

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: Tuesday, November 26, 2019

Time: 6:00 PM

Invocation: Given by Commissioner Shannon Whitfield

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

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 November 14, 2019

New Business:

- I. Proclamation of Small Business Saturday
- II. Resolution R-031-19, A Resolution of the Sole Commissioner of Walker County to Appoint Members of the Walker County Planning Commission
- III. Accept resignation of Jack Michael from the Walker County Planning Commission
- IV. Purchase Order 2020-00000101, Tires for 938H Loader for Walker County Landfill

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 regular scheduled Commissioner's Meeting will be held on Thursday December 12, 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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Minutes of the Regular Scheduled Commissioner's
Meeting

November 14, 2019

I. Call to order

Commissioner Whitfield called to order the Regular Scheduled Commissioner's Meeting held at Annex III, 201 S. Main Street, Lafayette, Georgia at 4:00 PM on November 14, 2019.

II. Attendees:

The following persons were present: Commissioner Shannon Whitfield, Economic and Community Development Director Robert Wardlaw, Public Relations Director Joe Legge, Information Technology Director Curtis Creekmur, County Attorney David Gottlieb, Director of Public Works Carlen Bowers, Chief Financial Officer Greg McConnell, County Clerk Rebecca Wooden. Other guests signed in at the meeting as well, please see the attached sign in sheet.

III. Commissioner Whitfield approved and signed the minutes from the Public Hearing on October 24, 2019 and Regular Scheduled Meeting on October 24, 2019

IV. New Business:

- I. Commissioner Whitfield read and signed the Hunger Free Month Proclamation. Walker County School Superintendent Damon Raines accepted the Proclamation and pictures were taken.
- II. Commissioner Whitfield read and signed the Hospice Month Proclamation

- III. Commissioner Whitfield read Resolution R-026-19, A Resolution of the Sole Commissioner of Walker County, Georgia to Appoint a Member of the Northwest Georgia Region I Emergency Medical Services Council. Commissioner Whitfield recognized the appointment and thanked EMA Director Curtis Creekmur for such an outstanding job. A lot of times this goes unrecognized because it's a behind the scenes kind of guy but I want to thank you for all that you do. We don't want this to go unnoticed and I am happy to appoint you to this board. Curtis Creekmur thanked Commissioner Whitfield and Walker County for the opportunity to serve the County.
- IV. Commissioner Whitfield read and approved Resolution R-027-19, A Resolution of the Sole Commissioner of Walker County, Georgia to Identify and Appoint a County Attorney Responsible for Walker County Legal Matters and Services. Commissioner Whitfield introduced David Gottlieb and explained that he is on the job and working hard. He has been drinking from a fire hose the past few days trying to get him up to speed with everything. He thanked Mr. Gottlieb for coming on board and appreciates everything he is doing. It's great that we get someone with your integrity and talent to be a part of Walker County. It was exciting when we could put this all together and make the announcement. Mr. Gottlieb thanked Commissioner Whitfield for the opportunity and stated he is looking forward to serving the citizens of the county.
- V. Commissioner Whitfield read and approved Resolution R-028-19, A Resolution of the Sole Commissioner of Walker County Setting the Compensation for the Solicitor General of State Court of Walker County
- VI. Commissioner Whitfield read and approved Resolution R-029-19, A Resolution of the Sole Commissioner of Walker County to Declare Property of the Walker County Board of Elections and Registration Unserviceable Surplus and Remove from the County Inventory. Commissioner Whitfield explained he had been approached by Elections Manager Danielle Montgomery a few days back and she had been requested by the state to go thru the proper procedures to facilitate by the state for them to come by and pick up all of the voting equipment that had been used the past few years in Walker County. Walker County has used those machines for the last time. With the upcoming election there will be new voting machines and equipment provided by the state. There is quiet an extensive listing of equipment here with the

serial numbers. In order to handle this properly we are going to adopt this resolution. As you can see this listing includes machines, equipment and everything down to the power cords, scanners and everything. Danielle has done a fabulous job taking care of this and I thank her for the work she has done for Walker County.

- VII. Commissioner Whitfield read and adopted Resolution R-030-19, A Resolution of the Sole Commissioner of Walker County to Appoint a Member of the Rossville Public Library Board. Commissioner Whitfield stated he was very grateful for the service by Lynn Murdock to the Library Board, a great board member and we appreciate the dedication and service to the citizens of Rossville. We are very excited that Lorie Connell has accepted this appointment based off of the Regional Director Lecia Eubanks. It is with great honor to adopt this resolution so Ms. Lorie Connell can become an active member to the board and community. Also in this packet the letter from Ms. Eubanks and also a letter that I am going to sign; to Lorie letting her know that she has been appointed. Also a letter to Ms. Eubanks letting her know this has been accomplished per her request so she will have this for her records.
- VIII. Commissioner Whitfield explained Purchase Order 2020-00000229, for Loughridge Equipment for a Bush Hog 3810 Rotary Mower for the Road Department the total is \$18,727.00. Carlen Bowers our Public Works Director is here with us today to discuss this Purchase Order. As always any capital expenditures that exceed \$15,000.00 is brought before a public meeting. If it is in the budget or if it has to be amended we bring these before a public meeting to discuss how we are investing these tax dollars to make Walker County better. Commissioner Whitfield asked Carlen Bowers to briefly summarize what this machine will be. Carlen Bowers explained this machine should be on the roads next spring and we should have it in about four weeks. It isn't necessarily a replacement but just adding it to our inventory. If a machine goes down I will have another machine to cover and it's mainly to fill in downtime in between breakdowns. This will not solve our problems but it is definitely going to help and I appreciate it. Commissioner Whitfield explained they will have this as backup and prevent downtime. Carlen did a lot of research on this purchase, reviewed a lot of different brands and obtained quotes before deciding on this machine. This came back as being

the best piece of equipment with the best value and also was able to work out the purchase with a local vendor.

IX. Commissioner Whitfield explained Walker County is the physical agent for the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit for all four counties. Since I've been in office this grant has been received on an annual basis. Commissioner Whitfield reviewed the VOCA Grant; Subgrant# C18-8-263, Subgrantee: Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia, Project Title: District Attorney's Office, Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit District Attorney VWAP. Allocation 1 is Federal Funds \$183,831.00, Matching Funds \$45,958.00, Total Funds \$229,789.00. He explained there are multiple places for him to sign in order for us to receive this grant. Commissioner Whitfield introduced Greg McConnell and asked if he could add any information. Greg explained that it's actually two grants the first is an 80%/20% match and the second is 100% federal money. This has been an ongoing grant for thirty years or longer. Commissioner Whitfield explained that on Allocation 2 Federal Funds \$55,062.00 Matching funds \$13,766 which has been waived. Commissioner Whitfield explained that it is always good when we can receive Federal dollars to help our judicial system so we are going to sign these documents.

X. Commissioner Whitfield reviewed the Walker County Departmental Statistics – October 2019

V. Adjournment: The Commissioner's Meeting was adjourned at 4:33 PM

VIII. Public Comment

{Audio Recording of Regular Scheduled Commissioner's Meeting and comments are on file in Commissioner's Office – 19-11-14}

IX. Commissioner Comments

{Audio Recording of Regular Scheduled Commissioner's Meeting comments are on file in Commissioner's Office – 19-11-14}

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
SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

- WHEREAS: Walker County recognizes the importance of small businesses to the local economy and value they bring to our community; and
- WHEREAS: Small businesses provide employment for nearly half of America's workforce, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration; and
- WHEREAS: Along with retailers and restaurants, small businesses include service based operations, like event and lodging venues, hair salons, heating and air companies, insurance agencies, lawn care and pest control; and
- WHEREAS: A recent small business impact study found 67 cents of every dollar spent at a small business stays in the local community; and
- WHEREAS: Owners of small businesses contribute to the community by supporting school programs, sponsoring youth sports teams, participating in local events and donating to area non-profit organizations; and
- WHEREAS: A majority of U.S. consumers believe it is vital to support small businesses and most are willing to pledge support for "Buy Local" type initiatives;
- THEREFORE: I, Shannon K. Whitfield, Sole Commissioner of Walker County, Georgia, do hereby proclaim Saturday, November 30th as SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY in Walker County and encourage all citizens and visitors to our community to participate by supporting local stores, businesses, restaurants and other independent merchants throughout Walker County.

Signed and sealed this 26th day of November in the year 2019.

Shannon K. Whitfield, Sole Commissioner
Walker County, Georgia





RESOLUTION R-031-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOLE COMMISSIONER OF WALKER COUNTY TO APPOINT MEMBERS OF THE WALKER COUNTY 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 Sole Commissioner appoints members to the Walker County Planning Commission for four-year terms (Walker County Code of Ordinances, 34-32); and

WHEREAS, vacancies will exist due to the expiring terms of Sid Adams and Scott McNabb on 12/31/19; and

WHEREAS, Sid Adams and Scott McNabb are duly qualified to serve as a member of the Planning Commission and have expressed a willingness to continue to serve the people of Walker County in such capacity;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sole Commissioner of Walker County, Georgia that Sid Adams and Scott McNabb are hereby approved and reappointed to the Planning Commission, under such conditions as are set forth by law, for terms concluding on December 31, 2023.

SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of November, 2019

ATTEST:

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

REBECCA WOODEN, County Clerk

SHANNON K. WHITFIELD, Sole Commissioner

November 15, 2019

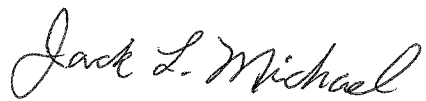
Shannon K. Whitfield
Sole Commissioner
Walker County, GA

Dear Commissioner,

Due to an ongoing medical issue, I must hereby resign my seat on the Walker Country Planning Board effective 11/30/19.

I want to thank you and the citizens of Walker County for the opportunity to serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jack L. Michael".

Jack L. Michael

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Shannon K. Whitfield
Sole Commissioner
Walker County, GA

November 26, 2019

Jack Michael
4963 W. Hwy 136
Chickamauga, GA 30707

Mr. Michael,

I would like to thank you for your service on the Walker County Planning Commission. We greatly appreciate your dedication and support to the Citizens of Walker County and I wish you the best in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Shannon K. Whitfield
Walker County Sole Commissioner

SHIP TO WALKER COUNTY LANDFILL
5120 NORTH MARBLE TOP ROAD
CHICKAMAUGA, GA 30707

BILL TO WALKER COUNTY LANDFILL
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**REPRINT PURCHASE
ORDER
NO. 2020-00000101**

DATE 11/25/2019

VENDOR 58186 SETCO

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IDABEL, OK 74745

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

QUANTITY	U/M	DESCRIPTION	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
1.0000	EA	Maintenance Services - Tires for 938H Loader	\$15,814.8100	\$15,814.81
			TOTAL DUE	\$15,814.81

APPROVED BY _____

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS