



**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 February 28, 2019

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

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

**Open of the Regular Meeting**

**Minutes:** Approval of the minutes from the Regular Scheduled Commissioner's Meeting that was held on February 14, 2019

**New Business:**

- I. Application for a Conditional Use Variance - Bryan Johnson requests a conditional use variance for property located at 0 N. Hwy 341 at S. Burnt Mill Road Flintstone, Georgia 30725, Tax map 0-069-049 (*First Hearing request was denied at the Planning Commission Meeting on February 21, 2019*)
- II. Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Supplemental Subgrant Award, Accountability Court Grant, Subgrant Number J19-8-032

**Open Discussion:** **The business on the Agenda being completed, Commissioner Whitfield will open the floor for general discussion. In response to requests from 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 March 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**  
**February 14, 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 2:00 PM on February 14, 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 and Emergency Management Director Blake Hodge, Landfill Manager Paine Gily, Human Resources Director Sharleen Robinson, Payroll and Benefits Clerk Tabi Cantrell, 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 Regular Scheduled Commissioner's Meeting on January 24, 2019.

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

**New Business:**

- I. Commissioner Whitfield asked Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director Blake Hodge to explain about the new Notification System that will be used to notify citizens of Walker County, SirenGPS. Chief Hodge explained that the previous system HyperReach was used as advance notifications of emergencies within Walker County but that system was limited as to what information went out and the time was taking up to an

hour. The new system SirenGPS will go out within seconds. We have been researching this for over a year and we are very lucky to get this system in Walker County. HyperReach will be phased out in the next few weeks. Commissioner Whitfield thanked Chief Hodge and explained the speed of this will be exceptional. The cost per year is just over what the old system was costing but has much more capability and is a much faster system. If you are currently on the HyperReach download the new app or call the Commissioner's Office and Tina can help get you set up on the new SirenGPS.

- II. Commissioner Whitfield asked Chief Hodge to discuss the Intergovernmental Agreement between Walker County Fire Rescue and Georgia Department of Corrections. Chief Hodge explained this program is exceptional for Walker County. The State Prison has five firefighters currently and looking to add a few more. This Department helps with all calls within Walker County. The County provides them with vehicles and is an extra fire station within our county with no expense to Walker County except for the upkeep of the vehicles.
- III. Commissioner Whitfield explained that the Walker County Stormwater Facility Maintenance Agreement with Dollar General #20624, Tax Map/Parcel 04972-055 Identification Number as recorded by deed in the land records of Walker County Georgia, and Deed Book 02006 Page 0599-0000 is a maintenance agreement, standard procedure on any commercial building requirements. It includes the maintaining of retention ponds as well. This will be a new facility in Walker County, is normal procedures and so we will execute this document and it must be notarized as well so we can execute these documents.
- IV. Commissioner Whitfield explained the next item is the Agreement of Funding of Prosecution Based VOCA Program for the District Attorney's Office. This is one of the abbreviated documents in the copies of the packet because there are many pages and the copying expense but the complete packet is available online. It is the agreement for the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit with Federal Funds of \$5,453.00, Matching Funds of \$1,363.00 with Total Funds of \$6,816.00. This document has been reviewed by our District Attorney's office and asked for us to present in the public meeting so they can receive this funding. Commissioner Whitfield asked if anyone had any questions, no one had questions.
- V. Commissioner Whitfield explained the next two items are Georgia County Internship Program Grant Agreements. We applied and have been awarded two internships this year by ACCG, the first is for \$2,173.00 for

the Creation & Launch of the Video Production Intern project working with Joe Legge. The second is an award for the 2019 summer program in the amount of \$2,173.00 for the Legal Internship project, working alongside of our Legal and Policy Director Matt Williamson. These internships are offered to any student currently in college and are paid thru the GCIP summer grant program.

VI. Commissioner Whitfield reviewed the Walker County Departmental Statistics for January 2019.

**V. Adjournment**

Commissioner Whitfield adjourned the meeting at 2:24 PM

**VI. Public Comment**

{Audio Recording of Commissioner's Meeting comments is on file in the Commissioner's Office – 19-02-14}

**VII. Commissioner Comments**

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Minutes approved by:

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Shannon K. Whitfield  
Sole Commissioner  
Walker County Georgia

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Date

Minutes prepared by: Walker County Clerk, Rebecca Wooden

Applicant: Bryan Johnson

Map & Parcel: 0-069-049 Rezone from: R-2 to: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:**

*to have 10 yurt like tents + wedding venue*

\_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

\_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

\_\_\_\_\_ TABLED

2-21-2019 DENIAL by Planning Commission

**COMMISSIONER'S FINAL DECISION:**

\_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

\_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

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\_\_\_\_\_ DENIAL

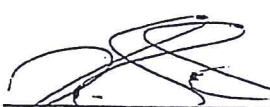
The following disclosure is required of the applicant(s) by Section 36-67A-3 of O.C.G.A. The following is for disclosure purposes only and does not disqualify the petition.

Within the past two years, have you made either campaign contributions totaling \$250.00 or more and/or given gifts having value of \$250.00 or more to a local government official who will be responsible for making a recommendation or decision on the application? YES ( ) NO (X). If so, then on a separate page, please furnish the following information:

- A) The name of the local government official(s) to whom cash contribution or gift was made:
- B) The dollar amount(s) and date(s) of each campaign made by the applicant to each local government official during the two years immediately preceding the filing of the application; and
- C) An enumeration and description of each gift having a value of \$250.00 or more made by the applicant to each local government official within the past two years:

Signature of Petitioner / Owner:

  
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PETITIONER                      1/8/19  
DATE

  
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OWNER                              1/8/19  
DATE

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL  
SUPPLEMENTAL SUBGRANT AWARD  
ACCOUNTABILITY COURT GRANT


SUBGRANTEE: Walker County BOC ORIGINAL STATE FUNDS: \$217,405  
IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: SUPPLEMENTAL STATE FUNDS: \$55,950  
Lookout Mountain Adult Felony Drug Court  
PROJECT NAME: ACCOUNTABILITY COURT TOTAL STATE AWARD: \$273,355  
SUBGRANT NUMBER: J19-8-032 GRANT PERIOD: 01/01/19-06/30/19

This award is made under the Accountability Courts State of Georgia Grant program. The purpose of the Accountability Court Grants program is to make grants to local courts and judicial circuits to establish specialty courts or dockets to address offenders arrested for drug charges or mental health issues. This grant program is subject to the administrative rules established by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

This Subgrant shall become effective on the beginning date of the grant period, provided that a properly executed original of this "Subgrant Award" is returned to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council by December 28, 2018.

AGENCY APPROVAL

SUBGRANTEE APPROVAL

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Steven Hatfield, Deputy Director  
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized

Date Executed: 01/01/19

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Typed Name & Title of Authorized Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Employer Tax Identification Number(EIN)

FY'19 Supplemental Budget Detail Worksheet - Award

Court Name

Lookout Mountain Adult Felony Drug Court

Budget Worksheet Category	Line Item Approvals	Line Item Totals
Personnel	Program Case Manager	18,200.00
	Benefits	7,500.00
Contract Services	Intern	0.00
Drug Testing Supplies	Consumables	28,000.00
Other Supplies	Laptop / software	1,500.00
	Printer	750.00
Training and Travel	Intern travel	0.00
Transportation		\$0.00
<b>Total Budget Request:</b>		<b>\$55,950.00</b>

Match:

\$6,216.67

CACJ Funding Committee Notes:

None