

**AGENDA**  
*(Revised)*

**REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF  
THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY  
OF WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA**

Walker County Courthouse Annex III, 201 S Main Street  
LaFayette, Georgia 30728

**Date:** Thursday, January 10, 2019

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Invocation:** Given by Commissioner Shannon K. Whitfield

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

**Pledge:** United States Flag

**Pledge:** Georgia Flag

**Open of the Regular Commissioner Business Meeting**

**Minutes:** Approval of the minutes from the Public Hearing December 27, 2018 and the Regular Scheduled Meeting on December 27, 2018

**New Business:**

- I. Resolution R-001-19 to change the name of Walker County Emergency Services, aka Walker County Fire & Rescue, to Walker County Fire Rescue
- II. Resolution R-002-19 appointments to the Planning Commission
- III. Walker County Departmental Statistics for December 2018
- IV. Resolution R-003-19 Vision 2030 Advance Team

**Adjournment:** The Regular Scheduled Meeting will be adjourned

**Open Discussion:** The business on the Agenda being completed, Commissioner Whitfield will open the floor for general discussion

*In response to requests from our citizens, speakers are asked to limit comments to 5 minutes and keep them on topics relating to county business.*

*The next regular scheduled Commissioner's Meeting will be held on January 24, 2019.*

**Walker County Governmental Authority**  
**Office of the Commissioner**  
**101 South Duke Street, P.O. Box 445**  
**LaFayette, GA 30728**  
**706-638-1437**  
**Minutes of the Scheduled Public Hearing**  
**December 27, 2018**

**I. Call to order**

Commissioner Whitfield called to order the Public Hearing held at Walker County Courthouse Annex III, 201 S Main Street, LaFayette, Georgia at 6:00 PM on December 27, 2018.

**II. Attendees**

The following persons were present: Commissioner Shannon Whitfield, Sheriff Steve Wilson, Economic and Community Development Director Robert Wardlaw, Public Relations Director Joe Legge, Chief Financial Officer Greg McConnell, Landfill Manager Paine Gily, County Clerk Rebecca Wooden. Other guests signed in at the meeting as well, please see the attached sign in sheet.

**III. Invocation:**

Given by Commissioner Shannon Whitfield

**IV. Pledge:**

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**V. Pledge:**

Georgia Flag

**VI. Open of Public Hearing:**

- I. The Governing Authority of Walker County, Georgia proposes to amend Chapter 6 in the County Code of Ordinances Regulating the Possession, Sale and Distribution of Alcoholic Beverages. O-04-18 amends language to effectuate the sale of alcohol on Sundays, adjusts the licensing process and revises the Alcoholic Beverage Commission.*

Commissioner Whitfield explained how changes needed to be made to the old Ordinance. Some of the changes include fee structures and the time that sales are allowed and the governing authority of Walker County shall appoint a five member board instead of the current three member board.

**VII. Adjournment:** The Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:03 PM


**VIII. Public Comment**

{Audio Recording of Public Hearing and comments are on file in Commissioner's Office – 18-12-27}

**IX. Commissioner Comments**

{Audio Recording of Commissioner's Hearing comments are on file in Commissioner's Office – 18-12-27}

Minutes approved by:

  
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Shannon K. Whitfield  
Sole Commissioner  
Walker County Georgia

01-10-2019  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Minutes prepared by: Walker County Clerk, Rebecca Wooden



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**Minutes of the Regular Scheduled Commissioner's**  
**Meeting**  
**December 27, 2018**

**I. Call to order**

Commissioner Whitfield called to order the Regular Scheduled Meeting of the Walker County Government. This meeting was held at Walker County Courthouse Annex III, 201 S Main Street, LaFayette, Georgia at 6:05 PM on December 27, 2018

**II. Attendees**

The following persons were present: Commissioner Shannon Whitfield, Sheriff Steve Wilson, Economic and Community Development Director Robert Wardlaw, Public Relations Director Joe Legge, Chief Financial Officer Greg McConnell, Landfill Manager Paine Gily, County Clerk Rebecca Wooden. Other guests signed in at the meeting as well, please see the attached sign in sheet.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Whitfield approved the minutes from the Public Hearing and the Regular Scheduled Commissioner's Meeting on December 13, 2018.

**IV. Open of the Regular Scheduled Meeting**

**New Business:**

- I. Commissioner Whitfield read and approved Resolution R-049-18 to Reappoint Farrell Brown as Walker County Tax Assessor Board Member for the term of six years beginning January 1, 2019 and expires on December 31, 2024. We are honored to have Mr. Brown to continue to serve on this board. Commissioner Whitfield read the appreciation letter that would be mailed to Mr. Brown on December 28, 2018.

- II. Commissioner Whitfield read Resolution R-050-18 to amend the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget to Appropriate Funds for Capital Equipment for the Sheriff. He asked Sheriff Steve Wilson to explain the request. Sheriff Wilson explained that we are currently in 2019 budget. In 2018 there were two patrol cars that were totaled where the other person was at fault and the other persons or their insurance companies have settled with the county. We have taken a portion of that money that has been allocated to FY 2019 budget. This includes the employee buy back of their service firearms along with \$14,700.00 of the Sheriff's Office Drug Forfeiture Account. Commissioner Whitfield explained this process allows the purchases without having to acquire debt on these vehicles.
- III. Commissioner Whitfield discussed Ordinance No. O-04-18 to Amend Chapter 6 of the County Code of Ordinances on Alcohol; to Effectuate Referenda on the Sale of Alcohol on Sundays; to Provide for Procedures for Compliance; and for other such purposes. He explained that the citizens have voted for Sunday sales and this is more less the backside, formality so that if anyone wanted to look back into the records they would be able to see the changes that were made to this Ordinance and sales to begin Sunday December 30, 2018.
- IV. Commissioner Whitfield read Resolution R-051-18 to establish a Schedule of Fees for Alcoholic Beverage Licenses. He explained there are some changes and modifications to the Walker County Alcoholic Beverage Fee Schedule that will not affect businesses until their renewal. Initial application fees of \$150.00 that was not listed before and also malt beverage/wine changes were made. He asked if there were any questions or comments and there were none. Being none he adopted Resolution R-051-18.

**V. Adjournment**

Commissioner Whitfield adjourned the meeting at 6:18 PM


**VI. Public Comment**

{Audio Recording of Commissioner's Meeting comments is on file in the Commissioner's Office – 18-12-27}

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Shannon K. Whitfield  
Sole Commissioner  
Walker County Georgia

01-10-2019  
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Date

Minutes prepared by: Walker County Clerk, Rebecca Wooden

**RESOLUTION R-001-19**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SOLE COMMISSIONER OF WALKER COUNTY TO RECOGNIZE A CHANGE OF THE NAME OF WALKER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, O.C.G.A. § 25-3-1 gives county fire departments authority to perform all such services of a fire department as may be provided by law or which necessarily appertain thereto; and

**WHEREAS**, O.C.G.A. § 25-3-4 provides that the governing body of each county, municipality, or other political subdivision of the state shall have the power to enact such measures as may be necessary to carry out services of the county fire department; and

**WHEREAS**, Walker County, Georgia created the Walker County Fire & Rescue District by ordinance on September 20, 1994 to provide fire fighting services in the County; and

**WHEREAS**, O.C.G.A. § 25-13-4 protects usage of the nomenclature of local fire departments from misuse; and

**WHEREAS**, “Walker County Emergency Service” is the current name of the department providing services of a fire department to Walker County; and

**WHEREAS**, the name “Walker County Emergency Services” leads some citizens and other emergency service agencies to believe the department is responsible for emergency medical services rather than fire, rescue and emergency response; and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution is necessary to recognize and declare the official name of the department providing services of a fire department to Walker County; and


**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Sole Commissioner of Walker County, Georgia that the official name of the department providing services of the fire department of Walker County is designated “Walker County Fire Rescue.”

**BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED** that any and all prior contracts, official actions or legal obligations performed by or owing to or from Walker County Emergency Services or Walker County Fire & Rescue are subsumed and assigned to “Walker County Fire Rescue.”

**SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED** this 10th day of January, 2019.

**ATTEST:**

**WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA**

  
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**REBECCA WOODEN, County Clerk**

  
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**SHANNON K. WHITFIELD, Sole Commissioner**



**RESOLUTION R-002-19**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SOLE COMMISSIONER OF WALKER COUNTY TO APPOINT  
MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

**WHEREAS**, the Sole Commissioner of Walker County is the governing authority of Walker County, Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, by previous ordinance of Walker County, the Commissioner appoints members to the Walker County Planning Commission for four year terms (Walker County Code of Ordinances, 34-32); and

**WHEREAS**, vacancies exist due to the expiring terms of David Hamilton, Michael Haney and Frank Richardson on December 31, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, Daryl Brooks, Michael Haney and Jack Mullinax are duly qualified to serve as a member of the Planning Commission and have expressed willingness to serve the people of Walker County in such capacity; and

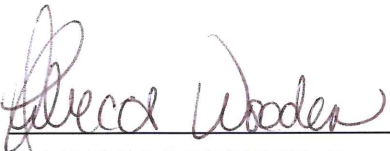
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Sole Commissioner of Walker County, Georgia that Daryl Brooks, Michael Haney and Jack Mullinax are hereby approved and appointed to the Planning Commission, under such conditions as are set forth by law, for terms beginning immediately and concluding on December 31, 2022.

**BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Sole Commissioner expresses his deepest gratitude for the outgoing members of the Planning Commission, David Hamilton and Frank Richardson, and thanks them on behalf of the citizens of Walker County for their service and contribution to Walker County.

**SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED** this 10th day of January, 2019.

**ATTEST:**

**WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA**

  
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**REBECCA WOODEN, County Clerk**

  
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**SHANNON K. WHITFIELD, Sole Commissioner**

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**Shannon K. Whitfield**  
*Sole Commissioner*  
**Walker County, GA**

January 10, 2019

Michael Haney  
P.O. Box 69  
Chickamauga, GA 30707

Dear Mr. Haney,

It is with great pleasure that I reappoint you to the Walker County Planning Commission. Your new term begins immediately and expires on December 31, 2022.

Thank you for your continued support to the citizens of Walker County and your willingness to serve in this important capacity.

Sincerely,

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Jack Mullinax  
P.O. Box 398  
Flintstone, GA 30725-0398

Dear Mr. Mullinax,

It is with great pleasure that I appoint you to the Walker County Planning Commission Board. Your term begins immediately and expires on December 31, 2022.

Thank you for your willingness to service the citizens of Walker County and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

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Daryl Brooks  
119 Whipperwill Lane  
LaFayette, GA 30728

Dear Mr. Brooks,

It is with great pleasure that I appoint you to the Walker County Planning Commission Board. Your term begins immediately and expires on December 31, 2022.

Thank you for your willingness to service the citizens of Walker County and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

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Shannon K. Whitfield  
Walker County Sole Commissioner



## Walker County Departmental Statistics - December 2018

Department	Monthly Totals (2018)						YTD Totals		Yearly Totals	
	November		December		2018		2017		2016	
	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats
<b>Animal Shelter</b>										
Intake	65	4	64	6	1,176	25	1,628	979	1,301	1,004
Adopted	26	2	40	13	138	34	217	147	304	94
Rescued	34	0	30	0	749	13	686	295	513	101
Returned to Owner	9	0	6	0	125	0	231	2	n/a	n/a
Euthanized	8	0	7	0	56	2	336	396	436	630
<b>Codes Enforcement</b>										
In Compliance	419		248		5,124		4,745		no data	
Violations	17		9		857		1,469		221	
Closed Cases	12		12		339		480		no data	
<b>Fire Department</b>										
Total Responses	507		507		6,359		4,742		3,492	
Responses using Quick Response Vehicles	456		458		5,343		3,092		no data	
<b>Litter</b>										
Roadside Trash Pounds	6,980		12,940		122,912		123,020		no data	
<b>Mountain Cove Farms</b>										
Total Nights Booked	182		53		908		525		162	
<b>Planning</b>										
Single Family New Home Construction	7		3		124		135		123	
<b>Public Relations</b>										
Media Impressions (stories)	40		41		509		603		no data	
Facebook Followers Added	73		129		2,182		4,615		no data	
Facebook Posts	46		49		487		594		no data	
WalkerCountyGA.gov visitor views	25,934		24,974		316,285		399,087		173,745	
Newsletter Subscribers Added	86		60		925		1,184		no data	
<b>Public Works</b>										
Patching/Potholes	204		379		4,798		no data		no data	
<b>Walker Transit</b>										
Total Trips	1,860		1,841		21,551		24,938		no data	

**RESOLUTION R-003-19**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SOLE COMMISSIONER OF WALKER COUNTY TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE VISION 2030 ADVANCE TEAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDRESSING PLANNING, ZONING AND HOUSING ISSUES IN WALKER COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, there is strong interest from the citizens of Walker County to address issues pertaining to land use, especially issues affecting property values, public nuisances, property rights and future development; and

**WHEREAS**, Walker County is in a prime position for population growth and economic development, and trends in housing and land use require revising, updating and modernizing county ordinances, land use restrictions and zoning provisions; and

**WHEREAS**, addressing the complex issues above requires a cross-section of individuals from different areas of Walker County with interest and subject-matter experience in housing, land use regulations and community development.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Sole Commissioner of Walker County, Georgia that the following individuals are hereby appointed to the "Vision 2030 Advance Team:" Phillip Cantrell, Stanley Matthews, Scott McNabb, David Roden, Bobby Teams, Elizabeth Wells, Matt Williamson; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Sole Commissioner of Walker County, Georgia that the Vision 2030 Advance Team shall investigate, research, discuss and deliberate actions necessary for purposes of making recommendations to the governing authority of Walker County concerning the issues described in this Resolution; and

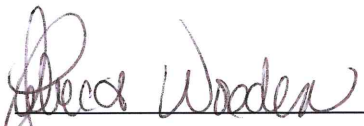
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Sole Commissioner of Walker County, Georgia that the Vision 2030 Advance Team shall continue for such a time as deemed necessary by the governing body to address the issues described in this Resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Sole Commissioner expresses gratitude for the willingness of the above individuals to serve upon this team and thanks them on behalf of the citizens of Walker County.

**SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED** this 10th day of January, 2019.

**ATTEST:**

**WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA**

  
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**Walker County, GA**

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Phillip Cantrell  
737 Villanow Mill Creek Road  
LaFayette, GA 30728

Mr. Cantrell,

I would like to thank you for your support and the dedication that you are providing Walker County by serving on the Vision 2030 Advance Team.

As you know, Walker County is in a prime position for population growth and economic development, and trends in housing and land use require revising, updating and modernizing county ordinances, land use restrictions and zoning provisions.

We value your experience in this subject matter and greatly appreciate your dedication and support to improve the quality of life of Walker County and our citizens.

Sincerely,

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Scott McNabb  
924 Chris Lane  
Rossville, GA 30741

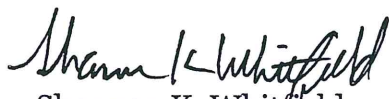
Mr. McNabb,

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Bobby Teems  
1520 N. Main Street  
LaFayette, GA 30728


Mr. Teems,

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Thank you!

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Ms. Elizabeth Wells  
712 Forest Avenue  
Chattanooga, TN 37405

Ms. Wells,

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David Roden  
1325 Wilson Road  
Rossville, GA 30741

Mr. Roden,

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Mr. Stanley Matthews  
3045 Old Bethel Road  
Chickamauga, GA 30707

Mr. Matthews,

I would like to thank you for your support and the dedication that you are providing Walker County by serving on the Vision 2030 Advance Team.

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