OF WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

**A PROCLAMATION**

**PET HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK**

- WHEREAS: Dogs & cats have provided companionship to people for centuries. They share the homes of thousands of Walker County residents, providing love and loyalty to their owners and benefits such as social connections, exercise and an improved sense of well-being; and
- WHEREAS: Responsible pet ownership is vital to the wellbeing of pets and people. The citizens of Walker County have a responsibility to spay/neuter and properly vaccinate their pets, as this is a healthy choice for companion animals; and
- WHEREAS: Pets must be protected from harm and have the care and nutrition they need. Animal workers and advocates in our community work tirelessly to keep pets healthy and safe; and
- WHEREAS: The Walker County Animal Shelter and Adoption Center helps both animals and people by returning lost pets to their owners, matching homeless animals with loving new families and educating the public on pet welfare issues, among other functions; and
- WHEREAS: The citizens of Walker County are urged to participate in rabies clinics being held across the county on April 28<sup>th</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup> and National Adopt A Shelter Pet Day on April 30<sup>th</sup>;
- THEREFORE: I, Shannon K. Whitfield, Sole Commissioner of Walker County, Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 30<sup>th</sup> through May 5<sup>th</sup> as PET HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK in Walker County, Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Walker County to be affixed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year 2018.

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Shannon K. Whitfield, Sole Commissioner  
Walker County, Georgia

ATTEST:

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Rebecca Wooden  
Walker County Clerk

Walker County Departmental Statistics - March 2018



Department	Monthly Totals (2018)				Monthly Totals				Yearly Totals			
	February	Cats	Dogs	March	2018	2018	2017	2017	2018	2017	2016	2016
<b>Animal Shelter</b>	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats
Adopted/Rescued/Returned to Owner	101	17	113	0	280	25	1,134	444	817	195		
Euthanized	18	0	8	0	26	0	336	396	436	630		
<b>Codes Enforcement</b>	February	March	2018	2017	2018	2017	2017	2016				
In Compliance	599	674	2020	4745				no data				
Violations	143	95	326	1469				221				
Closed Cases	42	42	120	480				no data				
<b>Fire Department</b>	February	March	2018	2017	2018	2017	2017	2016				
Total Responses	569	457	1,607	4,742				3,492				
Responses using Quick Response Vehicles	489	338	1,274	3,092				no data				
<b>Litter</b>	February	March	2018	2017	2018	2017	2017	2016				
Roadside Trash Pounds	11,920	13,852	39,732	123,020				no data				
<b>Mountain Cove Farms</b>	February	March	2018	2017	2018	2017	2017	2016				
Total Nights Booked	13	46	73	525				162				
<b>Planning</b>	February	March	2018	2017	2018	2017	2017	2016				
Single Family New Home Construction	3	22	38	135				123				
<b>Public Relations</b>	February	March	2018	2017	2018	2017	2017	2016				
Media Impressions (stories)	33	51	125	603				no data				
Facebook Followers Added	188	264	795	4615				no data				
Facebook Posts	35	44	139	594				no data				
WalkerCountyGA.gov visitor views	23,331	31,633	82,470	399,087				173,745				
Newsletter Subscribers Added	126	152	315	1,184				no data				
<b>Public Works</b>	February	March	2018	2017	2018	2017	2017	2016				
Patching/Potholes	450	609	1,239	no data				no data				
<b>Walker Transit</b>	February	March	2018	2017	2018	2017	2017	2016				
Total Trips	1,888	1,954	5,343	24,938				no data				