

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 August 8, 2019

Time: 6:00 PM

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

Invocation: Given by Commissioner Shannon Whitfield

Pledge: United States Flag

Pledge: Georgia Flag

Open of the Regular Meeting

Minutes: Approval of the minutes from the Regular Scheduled Commissioner's Meeting that was held on July 25, 2019 and the Special Called Meeting held on August 7, 2019

New Business:

- I. Resolution R-017-19 to set Walker County's millage rate at 9.822 in the unincorporated areas and 13.293 in the incorporated areas
- II. Walker County Departmental Statistics - July 2019

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, August 22, 2019 at 6:00 PM.



Walker County Governmental Authority
Office of the Commissioner
101 South Duke Street, P.O. Box 445
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706-638-1437

Minutes of the Regular Scheduled Commissioner's
Meeting
July 25, 2019

I. Call to order

Commissioner Whitfield called to order the Regular Scheduled Commissioner's Meeting held at Walker County Courthouse Annex III, 201 S Main Street, Lafayette, Georgia at 6:00 PM on July 25, 2019.

II. Attendees

The following persons were present: Commissioner Shannon Whitfield, Economic and Community Development Director Robert Wardlaw, Legal and Policy Director Matt Williamson, Public Relations Director Joe Legge, Walker County Clerk Rebecca Wooden. Other guests signed in at the meeting as well, please see the attached sign in sheet.

III. New Business:

- I. Commissioner Whitfield read and proclaimed August 2019 as Blood Assurance Month in Walker County. He presented Mr. Chip Catlett and Ms. Doris White with the Proclamation
- II. Commissioner Whitfield explained the next few items on the Agenda were Purchase Order requests for purchases that are in the Sheriff's Department budget, they will be paid for and no debt incurred to obtain these vehicles. He introduced Captain Chris Anderson from the Walker County Sheriff's Department and asked Captain Anderson to review the upcoming purchases for

the twelve new vehicles for the Sheriff's Department. Captain Anderson explained bids were received and several dealerships came in with the lowest prices and that is why there are several purchase orders. There are 8 chargers, two Dodge Ram 4x4 trucks a Dodge Durango SUV that will be patrol; utilized for incident command. Commissioner Whitfield explained the Ford F350 will replace the 97 model ambulance that was purchased years ago and when it was purchased it had over 350,000 miles on it. Commissioner Whitfield thanked Captain Anderson for attending and explaining the purchase of these much needed vehicles.

- III. Commissioner Whitfield read Resolution R-016-19 declaring a Samsung Galaxy 8 Cell Phone Unserviceable Surplus and removed from the County inventory.
- IV. Commissioner Whitfield asked Attorney Matt Williamson to say a few words regarding this Proclamation. Mr. Williamson thanked Will Ingram for his dedication and hard work as an intern and his work on getting this Proclamation together. Commissioner Whitfield read the Proclamation for Parent's Day and signed declaring July 28, 2019 as Parents Day in Walker County Georgia.

IV. Adjournment: The Commissioner's Meeting was adjourned at 6:13 PM

VIII. Public Comment

{Audio Recording of Regular Scheduled Commissioner's Meeting and comments are on file in Commissioner's Office – 19-07-25}

IX. Commissioner Comments

{Audio Recording of Regular Scheduled Commissioner's Meeting comments are on file in Commissioner's Office – 19-07-25}

Minutes approved by:

Shannon K. Whitfield
Sole Commissioner
Walker County Georgia

Date

Minutes prepared by: Walker County Clerk, Rebecca Wooden



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Minutes of the Special Called Commissioner's Meeting
August 7, 2019

I. Call to order

Commissioner Whitfield called to order the Regular Scheduled Commissioner's Meeting held at Walker County Courthouse Annex III, 201 S Main Street, Lafayette, Georgia at 10:55 AM on August 7, 2019.

II. Attendees

The following persons were present: Commissioner Shannon Whitfield, Economic and Community Development Director Robert Wardlaw, Legal and Policy Director Matt Williamson, Public Relations Director Joe Legge, Walker County Clerk Rebecca Wooden. Other guests signed in at the meeting as well, please see the attached sign in sheet.

III. New Business

- I. Commissioner Whitfield introduced Trey Monroe of Stifel and Attorney Jim Woodward, both of Atlanta and have worked with the county on this bond refinance. Mr. Monroe explained approximately 3 months ago they began the discussion of possible refinancing this bond to try to save the county money. He explained originally in 2015 Walker County had no credit rating and had interest at 5.12%. Since then Walker County was rated A1 by Moody's Investments. Since the discussion originally began US Treasury and interest has dropped and we are currently able to lock in at 2.64%. This will save Walker County \$3,921,475.00 and reduce the term by almost five years. Commissioner Whitfield

explained this will save Walker County a tremendous amount and also the properties of Mountain Cove Farms, Industrial Park, Civic Center and Agriculture Center will be free and clear of the liability. Attorney, Mr. Jim Woodward explained his portion is a Supplemental Resolution not to exceed authorized lock in parameters of the rate and trades as permitted with a closing date of August 22, 2019.

IV. Adjournment: The Commissioner's meeting was adjourned at 11:07 AM

VIII. Public Comment

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IX. 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

R-017-19

Walker County, Georgia 2019 Tax Levy

PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN THE COMMISSIONER OF WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA AND IT APPEARING THAT THE TOTAL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO LEVY FOR MAINTAINANCE AND OPERATION AFTER ALLOWANCE FOR EXEMPT DEDUCTIONS IS \$891,527,695 FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF WALKER COUNTY AND \$407,179,025 FOR THE INCORPORATED AREA OF WALKER COUNTY, I, THE UNDERSIGNED, BEING DULY ELECTED HEREBY LEVY TAXES AND FIX RATES AS FOLLOWS:

<u>DESCRIPTIONS</u>	<u>BUDGETED</u>		<u>FINAL DIGEST</u>	
	<u>MIL RATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>MIL RATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
UNINCORPORATED				
GROSS	16.096	14,350,030	16.096	14,350,030
INSURANCE ROLLBACK	-3.471	(3,094,492)	-3.471	(3,094,492)
SALES TAX ROLLBACK	-2.803	(2,498,952)	-2.803	(2,498,952)
NET	9.822	8,756,586	9.822	8,756,586
INCORPORATED				
GROSS	16.096	6,553,954	16.096	6,553,954
SALES TAX ROLLBACK	-2.803	(1,141,323)	-2.803	(1,141,323)
NET	13.293	5,412,631	13.293	5,412,631

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 8TH OF AUGUST, 2019

Shannon K. Whitfield
Walker County Sole Commissioner

ATTEST:

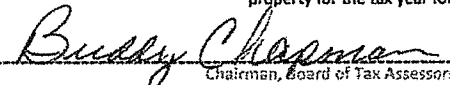
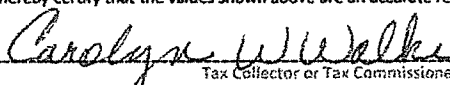
Rebecca Wooden
Walker County Clerk


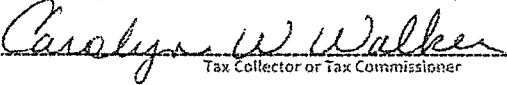
NOTICE

The Walker County Commissioner does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held at the Walker County Courthouse Annex III at 201 South Main Street, LaFayette, GA on August 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-32 does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.

CURRENT 2019 TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY

UNINCORPORATED	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Real & Personal	959,418,272	961,941,749	1,004,774,498	1,018,332,049	1,040,384,492	1,052,247,769
Motor Vehicles	93,110,510	68,887,190	52,994,480	41,373,460	32,972,930	28,334,940
Mobile Homes	12,559,627	12,968,613	12,656,306	12,771,772	12,240,064	12,940,052
Timber - 100%	303,209	472,005	422,554	812,422	762,345	464,867
Heavy Duty Equipment						
Gross Digest	1,065,391,618	1,044,269,557	1,070,847,838	1,073,289,703	1,086,359,831	1,093,987,628
Less M & O Exemptions	145,267,660	154,919,162	169,152,535	182,611,665	190,860,792	202,459,933
Net M & O Digest	920,123,958	889,350,395	901,695,303	890,678,038	895,499,039	891,527,695
State Forest Land Assistance Grant Value						
Adjusted Net M&O Digest	920,123,958	889,350,395	901,695,303	890,678,038	895,499,039	891,527,695
Gross M&O Millage	13.380	14.380	13.717	15.696	15.966	16.096
Less Millage Rate Rollbacks	5.655	5.788	5.879	5.858	6.128	6.274
Net M&O Millage Rate	7.725	8.592	7.838	9.838	9.838	9.822
Net Taxes Levied	\$7,107,958	\$7,641,299	\$7,067,488	\$8,762,491	\$8,809,920	\$8,756,585
INCORPORATED	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Real & Personal	408,641,295	411,155,336	329,228,624	435,073,779	449,670,774	462,480,369
Motor Vehicles	20,832,390	15,167,880	10,878,920	8,035,180	5,953,080	4,823,570
Mobile Homes	381,514	146,420	165,460	105,018	107,903	122,189
Timber - 100%	0	0	0	0	8,000	8,500
Heavy Duty Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gross Digest	429,855,199	426,469,636	340,273,004	443,213,977	455,739,757	467,434,628
Less M & O Exemptions	43,816,858	44,414,091	46,505,318	46,827,089	53,234,941	60,255,603
Net M & O Digest	\$386,038,341	\$382,055,545	\$293,767,686	\$396,386,888	\$402,504,816	\$407,179,025
State Forest Land Assistance Grant Value						
Adjusted Net M&O Digest	386,038,341	382,055,545	293,767,686	396,386,888	402,504,816	407,179,025
Gross M&O Millage	13.380	14.380	13.717	15.696	15.966	16.096
Less Millage Rate Rollbacks	3.023	2.895	2.777	2.567	2.636	2.803
Net M&O Millage Rate	10.357	11.485	10.940	13.129	13.330	13.293
Net Taxes Levied	\$3,998,199	\$4,387,908	\$3,213,818	\$5,204,163	\$5,365,389	\$5,412,631
TOTAL COUNTY	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total County Value	1,306,162,299	1,271,405,940	1,195,462,989	1,287,064,926	1,298,003,855	1,298,706,720
Total County Taxes Levied	\$11,106,157	\$12,029,207	\$10,281,306	\$13,966,654	\$14,175,309	\$14,169,216
Net Taxes \$ Increase		\$ 923,050	\$ (1,747,900)	\$ 3,685,348	\$ 208,655	\$ (6,093)
Net Taxes % Increase		8.31%	-14.53%	35.85%	1.49%	-0.04%

PT-32.1 - Computation of MILLAGE RATE ROLLBACK AND PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES - 2019				
COUNTY: WALKER		TAXING JURISDICTION: COUNTY-UNINCORPORATED		
ENTER VALUES AND MILLAGE RATES FOR THE APPLICABLE TAX YEARS IN YELLOW HIGHLIGHTED BOXES BELOW				
DESCRIPTION	2018 DIGEST	REASSESSMENT OF EXISTING REAL PROP	OTHER CHANGES TO TAXABLE DIGEST	2019 DIGEST
REAL	951,951,019	292,924	11,161,852	963,405,795
PERSONAL	88,433,593		408,381	88,841,974
MOTOR VEHICLES	32,972,930		(4,637,990)	28,334,940
MOBILE HOMES	12,240,064		699,988	12,940,052
TIMBER -100%	762,345		(297,478)	464,867
HEAVY DUTY EQUIP			0	
GROSS DIGEST	1,086,359,951	292,924	7,334,753	1,093,987,628
EXEMPTIONS	185,819,031		16,640,902	202,459,933
NET DIGEST	900,540,920	292,924	(9,306,149)	891,527,695
	(PYD)	(RVA)	(NAG)	(CYD)
2018 MILLAGE RATE: 9.838		2019 MILLAGE RATE: 9.822		
CALCULATION OF ROLLBACK RATE				
DESCRIPTION	ABBREVIATION	AMOUNT	FORMULA	
2018 Net Digest	PYD	900,540,920	(PYD+RVA+NAG)	
Net Value Added-Reassessment of Existing Real Property	RVA	292,924		
Other Net Changes to Taxable Digest	NAG	(9,306,149)		
2019 Net Digest	CYD	891,527,695		
2018 Millage Rate	PYM	9.838	PYM	
Millage Equivalent of Reassessed Value Added	ME	0.003	(RVA/CYD) * PYM	
Rollback Millage Rate for 2019	RR - ROLLBACK RATE	9.835	PYM - ME	
CALCULATION OF PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES				
If the 2019 Proposed Millage Rate for this Taxing Jurisdiction exceeds Rollback Millage Rate computed above, this section will automatically calculate the amount of increase in property taxes that is part of the notice required in O.C.G.A. § 48-5-32.1(c) (2)	Rollback Millage Rate	9.835		
	2019 Millage Rate	9.822		
	Percentage Tax Increase	-0.13%		
CERTIFICATIONS				
I hereby certify that the amount indicated above is an accurate accounting of the total net assessed value added by the reassessment of existing real property for the tax year for which this rollback millage rate is being computed.				
		8-6-19		
Chairman, Board of Tax Assessors		Date		
I hereby certify that the values shown above are an accurate representation of the digest values and exemption amounts for the applicable tax years.				
		7-24-2019		
Tax Collector or Tax Commissioner		Date		
I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct computation of the rollback millage rate in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 48-5-32.1 for the taxing jurisdiction for tax year 2019 and that the final millage rate set by the authority of this taxing jurisdiction for tax year 2019 is _____				
CHECK THE APPROPRIATE PARAGRAPH BELOW THAT APPLIES TO THIS TAXING JURISDICTION				
<input type="checkbox"/>	If the final millage rate set by the authority of the taxing jurisdiction for tax year 2019 exceeds the rollback rate, I certify that the required advertisements, notices, and public hearings have been conducted in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 48-5-32 and 48-5-32.1 as evidenced by the attached copies of the published "five year history and current digest" advertisement and the "Notice of Intent to Increase Taxes" showing the times and places when and where the required public hearings were held, and a copy of the press release provided to the local media.			
<input type="checkbox"/>	If the final millage rate set by the authority of the taxing jurisdiction for tax year 2019 does not exceed the rollback rate, I certify that the required "five year history and current digest" advertisement has been published in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 48-5-32 as evidenced by the attached copy of such advertised report.			
_____ Responsible Party		_____ Title		_____ Date

PT-32.1 - Computation of MILLAGE RATE ROLLBACK AND PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES - 2019				
COUNTY: WALKER		TAXING JURISDICTION: COUNTY INCORPORATED		
ENTER VALUES AND MILLAGE RATES FOR THE APPLICABLE TAX YEARS IN YELLOW HIGHLIGHTED BOXES BELOW				
DESCRIPTION	2018 DIGEST	REASSESSMENT OF EXISTING REAL PROP	OTHER CHANGES TO TAXABLE DIGEST	2019 DIGEST
REAL	323,069,853	598,069	2,007,844	325,675,766
PERSONAL	126,600,921		10,203,682	136,804,603
MOTOR VEHICLES	5,953,080		(1,129,510)	4,823,570
MOBILE HOMES	107,903		14,286	122,189
TIMBER -100%	8,000		500	8,500
HEAVY DUTY EQUIP			0	
GROSS DIGEST	455,739,757	598,069	11,096,802	467,434,628
EXEMPTIONS	52,768,493		7,487,110	60,255,603
NET DIGEST	402,971,264	598,069	3,609,692	407,179,025
	(PYD)	(RVA)	(NAG)	(CYD)
2018 MILLAGE RATE:	13.330		2019 MILLAGE RATE:	13.293
CALCULATION OF ROLLBACK RATE				
DESCRIPTION	ABBREVIATION	AMOUNT	FORMULA	
2018 Net Digest	PYD	402,971,264		
Net Value Added-Reassessment of Existing Real Property	RVA	598,069		
Other Net Changes to Taxable Digest	NAG	3,609,692		
2019 Net Digest	CYD	407,179,025	(PYD+RVA+NAG)	
2018 Millage Rate	PYM	13.330	PYM	
Millage Equivalent of Reassessed Value Added	ME	0.020	(RVA/CYD) * PYM	
Rollback Millage Rate for 2019	RR - ROLLBACK RATE	13.310	PYM - ME	
CALCULATION OF PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES				
If the 2019 Proposed Millage Rate for this Taxing Jurisdiction exceeds Rollback Millage Rate computed above, this section will automatically calculate the amount of increase in property taxes that is part of the notice required in O.C.G.A. § 48-5-32.1(c) (2)		Rollback Millage Rate	13.310	
		2019 Millage Rate	13.293	
		Percentage Tax Increase	-0.13%	
CERTIFICATIONS				
I hereby certify that the amount indicated above is an accurate accounting of the total net assessed value added by the reassessment of existing real property for the tax year for which this rollback millage rate is being computed.				
		8-6-19		
Buddy Chapman		Date		
Chairman, Board of Tax Assessors				
I hereby certify that the values shown above are an accurate representation of the digest values and exemption amounts for the applicable tax years.				
		7-24-2019		
Carolyn W. Walker		Date		
Tax Collector or Tax Commissioner				
I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct computation of the rollback millage rate in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 48-5-32.1 for the taxing jurisdiction for tax year 2019 and that the final millage rate set by the authority of this taxing jurisdiction for tax year 2019 is _____				
CHECK THE APPROPRIATE PARAGRAPH BELOW THAT APPLIES TO THIS TAXING JURISDICTION				
<input type="checkbox"/>	If the final millage rate set by the authority of the taxing jurisdiction for tax year 2019 exceeds the rollback rate, I certify that the required advertisements, notices, and public hearings have been conducted in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 48-5-32 and 48-5-32.1 as evidenced by the attached copies of the published "five year history and current digest" advertisement and the "Notice of Intent to Increase Taxes" showing the times and places when and where the required public hearings were held, and a copy of the press release provided to the local media.			
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Responsible Party		Title		Date

K9

From A2

from me, vehicle chases in which they crash and ended up turning, or other foot pursuits.

So, he had had six times where he had done that on-the-scene before. And, was that including November?

No, November made sense.

And, July made sense. So, what was happening in November, when he bit you?

Rocky knew when we were getting out of the car just to be getting out. And, people could see it, because I could pop his door and let him out and he would let me go, you know? But, if we were getting out to go to work, his whole demeanor would change. He was nothing but business. He got out and he was looking around.

Is that the way you are?

I am. Every K9 handler, if you look at them, they are looking at their dog, if they have been together any amount of time, they're identical. The dog starts mimicking the handler.

But, if you have like a K9 handler that's easy-going and laid-back, their dog's going to be like that. If you have somebody, kind of like me, somebody high-strung person. I go out and I get into stuff. The dog tends to be like that. Over time, since we are around each other 24/7, when I got him out of the car in November, he knew we were there to work.

When I got in front of that van in the driveway, I had to give the warning. When I did, it was like a light switched on, and he was like "I know what we are doing. We are going to go look for somebody. Someone's done run or something."

And he was ready to pull me, looking back like "Let's go, what are you waiting on, let's go?" My instructor gave me some things to work on. My instructor was in the Marine Corp for 20-something years. He was a dog trainer in the Marine Corp, and he came out of the Marine Corp and got to training dogs, so he has got years of experience.

So, he has seen all kinds of situations like that, and what did he tell you?

He told me he had had almost the exact same scenario happen to him. He went to send a dog in the house in Afghanistan, but then he saw two kids in the house, so he pulled the dog out, but the dog turned on him and got him on the leg. He said, "You tell them to go, and then you tell them don't, and it confuses them." He also said "it's not uncommon."

It's almost like it is releasing their tension to bite.

In a split second you tell them "no," it confuses them. So, he gave me some things to work on, some basic stuff, and to work back up and we did. I was out of work for awhile after that November incident due to the arm bite. When I came back there were other incidents; scenes that we've been on, and he had been fine. He listened. Just something about that Saturday in July...

Was there anything different about that Saturday than any other time?

No. Did you give him the command and say "no"?

No. He heard the other officers giving commands, because there were four people hiding in that house. And, he heard that, and he thought "It was time to go," but I was like "No," and he wasn't having it. Which, we had been out there already for like 45 minutes.

Have you ever been out at a scene like that for that long under those circumstances?

No. Not using him. Normally, if we have the dogs it's happening quick, especially with me, if someone runs on me, there's no stopping and waiting around. He's been on scenes that lasted long, but he has been in the vehicle, never out like that. I think just a mixture of that long

I honestly believe he turned to come back by my side, but in that chaotic heat of the moment when he turned, my leg was stuck out, and when he saw that leg he reacted.

How is your leg?

Well, he never broke the skin, because he just ripped my pant leg off and I jumped back and said, "What are you doing?" I messed up when he

was ripping my pant leg off. I reached down with this arm to grab him, which is a big "no no" in the canine world, because it's called "coming over the top," and that's when he comes up next and get my arm.

That day, I was able to choke him off me, which in the real world, ideally, you want them to listen to your commands. But, in the real world of apprehension, they are half the time not listening, because they're in that "zone" and so you have to choke them off, and it doesn't hurt them.

There are two ways of doing it. You can grab their collar and roll their collar up or you can go around them and grab them in a chokehold. And, as soon as you cut that air, they let go, and as soon as they let go, you let go and give them their air. They train you to do that in the Ky training school, because in the real world they're more than likely not going to listen to you.

Out of the six bites that Rocky had, not counting mine, I only had to choke him off one time from someone else. He was pretty good at listening, even in the zone. But then there was my time and that other time with the other person. But, it was because of the environment, because the other times it wasn't but a few of us there at the scene, so it was less chaotic.

After that happened to you in November did you have an apprehension about going back to work with him or did you just think it was because you had to call him back from the command you had just given?

I wasn't really apprehensive about it. I called my trainer that I had when I was in school, and I said, "Scott," here's what happened and that was the first time in almost four years. In those four years, he would turn sometimes and kind of look at me as if to say "Hey, come on, come on," but he was never like...

And, they tell us in school too: "It's not 'if' you are going to get bit by your own dog, it's 'when'."

and all that adrenaline going, people walking around, and he knew something was going on, we weren't out there just to walk around.

How do these dogs de-stress at the end of the workday? Was Rocky's only way of de-stressing playing with the Kong?

Yes, basically, I would say the Kong would be the only way.

Well, I thank you for your time. I thank you for re-visiting what has to be a very emotional thing for you.

It is. Especially so soon after this tragic incident, yet you were willing to do it. Thank you for that willingness to speak.

Okay, you know, every handler dreads this, but no handler thinks it will ever happen. But it has happened. Yes, and it has happened elsewhere, more than just once. So, it happens, unfortunately.

It was a week after this happened in November, I believe it was in Florida somewhere, the actual handler was gone out of town, and one of the other handlers in the department was feeding his dog — just like we do here, if I go out of town, one of the other handlers would come and feed Rocky, and even my sister and my nieces would feed him (because I live right next door to him) — but that other handler went to feed that dog that day and had his food, walked in the kennel, went to set down his food, and the dog turned on him.

And it would not listen to his commands. And this is another handler that walks with this dog every day, and he ended up having to shoot him. And there was another one in Texas somewhere. A similar incident, as they were on a warrant service and the dog turned on the handler. People just don't know, because it hasn't happened around here, so they really hadn't seen it.

And, they tell us in school too: "It's not 'if' you are going to get bit by your own dog, it's 'when'."

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Walker County Sheriff's Office booking report for July 8-14

Staff reports

- Kinsey, James Thomas, 52, LaFayette, violation probation (felony)
• Slaton, Swanna Susset, 29, 21 Ten Rose Lane, Ringgold, violation probation (misdemeanor)
• Rodriguez, Victor Nasario, 29, 61 Creekside Way, Chatsworth, driving while license suspended or revoked (first offense)
• Nordin, Johnny William, 514 Dunwoody Road, LaFayette, theft by shoplifting (misdemeanor)
• Brooks, Latia Danielle, 38, 4921 Jeffery Lane, Chattanooga, Tenn., failure to appear (misdemeanor)
• Pendergraft, Christopher Douglas, 31, 853 Kristen Drive, Chickamauga, violation probation (felony)
• Woods, James Wayne, 23, 104 Timney Road, Trion, violation probation (felony)
• Moran, Thomas William Jr., 34, 12420 Hickory Lane, Cottondale, Al., violation probation (felony)
• Stoker, Ronnie Lynn, 47, 304 Jackson St., LaFayette, possession of a Schedule IV controlled substance, possession of meth with intent to distribute
• Pursley, Quentin Timmo-

- thy Lee II, 28, 212 Catoosa St., Rossville, simple battery
• Chilton, Robert Wallace, 60, 5033 357 Highway, LaFayette, violation probation (felony)
• Broadrick, Roger Dale, 56, 60 Rosser Road, Trion, open container violation, possession and use of drug-related object, possession of meth
• Russell, Bradley Ward, 38, 131 Airport Road, Trion, giving false name, address, or birth date to law enforcement, open container violation, failure to appear (misdemeanor), violation of probation (misdemeanor)

- Harris, Roger Dale, 46, 700 Thomas Avenue, Chickamauga, open container violation, DUI (alcohol)
• Harris, Claude Jackson, 32, 115 Heggie St., Rossville, pedestrian under the influence
• Underwood, Melanie Neal, 53, 724 West 12th St., Chickamauga, simple battery (family violence)
• Morrison, Michael Brantley, 40, 220 Hinewatha Circle, Chickamauga, hold for other agency
• Dodson, Dennis Eugene, 66, 1619 Castleberry Avenue,

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Governing Authority of Walker County, Georgia proposes to create an Enhanced Services Special Tax District consisting of 1,095 parcels in the area of the Georgia/Tennessee state line, bounded in part by Salem Road and Dry Creek. Ord. 19 establishes the Wilson Road Neighborhood district for the purpose of funding streetscape improvements. Public hearings on the proposed ordinance will be held on August 8, 2019 & August 22, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Walker County Courthouse Annex III, 201 S Main Street in LaFayette, GA. Copies of the proposed ordinance are available for review at the Commissioner's Office (101 S Duke St, LaFayette) and online at walkercountyga.gov.

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Table with columns: UNINCORPORATED, INCORPORATED, CURRENT 2019 TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY. Rows include Real & Personal, Motor Vehicles, Mobile Homes, Heavy Duty Equipment, Gross Digest, Less M&O Exemptions, Net M&O Digest, Adjusted Net M&O Digest, Gross M&O Millage, Less Millage Rate Rollbacks, Net M&O Millage Rate, Net Taxes Levied, and TOTAL COUNTY. Columns include 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019.

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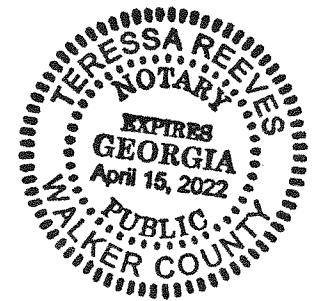
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UNINCORPORATED	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Real & Personal	959,418,272	961,941,749	1,004,774,498	1,018,332,049	1,040,384,492	1,052,247,769
Motor Vehicles	93,110,510	68,887,190	52,994,480	41,373,460	32,972,930	28,324,940
Mobile Homes	12,569,627	12,968,613	12,656,306	12,771,772	12,240,064	12,940,052
Timber - 100%	303,269	472,005	422,554	812,422	782,345	464,867
Heavy Duty Equipment						
Gross Digest	1,065,391,618	1,044,269,557	1,070,847,838	1,073,289,703	1,086,359,831	1,093,987,628
Less M & O Exemptions	145,267,660	154,919,162	189,152,535	182,611,665	190,860,792	202,459,933
Net M & O Digest	920,123,958	889,350,395	901,695,303	890,678,038	895,499,039	891,527,695
State Forest Land Assistance Grant Value	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adjusted Net M&O Digest	920,123,958	889,350,395	901,695,303	890,678,038	895,499,039	891,527,695

Walker County Departmental Statistics - July 2019



Department	Monthly Totals				YTD Totals		Yearly Totals		Yearly Totals		Yearly Totals	
	June		July		2019		2018		2017		2016	
	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats
Animal Shelter												
Intake	76	38	60	10	590	183	1,176	25	1,628	979	1,301	1,004
Outake (Adopted, Rescued, Returned)	108	48	57	25	586	179	1,012	47	1,134	444	817	195
Adopted	20	22	18	17	143	81	138	34	217	147	304	94
Rescued	79	26	32	8	383	97	749	13	686	295	513	101
Returned to Owner	9	0	7	0	60	1	125	0	231	2	n/a	n/a
Euthanized	6	0	3	1	18	1	56	2	336	396	436	630

Codes Enforcement	June	July	2019	2018	2017	2016
In Compliance	1,177	965	4,481	5,124	4,745	no data
Violations	29	25	248	857	1,469	221
Closed Cases	0	2	26	339	480	no data

Fire Department	June	July	2019	2018	2017	2016
Calls for Service	504	466	3,511	5,670	4,441	3,492
Units Handling Calls for Service	727	621	4,936	6,359	4,742	no data
Smoke Alarms Installed	54	34	568	228	21	no data

Litter	June	July	2019	2018	2017	2016
Roadside Trash Pounds	6,340	9,920	59,960	122,912	123,020	no data

Mountain Cove Farms	June	July	2019	2018	2017	2016
Total Nights Booked	80	67	553	908	525	162

Planning	June	July	2019	2018	2017	2017
Single Family New Home Construction	7	8	63	124	135	123

Public Relations	June	July	2019	2018	2017	2016
Media Impressions (stories)	36	38	278	509	603	no data
Facebook Followers Added	209	148	1,378	2,182	4,615	no data
Facebook Posts	70	44	386	487	594	no data
WalkerCountyGA.gov visitor views	29,333	27,141	213,923	316,285	399,087	173,745
Newsletter Subscribers Added	84	2	758	925	1,184	no data

Public Works	June	July	2019	2018	2017	2016
Patching/Potholes	239	741	4,453	4,798	no data	no data

Walker Transit	June	July	2019	2018	2017	2016
Total Trips	2,146	2,408	15,468	21,551	24,938	no data