

## 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 September 10, 2020

**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 followed by Georgia Flag

#### Open of the Regular Meeting

**Minutes:** Approval of the minutes from the Public Hearing and the Regular Scheduled Commissioner's Meeting that were held on August 27, 2020

#### New Business:

- I. Submission of proposed fiscal 2021 General Fund Budget for Walker County Government
- II. Submission of proposed fiscal 2021 Enterprise Funds and Special Revenue Budget for Walker County Government
- III. Proclamation for Patriot Day 2020
- IV. Walker County Departmental Statistics – August 2020

**Adjournment:** Commissioner Whitfield will adjourn the meeting

**Open Discussion:** The business on the Agenda being completed, Commissioner Whitfield will open the floor for general discussion related to Walker County. Speakers are asked to limit their questions and comments to 5 minutes and keep topics related to county business.

*The next regular scheduled Commissioner's Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 24, 2020 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 Scheduled Public Hearing**  
**August 27, 2020**

**I. Call to order**

Commissioner Whitfield called to order the Public Hearing held at Walker County Courthouse Annex III, 201 S Main Street, LaFayette, Georgia at 6:00 PM on August 27, 2020.

**II. Attendees**

The following persons were present: Commissioner Shannon Whitfield, Planning & Zoning Director David Brown, Public Relations Director Joe Legge, County Clerk Rebecca Wooden, Legal and Policy Director David Gottlieb and Economic Director Robert Wardlaw. Other guests signed in at the meeting as well, please see the attached sign in sheet.

**III. Invocation:**

Given by Commissioner Shannon Whitfield

**IV. Pledges :**

United States Flag and Georgia Flag

**V. Open of Public Hearing:**

- I. Commissioner Whitfield explained that John Wesley & Carla Boldt requests a rezone from R-1 to A-1 for property located at 1581 Chattanooga Valley Road Flintstone, GA 30725. Tax map & parcel number 0-064-007. The first public hearing was on August the 20th, at the planning commission's meeting and this was actually tabled at that meeting. They'll be able to take this action item back up, but since this was advertised in the paper and also on the notice signs that are placed at the property, the big yellow signs, we wanted to go ahead and bring this up tonight in case anyone was here that wanted to speak on the record about this. So is there anyone here tonight that would like to speak on this rezoning request? Okay, hearing none

there will be no action taken tonight because this was actually again, tabled at the planning office. And so we will also table this here tonight.

**VII. Adjournment:** The Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:01 PM

**VIII. Public Comment**

{Audio Recording of Public Hearing and comments are on file in Commissioner's Office – 20-08-27}

**IX. 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



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**Minutes of the Regular Scheduled Meeting**  
**August 27, 2020**

**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 6:02 PM on August 27, 2020.

**II. Attendees:**

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

**III. New Business**

1. Commissioner Whitfield welcomed everyone for attending. He asked if anyone had any comments or questions concerning the minutes for our Regular Scheduled Meeting on August 13, 2020, hearing none the minutes were approved.
2. Item number one is a resolution to accept the cares act funding. Commissioner Whitfield read resolution R- 21-20 and must be signed to receive these grant dollars. Commissioner Whitfield explained this is a pass through the state of Georgia federal funds and the agenda packet, a good summary is on page 21. The other pages are just all the fine print; we got allocation from the federal government through the state of Georgia. We got an advanced payment of 30% and all cities and all counties across the state of Georgia received an advanced payment and ours was for \$837,494.93. Our accounting department has submitted

claims against that amount and those claims were all approved. And so that funding has been cleared and a hundred percent in the county's general fund and has been accepted, through the approval process through the state, the remaining amount to get you to the \$2,791,649.78 which was the grand total that difference we have that in process. We have keyed in everything that we have available to key into the system and there are some things that we cannot key in until September 1st, but we feel that we will be able to claim and be approved for all of those dollars at just shy of \$2.8 million that will come to the County. This was based off of a calculation based off of a census. And so every County, every city in Georgia was treated fairly and equally based off of the most current census data. And so this is another big reason why it's important to have an accurate count of our census because a lot of funding comes through and that's one of the fair mechanisms that the federal government or the state government can use to, to create everyone is equally as possible. We want to encourage everybody that's watching, or as part of this meeting to make sure that you have filled out the census data and encourage your friends and neighbors to do their census, because it will affect us in our allocation of any funds that would come to our cities or our county over the next 10 years. Once the data's in its good for 10 years, so all the information's there, this was an online document that we had to go ahead and sign online because nothing could start until this document was signed. And this was sent to us with a short window of opportunity to get this done. I think it shows in here actually the dates that I signed this, but we could not apply for anything until this was signed. So they sent it to us like around the 21st of July, we got it executed on the 24th. We came in toward the latter part of the month and signed that. We want to do this resolution tonight to officially accept those dollars. And that's a hundred percent funding. That's not any matching dollars that has to be put with that, that's a hundred percent funding.

3. The next item on our agenda is a resolution to adopt the local maintenance and improvement grant or the LMIG to assist in the landslide repair and Nick a Jack Road and Commissioner Whitfield read Resolution R-22-20 a resolution of the sole commissioner of Walker County to accept the local maintenance and improvement grant LMIG to assist with a landslide repair on Nick a Jack Road. I will sign this resolution and as always our clerk will attest this. Commissioner Whitfield read the letter that was included in the packet dated August 13<sup>th</sup> 2020 when we received the approval. This is their letter and also in

the packet is the scope of work and the details from GSI that we have contracted with, to do this work.

4. Commissioner Whitfield read Resolution R- 23-20 appointing Jeff Parker as Codes Official and explained he has done an outstanding job; has been with us serving as our building inspector for about the last year and a half. We get a lot of positive compliments and the people are really happy to work with him. He's a very good person and communicates well so it's great honor to appoint him to that position.
5. Commissioner Whitfield discussed the next item, a purchase order where we have purchased three trucks. You have a copy of the purchase order and also a copy of one of the window stickers, which all three trucks are identical. We just printed out one of those, but we did obtain the invoices for these three trucks that indicate the VIN numbers. We were able to pay cash for these, so there's no debt, no liens or anything like that. We wanted to bring this forward because any purchase over \$15,000 as a capital purchase, we bring forward and show how we're investing those tax dollars. So the citizens will know where those dollars are going, or if they see new vehicles up and down the road, they know where we got them, how we got them. And most importantly, how we paid for them. So we've got that. Commissioner Whitfield signed and approved the purchase order.

**IV. Adjournment:** The Regular Scheduled meeting was adjourned at 6:13 PM

**VIII. Public Comment**

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**IX. Commissioner Comments**

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Minutes approved by:

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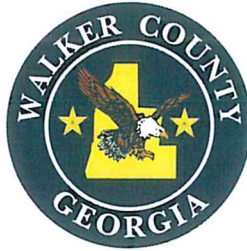
Shannon K. Whitfield  
Sole Commissioner  
Walker County Georgia

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Date

Minutes prepared by: Walker County Clerk, Rebecca Wooden





## **FISCAL 2021 GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND FISCAL 2021 ENTERPRISE FUNDS & SPECIAL REVENUE BUDGET FOR WALKER COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

The proposed FY2021 budget of the Governing Authority of Walker County, Georgia will be submitted on September 10, 2020 at the Commissioner's regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Walker County Courthouse Annex III, 201 S Main Street in LaFayette, GA.

The budget will then be available for public review at the Commissioner's Office, 101 S Duke Street in LaFayette, GA and online at [walkercountyga.gov/government/budgets](http://walkercountyga.gov/government/budgets)

Public hearings on the proposed FY2021 budget will take place:

- Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the Walker County Civic Center, 10052 Highway 27, Rock Spring, GA
- Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at Walker County Courthouse Annex III, 201 S Main Street in LaFayette, GA

The budget is scheduled for adoption at a Special Called Meeting at Noon on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at the Commissioner's Office, 101 S Duke Street, LaFayette, GA.



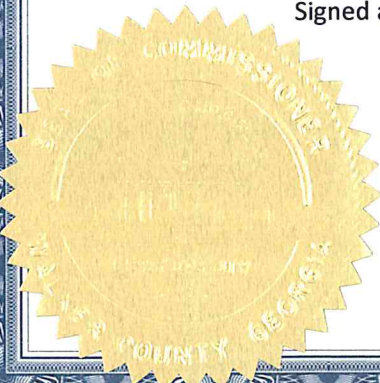


BY THE SOLE COMMISSIONER OF WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA  
A PROCLAMATION  
PATRIOT DAY 2020

- 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 while in distress; and
- WHEREAS: In memory of those we lost, we vow to keep moving forward. 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 11<sup>th</sup> of each year as Patriot Day in remembrance of those whose lives were lost and to honor the brave and selfless heroes who risked their lives that fateful day; and
- WHEREAS: The community is encouraged to attend events like the *Patriot Day 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, 2020 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 also 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year 2020.

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Shannon K. Whitfield, Sole Commissioner  
Walker County, Georgia



Walker County Departmental Statistics - August 2020



Department	Monthly Totals				YTD Totals		Yearly Totals		Yearly Totals		Yearly Totals			
	July	Cats	Dogs	August	2020	2019	2018	2017	2018	2017	2016	2016		
<b>Animal Shelter</b>														
Dogs	90	32	62	16	631	331	1,094	295	1,176	25	1,628	979	1,301	1,004
Cats	117	7	39	17	620	285	1,099	279	1,012	47	1,134	444	817	195
Adopted (Adopted, Rescued, Returned)	20	0	0	0	31	37	208	152	138	34	217	147	304	94
Rescued	93	6	28	16	514	238	766	119	749	13	686	295	513	101
Returned to Owner	4	0	10	0	69	6	112	3	125	0	231	2	n/a	n/a
Euthanized	0	1	1	1	8	4	31	7	56	2	336	396	436	630
<b>Codes Enforcement</b>														
In Compliance	1		506		2,357		9,309		5,124		4,745		no data	no data
Violations	72		13		232		435		857		1,469		221	221
Closed Cases	23		27		111		58		339		480		no data	no data
<b>Fire Department</b>														
Calls for Service	215		232		2,339		6,091		5,670		4,441		3,492	3,492
Units Handling Calls for Service	337		389		3,755		8,815		6,359		4,742		no data	no data
Smoke Alarms Installed	13		13		207		781		228		21		no data	no data
<b>Litter</b>														
Roadside Trash Pounds	11,300		11,060		86,420		143,330		122,912		123,020		no data	no data
<b>Mountain Cove Farms</b>														
Total Nights Booked	53		68		472		1,102		908		525		162	162
<b>Planning</b>														
Single Family New Home Construction	16		20		2020		2019		2018		2017		2016	2016
					108		128		124		135		123	123
<b>Public Relations</b>														
Media Impressions (stories)	36		25		2020		2019		2018		2017		2016	2016
					308		451		509		603		no data	no data
Facebook Followers Added	184		121		2,349		1,880		2,182		4,615		no data	no data
Facebook Posts	89		60		629		602		487		594		no data	no data
WalkerCountyGA.gov visitor views	49,120		49,312		466,471		357,989		316,285		399,087		173,745	173,745
Newsletter Subscribers Added	162		-33		855		971		925		1,184		no data	no data
<b>Public Works</b>														
Patching/Potholes	619		464		2020		2019		2018		2017		2016	2016
					4,049		6,148		4,798		no data		no data	no data
<b>Walker Transit</b>														
Total Trips	1,228		1,211		2020		2019		2018		2017		2016	2016
					12,426		26,535		21,551		24,938		no data	no data

\*some operations impacted by COVID-19