

AGENDA

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 24, 2019

Time: Immediately following the Public Hearing beginning at 6:00 PM

Invocation and Pledge to the American Flag and Georgia Flag were completed in the Public Hearing prior to the Regular Scheduled Meeting

Open of the Regular Meeting

Minutes: Approval of the minutes from the Regular Scheduled Commissioner's Meeting that was held on January 10, 2019

New Business:

- I. Proclamation - Frank Richardson Day
- II. Resolution R-04-19 to Appoint a Member of the Board of Directors of the Northwest Georgia Joint Development Authority
- III. Resolution R-05-19 to Appoint a Member of the Alcoholic Beverage Commission
- IV. Memorandum of Understanding between Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Force Local Government Participants for grant periods July 2018 – December 2018 and January 2019 through December 2019

- V. Approval of Purchase Order No. 2019-00000271 to Jenkins Chrysler-Dodge Jeep, Inc. for the purchase of 2 Dodge Chargers for the Walker County Sheriff's Office
- VI. Application for Re-Zoning Amendment - David Coker requests a rezone from A-1 (Agricultural) to R-2 (Residential) for property located at 0 Drew Lane, LaFayette, Georgia 30728. Tax Parcel # 0-315-1-002 ***(The Planning Commission tabled this request at its January 17, 2019 meeting)***
- VII. Application for Re-Zoning Amendment - John and Cheryl McCarthy request a rezone from R-2 (Residential) to A-1 (Agricultural) for property located at 424 Straight Gut Road, Rock Spring, Georgia 30739. Tax Parcel # 0-326-040A ***(The Planning Commission recommended approval as submitted at its January 17, 2019 meeting)***
- VIII. Application for Conditional Use Variance - Home Eclectics Inc. requests a conditional use variance for property located at 905 LaFayette Road, Rossville, GA 30741. Tax Parcel # 0-206-291, ***(The Planning Commission recommended approval of a rezone from C-1 to R-2, instead of a conditional use variance, at its January 17, 2019 meeting)***
- IX. Information on February Community Forums

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 their comments to 5 minutes and keep them on topics related to county business.

The next scheduled Commissioner's Meeting will be held on Thursday February 14, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

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 Regular Scheduled Commissioner's
Meeting
January 10, 2019

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 6:00 PM on January 10, 2019

II. Attendees

The following persons were present: Commissioner Shannon Whitfield, Economic and Community Development Director Robert Wardlaw, Public Relations Director Joe Legge, Legal and Policy Director Matt Williamson, Chief Financial Officer Greg McConnell, Fire Chief, EMA Director Blake Hodge, Landfill Manager Paine Gily, Human Resources Director Sharleen Robinson, 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 27, 2018.

IV. Open of the Regular Scheduled Meeting

New Business:

- I. The Haz-Mat Truck agreement with Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus was tabled due to documentation that wasn't received by Chief Hodge.
- II. Commissioner Whitfield read Resolution R-001-19 to change the name of Walker County Emergency Services, aka Walker County Fire & Rescue, to Walker County Fire Rescue and asked Chief Blake Hodge to discuss. Chief

Hodge explained that Walker County Fire no longer has ambulance service and the name is being changed so that the citizens aren't confused on services. Commissioner Whitfield stated that we do not want the citizens of Walker County confused by the name so it will be named Walker County Fire Rescue.

- III. Commissioner Whitfield read Resolution R-002-19 and explained the expiring terms of David Hamilton, Michael Haney and Frank Richardson and these positions will be replaced by Daryl Brooks, Michael Haney and Jack Mullinax. Commissioner Whitfield read the letter of appointment that would be mailed to each new board member and the thank you letter that would be mailed to Mr. David Hamilton for his service on the planning commission.
- IV. Commissioner Whitfield reviewed the Walker County Departmental Statistics for December 2018.
- V. Commissioner Whitfield added another item to be discussed that wasn't originally on the Agenda but he wanted it added therefore the Agenda would be revised. Resolution R-003-19 appointments to the "Vision 2030 Advance Team" are Phillip Cantrell, Stanley Matthews, Scott McNabb, David Roden, Bobby Teams, Elizabeth Wells, Matt Williamson. Commissioner asked Mr. Robert Wardlaw to explain the purpose of the "Vision 2030 Advance Team." Mr. Wardlaw explained that the world changes and there is a need for everyone to work together and addressing the needs of the citizens of Walker County. We have a county of 69,000 plus citizens and we have to plan for the future of this county. The name 2030 is partially from the Commissioner stating that we must acknowledge how the County will look or be in 30 years and work toward that improvement. We have wanted to do this for some time now and the time is right now and I would like to applaud the Commissioner for initiating and supporting this decision. These members are actual people that will be working to investigate research, discuss and deliberate when necessary and make recommendations to the governing authority of Walker County. This team and Matt will have true leadership and will meet periodically. Commissioner Whitfield explained that he is very excited to have this team helping with the future of Walker County. It helps with the understanding of how decisions that are made today and how they affect us later. It is a very complex issue and we want to make sure we have it correct. Probably many of the existing ordinances are correct but we want this team with a diverse background and knowledge to come together to sit down and go over to make sure these are correct. There are trends across the country of Tiny Homes and we need to address with life safety in mind. This will be a long project and will take

volunteers and many hours to make sure it is handled correctly. Matt Williamson wanted to comment these meetings with the members periodically are to help blend together to expand the future.

V. Adjournment

Commissioner Whitfield adjourned the meeting at 6:27 PM

VI. Public Comment

{Audio Recording of Commissioner's Meeting comments is on file in the Commissioner's Office – 19-01-10}

VII. Commissioner Comments

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Minutes approved by:

Shannon K. Whitfield
Sole Commissioner
Walker County Georgia

Date

Minutes prepared by: Walker County Clerk, Rebecca Wooden

Sign In Sheet

Regular Scheduled Commissioner's Meeting

Date: January 10, 2019

Name

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BY THE SOLE COMMISSIONER OF WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
A PROCLAMATION
FRANK RICHARDSON DAY

WHEREAS: Frank Richardson began service to Walker County and its citizens as a member of the Walker County Planning Commission on January 1, 1973; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Richardson has faithfully and conscientiously served Walker County and its citizens for 46 years, during which time the Planning Commission facilitated many projects which continue to have a positive impact upon Walker County; and

WHEREAS: These years of service have been marked by exemplary dedication to the best interests of the community, and Mr. Richardson has worked for the betterment of the citizens of Walker County and the quality of its communities; and

WHEREAS: Walker County has benefited greatly because of Mr. Richardson's devotion and genuine care for his fellow citizens, by ensuring the appropriate planning and zoning standards were followed; and

WHEREAS: Walker County desires to express its sincere appreciation for Mr. Richardson's service over the past 46 years and wishes Mr. Richardson much happiness as he begins a new chapter in his life.

THEREFORE: I, Shannon K. Whitfield, Sole Commissioner of Walker County, Georgia, do hereby proclaim Saturday, February 2, 2019 as FRANK RICHARDSON DAY in Walker County and hereby urge all citizens and employees to join in congratulating Mr. Richardson for his meritorious service, loyalty and dedication rendered to this community and recognize the valued contributions he made to improve the lives of Walker County's citizens.

Signed and sealed this 24th day of January in the year 2019.



Shannon K. Whitfield, Sole Commissioner
Walker County, Georgia

ATTEST:

Rebecca Wooden
Walker County Clerk

RESOLUTION R-04-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOLE COMMISSIONER OF WALKER COUNTY TO APPOINT A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTHWEST GEORGIA JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Governing Authority of Walker County, Georgia must appoint three members of the Board of Directors of the Northwest Georgia Joint Development Authority; and

WHEREAS, Melody Day served as a member of the Board of Directors until the expiration of her term on December 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Robert Wardlaw currently serves as the Economic and Community Development Director of Walker County, Georgia, and is qualified and willing to serve as a representative of Walker County upon the Board of Directors of the Northwest Georgia Joint Development Authority.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sole Commissioner of Walker County, Georgia that Robert Wardlaw is hereby appointed to serve as a representative of Walker County on the Board of Directors of the Northwest Georgia Joint Development Authority for a term ending on December 31, 2022.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sole Commissioner expresses gratitude on behalf of the citizens of Walker County for Melody Day's service upon the Board of Directors of the Northwest Georgia Joint Development Authority.

SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of January, 2019.

ATTEST:

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

REBECCA WOODEN, County Clerk

SHANNON K. WHITFIELD, Sole Commissioner



Shannon K. Whitfield
Sole Commissioner
Walker County, GA

January 18, 2019

Mrs. Melody Day
402 Cove Road
Chickamauga Ga 30707

Dear Melody Day,

On Behalf of the citizens of Walker County, thank you for completing your term on the Northwest Georgia Joint Development Authority Board. Your service has been invaluable to the people of Walker County and has helped to make Walker County a better place to live, work and play.

Thank you again for your willingness to take time out of your busy schedule to serve on this volunteer board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shannon K. Whitfield". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "S".

Shannon Whitfield
Walker County Sole Commissioner

RESOLUTION R-05-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOLE COMMISSIONER OF WALKER COUNTY TO APPOINT A MEMBER OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Section 6-81 of Chapter 6 of the Walker County Code of Ordinances provides that the Governing Authority of Walker County, Georgia must appoint members of the Alcoholic Beverage Commission; and

WHEREAS, Dean Kelley is qualified and willing to serve as a member of the Alcoholic Beverage Commission of Walker County; and

WHEREAS, the Sole Commissioner of Walker County recognizes Mr. Kelley's qualifications and commitment to public service.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sole Commissioner of Walker County, Georgia that Dean Kelley is hereby appointed to serve as a member of the Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a term ending on December 31, 2021.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sole Commissioner expresses gratitude on behalf of the citizens of Walker County for Mr. Kelley's willingness to serve upon the Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of January, 2019.

ATTEST:

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SHANNON K. WHITFIELD, Sole Commissioner

**Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit
Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Force Local Government Participants
Memorandum of Understanding**

The Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force (LMJCDF), a collaborative law enforcement effort operating by and through the consent of the local governments listed below,

AND

The City of LaFayette,
The City of Fort Oglethorpe
Dade County Board of Commissioners, and
Walker County Board of Commissioners
Chattooga County Board of Commissioners
(hereinafter, "Partners" or named individually),

Enter into this Memorandum of Understanding.

WHEREAS, LMJCDF, and Partners all seek that their communities are safe and drug free;

WHEREAS, LMJCDF, and Partners all agree that a collaborative effort is key to curbing illegal drug use and illegal drug trafficking in the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit; and,

WHEREAS, LMJCDF, and Partners are committed to meaningful collaboration for criminal justice system improvement, they enter into this Memorandum of Understanding.

Now therefore, This Memorandum of Understanding shall be effective as of the effective date of Byrne-JAG funding in 2018 and shall be active through the end of the grant period. Grant period being July 2018 through December 2018

. The parties shall re-examine the extent of this memorandum and the roles of project partners at the grant period end. This agreement shall terminate at the end of the 2018 period

A. AGENTS DETACHED TO TASK FORCE

Each local government shall detach personnel to the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force (LMJCDF) as follows:

- City of LaFayette – one (1) police officer
- City of Ft Oglethorpe -- one (1) police officer
- Dade County – one (1) sheriff's deputy
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B. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS AND USE OF BYRNE JAG GRANT FUNDS

Each local government agrees to the following with regard to expenses associated with personnel detached to the LMJCDF:

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2. Each county and city government will fund the up-front costs of the detached personnel listed in subsection A above.
3. The City of LaFayette, on behalf of the LMJCDF, will submit for and accept quarterly reimbursements of the personnel costs paid for by the counties and cities.
4. The City of LaFayette will deposit the quarterly reimbursements referred to in B (3) into the City of LaFayette Drug Task Force checking account.
5. Quarterly Reimbursements in the City of LaFayette Drug Task Force checking account will be distributed by way of payments made to each of the local governments to offset expenses associated with personnel detached to the LMJCDF based on the number of personnel detached to the task force, as follows:
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6. Quarterly budget will be presented to the participating Agencies, and cash match funds will be requested for payment of allowable general operating expenses.

This memorandum is hereby agreed to by the attached signatories.

- City of LaFayette – Attachment A
- City of Ft Oglethorpe – Attachment B
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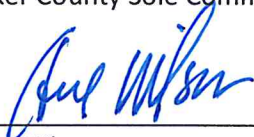
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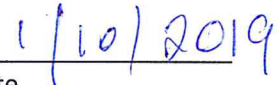
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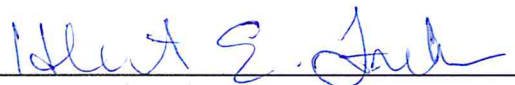
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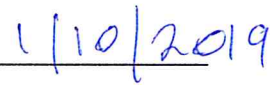


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LA FAYETTE, GA 30728

BILL TO WALKER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
P.O. BOX 767
LA FAYETTE, GA 30728

PURCHASE ORDER
NO. 2019-00000271
DATE 01/23/2019

VENDOR 49 JENKINS CHRYSLER-DODGE-JEEP INC

CONTACT JENKINS CHRYSLER-DODGE-JEEP INC
P O BOX 668
LAFAYETTTE, GA 30728

DELIVER BY
SHIP VIA
FREIGHT TERMS
ORIGINATOR Miller, Murlyne
RESOLUTION #
PAYMENT TERMS

QUANTITY	U/M	DESCRIPTION	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
1.0000	EA	Capital - Vehicles	\$22,026.0000	\$22,026.00
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			TOTAL DUE	\$44,052.00

APPROVED BY _____

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Applicant: David Coker

Map & Parcel: D-315-1-002 Rezone from: A-1 to: R-2

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

_____ APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

_____ APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

1-17-2019 TABLED

_____ DENIAL

COMMISSIONER'S FINAL DECISION:

_____ APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

_____ APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

_____ TABLED

_____ DENIAL

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Signature of Petitioner / Owner:

PETITIONER

DATE



OWNER

11/8/18
DATE

Applicant: Cheryl McCarthy

Map & Parcel: 0-326-040A Rezone from: R-2 to: A-1

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

1-17-2019 APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

_____ APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

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Signature of Petitioner / Owner:

PETITIONER

DATE

Cheryl McCarthy 12/07/2018
OWNER DATE

Applicant: Home Electrics Inc. (Mike Crane)

Map & Parcel: D-206-291 Rezone from: C-1 to: R-2

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

_____ APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

1-17-2019 APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

_____ TABLED

_____ DENIAL

Planning Commission granted a rezone from C-1 to R-2 instead of a Conditional Use Variance

COMMISSIONER'S FINAL DECISION:

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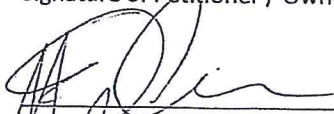
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OWNER

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For Immediate Release
Joe Legge, Public Relations Director
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January 22, 2019

WHITFIELD TO HOLD EIGHT COMMUNITY FORUMS IN WALKER COUNTY IN FEBRUARY

LaFayette, GA – Walker County Commissioner Shannon Whitfield invites residents to share their ideas to start the New Year. Whitfield will host a series of community forums in February to discuss what's working well today, along with goals and opportunities for the future.

Eight forums will take place in different communities across the county, so residents can attend the one that is most convenient for them. Each session will begin at 6:00 p.m. and feature a brief introduction, but the majority of each event will consist of public comment and discussion.

“Over the past two years, community input has led to enhancements in fire protection, updates to ordinances regulating animals and alcohol, safety upgrades on Nickajack Road, clean-up of blighted property and our annual tire amnesty day, among other improvements,” said Whitfield. “I look forward to hearing about the topics important to folks in Walker County and their thoughts on how we can improve county services.”

Community forums will be held at 6:00 p.m. at the following locations:

- Monday, February 4 at Cedar Grove Community Center (5395 W Cove Road, Chickamauga)
- Tuesday, February 5 at Rossville Civic Center (400 McFarland Avenue, Rossville)
- Monday, February 11 at Armuchee Valley Community Center (11471 GA-136, LaFayette)
- Monday, February 18 at LaFayette-Walker County Library (305 S Duke Street, LaFayette)
- Tuesday, February 19 at Center Post Community Center (8125 GA-337, LaFayette)
- Thursday, February 21 at Fairyland Elementary School (1306 Lula Lake Road, Lookout Mountain)
- Monday, February 25 at Mt. Pleasant Community Center (5270 GA-157, Rising Fawn)
- Tuesday, February 26 at Chickamauga Civic Center (1817 Lee Clarkson Road, Chickamauga)