

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 22, 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 August 8, 2019

New Business:

- I. Proclamation for Constitution Week
- II. Proclamation for Patriot Day
- III. Proclamation of Appreciation for Dogwood City Grotto
- IV. Resolution R-018-19 to create a local Complete Count Committee for the 2020 Census
- V. Resolution R-019-19 to Appropriate Funds for Capital Equipment for the Walker County Animal Shelter
- VI. Purchase Order 2019-00001258 2019 RAM ProMaster 2500 Van for the Walker County Animal Shelter

- VII. Purchase Order 2019-00001308, Replacing 2 Water Chiller units in South attic of main Courthouse
- VIII. Dinesh Patel requests a rezone from C-1 to R-2 for property located at 906 LaFayette Road Rossville GA 30741. Tax Map 0-206-059 **(Planning Commission recommends denial.)**
- IX. Dinesh Patel requests a rezone from C-1 to R-2 for property located at 908 LaFayette Road Rossville GA 30741. Tax Map 0-206-060 **(Planning Commission recommends denial.)**
- X. Alma Fisher Estate requests a partial rezone A-1 to R-2 for property located at 1669 Boss Road Chickamauga, GA 30707. Tax Map 0-281-002 **(Planning Commission recommends approval with conditions.)**

Adjournment: Commissioner Whitfield will adjourn the Scheduled Meeting

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, September 12, 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
August 8, 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 August 8, 2019.

II. Attendees

The following persons were present: Commissioner Shannon Whitfield, Finance Officer Greg McConnell, Tax Commissioner Carolyn Walker, Tax Assessor Terry Gilreath, 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 discussed Resolution R-017-19 in regards to setting Walker County's millage rate at 9.822 in the unincorporated areas and 13.293 in the incorporated areas. This was posted in the paper and posted at the Commissioner's Office and to knowledge he hasn't had any calls regarding this nor any questions or concerns. A concerned citizen asked what kind of increase is the millage rate. Commissioner Whitfield explained that it is actually a flat, just a little decrease. The goal was to try to keep the millage rate flat so there is no increase. Commissioner Whitfield asked Mrs. Walker and Terry Gilreath if they had any information to add, neither had any additional comments or information. A concerned citizen asked why the decrease?

Commissioner Whitfield replied, "It's a moving target every year based off the assessment value. The rate increased two mills in 2017 and our goal was to maintain consistency and keep it as flat as possible, the millage rate is a very complicated and frustrating system to be honest and we were able to keep it as flat as we could. Commissioner Whitfield explained at this time he would sign 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. Mr. Eugene Logan asked did the Erlanger debt go into the millage rate increase previously. Commissioner Whitfield explained they were two completely different entities. There is the millage rate on the property and a special tax district The Public Health Facilities fee and we refer to that as the Erlanger fee. That was \$140.00 based off of the every \$100,000.00 assessment value. If a person had \$100,000.00 property it was \$140.00, if it was \$200,000.00 it would have been \$280.00. We first thought we would have to collect it over three years but about six months later we were able to negotiate about two million dollar reduction by asking them to forgive the interest, attorney fees and court costs. This reduced the amount we needed to raise and collection rates were much stronger than we anticipated and so we were able to sunset after two years of collection. So this will not be on anyone's 2019 tax bill. I will be glad to provide anyone with a copy of this but one thing that is required by the state is a five year history and this was also advertised in the paper. The unincorporated rate in 2016 was 7.838, 2017 and 2018 both was 9.838 and 2019 is going to be 9.822. So we increased 2 mills in the unincorporated in 2016 to 2017 and a few points less in 2019. In the incorporated 2016 was 10.940 in 2017 it was 13.129 and this year is going to be 13.293. This gives a good summary of the overall digest.

II. Commissioner Whitfield reviewed the Departmental Statistics for July 2019

IV. Adjournment: The Commissioner's Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM

VIII. Public Comment

{Audio Recording of Regular Scheduled Commissioner's Meeting and comments are on file in Commissioner's Office – 19-08-08}

IX. Commissioner Comments

{Audio Recording of Regular Scheduled Commissioner's Meeting
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Minutes approved by:

Shannon K. Whitfield
Sole Commissioner
Walker County Georgia

Date

Minutes prepared by: Walker County Clerk, Rebecca Wooden



BY THE SOLE COMMISSIONER OF WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
A PROCLAMATION
CONSTITUTION WEEK

WHEREAS: The Constitution of the United States of America embodies the principles of limited government in a Republic dedicated to rule by law; and

WHEREAS: September 17, 2019 marks the two hundred and thirty-second anniversary of the framing of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

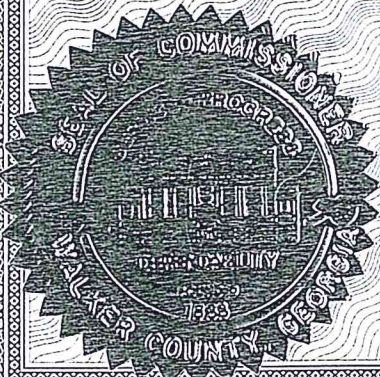
WHEREAS: It is a privilege and is in the best interest of our County and the nation that we express our gratitude to our forefathers whose sacrifices should serve as constant reminders of the high-price of liberty; and

WHEREAS: The Daughters of the American Revolution has dedicated the month of September of each year to the cause of our great soldiers' that sacrificed their lives; and

WHEREAS: This celebration of the Constitution was started by the Daughters of the American Revolution and adopted by the U.S. Congress and signed into law by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on August 2, 1956;

THEREFORE: I, Shannon K. Whitfield, Sole Commissioner of Walker County, Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 17-23 as CONSTITUTION WEEK in Walker County, Georgia and ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties.

Signed and sealed this 22nd day of August in the year 2019.



Shannon K. Whitfield, Sole Commissioner
Walker County, Georgia

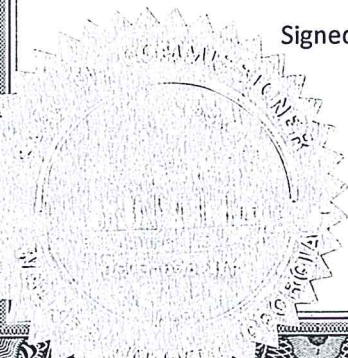


BY THE SOLE COMMISSIONER OF WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
A PROCLAMATION
PATRIOT DAY

- WHEREAS: The terrorist attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001 claimed the lives of nearly 3,000 people, including some 400 emergency workers; and
- WHEREAS: We grieved as a nation, but were also heartened by the acts of courage and compassion demonstrated by our firefighters, law enforcement officers and other first responders who worked tirelessly to render aid during a chaotic ordeal; and
- WHEREAS: In memory of those we lost, we vow to keep moving forward. Let us have confidence in the values that make us American and the unity we sustain every year on this anniversary. Let us stand together and recognize that united we can overcome any challenge or confrontation; and
- WHEREAS: On December 18, 2001, Congress and President George W. Bush approved Public Law 107-89, designating September 11th of each year as Patriot Day in remembrance of those whose lives were lost and in honor of the brave and selfless heroes who risked their lives that day; and
- WHEREAS: The community is encouraged to attend events like the *First Responders Remembrance Service* at the Walker County Courthouse on 9/11 to hear stories from first responders;
- THEREFORE: I, Shannon K. Whitfield, Sole Commissioner of Walker County, Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2019 as PATRIOT DAY in Walker County, Georgia in recognition of the courageous men and women who gave their lives in service to others to protect our liberties. I encourage all citizens to observe a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 a.m. to honor the innocent victims who perished as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

Signed and sealed this 22nd day of August in the year 2019.

Shannon K. Whitfield, Sole Commissioner
Walker County, Georgia





BY THE SOLE COMMISSIONER OF WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

APPRECIATION FOR DOGWOOD CITY GROTTO

WHEREAS: The Dogwood City Grotto of Atlanta, Georgia has been a major supporter of individuals and groups who engage in the rescue of persons lost or injured in caves and caverns throughout Georgia and the Southeast; and

WHEREAS: In 1973, the Dogwood City Grotto formed a rescue section to assist Walker County Civil Defense in providing cave rescue services within the county; and

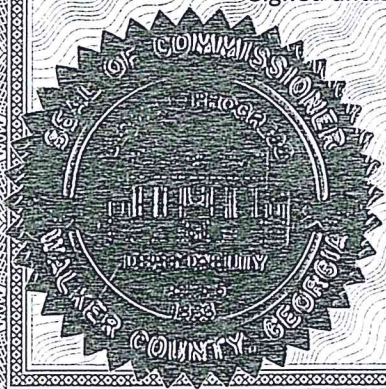
WHEREAS: The Dogwood City Grotto continued its support when Walker County transitioned cave rescue services from Civil Defense to Walker County Fire Rescue; and

WHEREAS: Since 1990, the Dogwood City Grotto has provided the Walker County Cave and Cliff Team with thousands of dollars in grant funding for equipment, while also providing a venue for the team's annual fundraiser; and

WHEREAS: The Dogwood City Grotto also provides cave rescue training for its own membership, in order to support Walker County's Cave and Cliff Team during multi-day cave rescues when additional trained resources are needed;

THEREFORE: I, Shannon K. Whitfield, Sole Commissioner of Walker County, Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 7, 2019 as DOGWOOD CITY GROTTO DAY in Walker County, Georgia and encourage all of our citizens to show their appreciation to members of this organization for putting their lives on the line in the service of others.

Signed and sealed this 22nd day of August in the year 2019.



Shannon K. Whitfield, Sole Commissioner
Walker County, Georgia

RESOLUTION R-018-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOLE COMMISSIONER OF WALKER COUNTY TO CREATE A LOCAL COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE FOR THE 2020 CENSUS

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau is required by the United States Constitution to conduct a count of all persons; and

WHEREAS, the Census count requires extensive work, and the Census Bureau requires partners at the state and local level to ensure a complete and accurate count; and

WHEREAS, the Walker County Complete Count Committee will work with the U.S. Census Bureau and the State of Georgia to strive for an accurate count; and

WHEREAS, the Walker County Complete Count Committee will bring together a cross section of community members who will utilize their local knowledge and expertise to reach out to all persons of our community; and

WHEREAS, a united voice from business, government, education, community and faith-based organizations and others will enable the 2020 Census message to reach more of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the following individuals shall be designated as official Walker County Complete Count Committee members:

- Andy Arnold
- Rhonda Beasley
- Anissa Collins
- Lecia Eubanks
- Matt Harris
- Joe Legge
- Johnetta McSears
- Herman Moore
- Rachel Oesch
- Jim Sabourin
- Eddie Upshaw
- Robert Wardlaw
- Elizabeth Wells
- Lacey Wilson

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sole Commissioner of Walker County, Georgia, that Walker County is committed to

1. Partner with the U.S. Census Bureau and the State of Georgia through the Walker County Complete Count Committee to support the goals and ideals for the 2020 Census and will disseminate 2020 Census information.
2. Encourage all Walker County residents to participate in events and initiatives that will raise the overall awareness of the 2020 Census and increase participation.
3. Achieve a complete and accurate count of all persons within our borders.

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

SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of August, 2019.

ATTEST:

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

REBECCA WOODEN, County Clerk

SHANNON K. WHITFIELD, Sole Commissioner

RESOLUTION R-019-19

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE WALKER COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 36-81-3 provides for a County to adopt a "summary line item" legal level of budgetary control whereby the governing authority controls county spending; and

WHEREAS, Resolution R-019-17 established the legal level of budgetary control for Walker County at the summarized object classification level (e.g. Personnel Expenses, Operating Expenses, Capital Outlay); and

WHEREAS, funding in the amount of \$30,188.50 is available from donations to the Walker County Animal Shelter; and

WHEREAS, the Walker County Animal Shelter is in need of a vehicle for transporting animals and equipment to and from the Walker County Animal Shelter.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED,

1. That the Walker County governing authority allocates funding in the amount of \$30,188.50 from donations to the Walker County Animal Shelter to the line item for capital vehicles (100.3910.542200.00).

SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of August, 2019.

ATTEST:

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

REBECCA WOODEN, County Clerk

SHANNON K. WHITFIELD, Sole Commissioner

SHIP TO

WALKER COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER
5488 NORTH MARBLE TOP ROAD
CHICKAMAUGA, GA 30707

BILL TO

WALKER COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER
5488 NORTH MARBLE TOP ROAD
CHICKAMAUGA, GA 30707

**REPRINT PURCHASE
ORDER
NO. 2019-00001258**

DATE 08/09/2019

VENDOR 63572 MTN VIEW CHRYLSER DODGE

CONTACT

MTN VIEW CHRYLSER DODGE
6276 ALABAMA HWY
RINGOOLD, GA 30736

**DELIVER BY
SHIP VIA
FREIGHT TERMS
ORIGINATOR
RESOLUTION #
PAYMENT TERMS**

Whitfield, Shannon

QUANTITY	U/M	DESCRIPTION	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
1.0000	EA	Capital - Vehicles - 2019 RAM ProMaster 2500 Van VIN#E512295	\$30,188.5000	\$30,188.50
TOTAL DUE				\$30,188.50

APPROVED BY _____

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Empty box for special instructions.



Date: 08/09/2019 11:30:45 AM

Salesperson:

Manager: Zach Rand

Vendor = 63572

FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY

BUSINESS NAME

Home Phone:

CONTACT

Address :

Work Phone:

E-Mail :

Cell Phone:

VEHICLE

Stock # : 8103

New / Used :

VIN : 3C6TRVDG5KE512295

Mileage : 15007

Vehicle : 2019 RAM ProMaster 2500

Color : WHITE

Type : High Roof Cargo

TRADE IN

Payoff :

VIN :

Mileage :

Vehicle :

Color :

Type :

Selling Price

31,250.00

Discount

1,750.00

Adjusted Price

29,500.00

Total Purchase

29,500.00

Trade Allowance

Trade Difference

ETR

7.50

Doc Fee

599.00

Non Tax Fees

82.00

Trade Payoff

Cash Deposit

Balance

30,188.50

Customer Approval:

Management Approval:

By signing this authorization form, you certify that the above personal information is correct and accurate, and authorize the release of credit and employment information. By signing above, I provide to the dealership and its affiliates consent to communicate with me about my vehicle or any future vehicles using electronic, verbal and written communications including but not limited to eMail, text messaging, SMS, phone calls and direct mail. Terms and Conditions subject to credit approval. For Information Only. This is not an offer or contract for sale.

SHIP TO

WALKER CO COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
101 S DUKE ST
LA FAYETTE, GA 30728

BILL TO

WALKER CO COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
PO BOX 445
LA FAYETTE, GA 30728

REPRINT PURCHASE
ORDER
NO. 2019-00001308

DATE 08/19/2019

VENDOR 55559 JAKE MARSHALL SERVICE INC

CONTACT

JAKE MARSHALL SERVICE INC
P O BOX 4324
CHATTANOOGA, TN 37405

DELIVER BY
SHIP VIA
FREIGHT TERMS
ORIGINATOR
RESOLUTION #
PAYMENT TERMS

Whitfield, Shannon

QUANTITY	U/M	DESCRIPTION	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
2.0000	EA	Capital - Building Improvements - Replace 2 Water Chiller units in south attic of main Courthouse	\$15,916.5000	\$31,833.00
TOTAL DUE				\$31,833.00

APPROVED BY _____

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS



JAKE MARSHALL SERVICE, INC.

*** PROJECT ***

DATE: 06/05/19 | PROPOSAL NUMBER: FD09-313 | PAGE: 1 OF 1

BY AND BETWEEN:

JAKE MARSHALL SERVICE, INC
420 Howell Drive
Dalton, GA 30720

AND

Walker Co Courthouse
Lafayette GA

REF: Walker Co Courthouse AC Replacements
ATTN: Stacy Higdon

JAKE MARSHALL SERVICE, INC. WILL PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING TO CUSTOMER:

Supply equipment, parts and labor to replace the 2 units in the south end attic. All duct, piping and electrical will be removed the day prior to lifting equipment. The windows will be removed (by the county) from the end of the building and the old units lowered down by crane. The new units will be set up and in through the window opening. The new units will be hung and electrical connections made. All duct will be reinstalled the following day. All controls will be connected back to units.

All work is figured on **regular hours** unless otherwise stated.

Total Installed Price: \$ 31,833.00

This document is the proprietary property of JAKE MARSHALL SERVICE, INC. and is provided for your use only. This Agreement will become effective upon an authorized officer's and customer's signature. This Agreement shall constitute the entire Agreement between the parties and all prior Agreements are hereby superseded. This Agreement sets forth all of the Terms and Conditions binding upon the parties hereto; and no person has authority to make any claim, representation, promise or condition on behalf of Contractor which is not expressed herein.

SUBMITTED to CUSTOMER by:

Al Roach

Representative 423-421-4801
JAKE MARSHALL SERVICE, INC.

ACCEPTED by:

CUSTOMER SIGNATURE

Licenses

TN State Mechanical Lic. # 02116 CMC; MU-A; E-I; Unlimited Expires 3/31/2013
City Of Chattanooga Mechanical Lic. # 045 Expires 10/31/2012, Gas Lic. # 1061 Expires 6/30/2013
Hamilton County Gas Lic. # G190 Expires 9/30/2013

Georgia State Lic. # CN007052 Expires 11/30/2013
Alabama State Mechanical Lic. # 83481 Expires 12/31/2013
Alabama State Gas Lic. # 4681 Expires 12/31/2013
Alabama State General Contractors Lic. # S-40939 Expires 4/30/2013

Applicant: Dinesh Patel

Map & Parcel: 0-206-059 Rezone from: C-1 to: R-2

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

_____ APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

_____ APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

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8-15-2019 DENIAL

COMMISSIONER'S FINAL DECISION:

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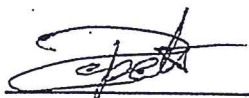
_____ DENIAL

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:


PETITIONER

5/21/19
DATE

DINESH PATEL
OWNER

5/21/19
DATE

Applicant: Dinesh Patel

Map & Parcel: D-206-060 Rezone from: C-1 to: R-2

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

_____ APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

_____ APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

_____ TABLED

8-15-2019 DENIAL

COMMISSIONER'S FINAL DECISION:

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_____ APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

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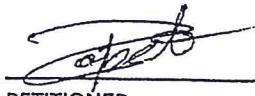
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Signature of Petitioner / Owner:



PETITIONER

5/22/19

DATE

DINESH PATEL

OWNER

5/21/19

DATE

