

The seal of Walker County, Georgia, is a circular emblem. It features a central figure, possibly a person or a symbol, surrounded by the text "WALKER COUNTY GEORGIA". The seal is positioned behind the main title text.

AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

Walker County Courthouse Annex III, 201 S Main Street
LaFayette, Georgia 30728

Date: Thursday September 24, 2020

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 and Georgia Flag

Open of Public Hearing

New Business:

- I. 2020 General Fund Budget and 2020 Enterprise Funds & Special Revenue Budget for Walker County Government

<https://walkercountyga.gov/government/budgets/>

Adjournment: Commissioner Whitfield will adjourn the Public Hearing

Kemp taps new emergency management chief, extends COVID-19 orders in Georgia

By Beau Evans
Capital Beat News Service

Gov. Brian Kemp tapped a new emergency-management director for the state Tuesday, Sept. 1, shortly after extending for another two weeks health measures aimed at curbing the spread of coronavirus in Georgia.

Capt. Chris Stallings, a former state trooper and most recently head of a state Department of Public Safety unit tasked with protecting top elected officials, steps in as director of the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA), effective immediately.

Stallings replaces outgoing GEMA Director Homer Bryson,

who retired Tuesday, Sept. 1, after nearly four decades in public-safety roles including prior tenures overseeing the state's prison system and wildlife rangers.

Bryson's departure comes as the state continues grappling with the COVID-19 pandemic, which through Monday, Aug. 31, had killed 5,633 Georgians and led to more than 240,000 positive cases.

As GEMA's director, Bryson was tasked with leading the procurement and distribution of millions of masks, gloves, gowns, face shields and goggles sent to local hospitals, schools



Chris Stallings

and elderly care facilities struggling to combat the virus.

Late Monday, Aug. 31, Kemp renewed a long set of distancing and sanitizing requirements for Georgia businesses, day-care centers, social gatherings and other pursuits that have remained largely unchanged in recent months after the governor began relaxing far stricter measures in late April.

The governor's renewed executive orders also extended a shelter-in-place mandate for persons in elderly care facilities



Homer Bryson

and those with chronic health issues through Sept. 15.

Going forward, Kemp also extended Georgia's public health state of emergency through Oct. 1, which gives him authority to continue issuing executive orders unless the General Assembly convenes to strip that power from him.

At a news conference Tuesday, Sept. 1, Kemp praised the work of Bryson and GEMA officials since the pandemic took hold in the state in March.

"These men and women have played a huge role in the fight to protect lives and livelihoods in our

state, and we are forever grateful for their service," Kemp said.

The governor also touted the new GEMA director, Stallings, saying he had "full confidence in Chris and his ability to run GEMA with the integrity and hard work that this job demands" as well as take the reins from Bryson amid the ongoing pandemic.

Bryson, who also helped lead the state's disaster response in the wake of Hurricane Michael in 2018, called the GEMA director role "the crowning jewel in my career."

"Our passion is truly protecting people and protecting property," Bryson said. "That's our priority. We put that ahead of everything else."

Kemp touts economic growth, magazine award for Georgia

By Beau Evans
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Georgia saw strong enough economic growth over the past year despite the devastating COVID-19 pandemic to land recognition as the top state in the country to do business per an industry magazine, Gov. Brian Kemp announced Tuesday, Sept. 1.

It's the seventh consecutive year Georgia nabbed "Top State for Doing Business" status from the magazine Area Development, which focuses on economic development projects. Kemp has also previously touted a similar distinction of top-business state several years running by Site Selection Magazine.

The governor is poised to trumpet the accolade as proof of Georgia's continued economic recovery after being battered by coronavirus and as evidence of business success under his leadership ahead

of an upcoming reelection campaign in 2022.

"After all of these years, it's abundantly clear that Georgia remains the epicenter for job growth, economic development and investment because of strong conservative leadership," Kemp said at a news conference Tuesday, Sept. 1.

While coronavirus prompted closures hammered local service industries, Georgia still managed to drum up more than \$7.4 billion in new investments stemming from around 350 development projects since July of 2019, Kemp noted.

With more than 24,000 jobs created during that stretch, Georgia also saw a 30% bump in jobs created outside metro Atlanta since last July, highlighting the governor's emphasis on stimulating economic growth in more rural parts



Pat Wilson

of the state.

But Georgia still carries a high unemployment rate at 7.4% with roughly 378,000 out-of-work Georgians due to the impacts of COVID-19, though that figure does fall below the national unemployment rate of 10.2% as of July.

Georgia also continues to see a concerning number of people testing positive for coronavirus, though the state's positivity rate, seven-day rolling average and hospitalizations have all fallen over the past month following a spike from the Memorial Day and July Fourth holiday weekends.

As of Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 1, more than 272,000 people had tested positive in Georgia for COVID-19, the disease caused by the novel strain of coronavirus that sparked a global pandemic. It had killed 5,733 Georgians.

Georgia Democratic leaders were quick to pan Kemp's announcement Tuesday, Sept. 1, calling it a diversion tactic as thousands of Georgians remain out of work and people continue falling sick to COVID-19.

"Working families don't need Kemp's self-congratulations," said Maggie Chambers, spokeswoman for the Democratic Party of Georgia. "They need real leadership to get this virus under control so that Georgians can get back to work safely."

Ahead of the upcoming Labor Day holiday, Kemp urged Georgians to wear masks, wash hands and limit gathering sizes to promote virus-fighting social distancing.

"Let's not have a Memorial Day bump after Labor Day weekend," Kemp said. "Let's not have a July Fourth bump. Let's try to avoid that spike."

Kemp joined local leaders and state Department of Economic Development Commissioner Pat Wilson outside a newly built Amazon warehouse in Gwinnett County to make an announcement Tuesday, Sept. 1.

The new 640,000-square-foot facility will feature the company's first robotics center in Georgia and is set to open before the end of the year.

"We look forward to being part of the fabric of Gwinnett County and the local community," said Patrick, Amazon's southeastern regional operations director.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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 and online at walkercountyga.gov in the Government section.

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

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