

RESOLUTION R-013-24

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WALKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO
AWARD A CONTRACT FOR LOCAL MAINTENANCE ASPHALT RESURFACING
PROJECT 2024-01**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Walker County (“Board”) is the governing authority of Walker County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Section 11, item 7 of the Enabling Act grants the Board the authority to repair public roads and bridges; and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2024, the Board approved a list of roads to be resurfaced or paved in Resolution R-08-24 and let those roads for bid under Walker County Local Maintenance Asphalt Resurfacing Project 2024-01; and

WHEREAS, the project was posted on the Georgia Procurement Registry and advertised in the Walker County Messenger on March 6, 2024 and March 13, 2024, as required by Section 12 of the county’s Enabling Act; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A 32-4-68 provides that where a contract has been let for bid, the county, by resolution entered in its minutes, shall award the contract to the lowest reliable bidder, provided that the county shall have the right to reject any and all such bids; and

WHEREAS, among the bidders who fully complied with the requirements for bidding, Talley Construction presented the lowest unit price bid;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia that that the contract for paving Project 2024-01 is hereby awarded to Talley Construction.

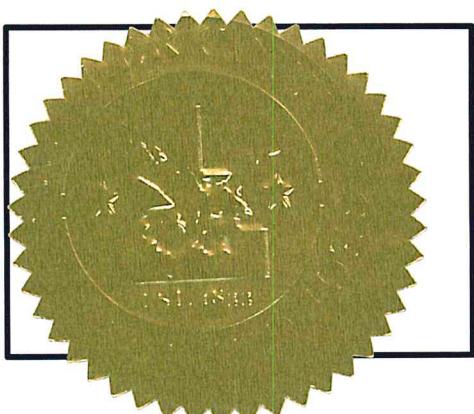
SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of April, 2024.

ATTEST:

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA


Whitney Summey, Deputy Clerk


SHANNON K. WHITFIELD, Chairman



The foregoing Resolution received a motion for Approval from Commissioner Blakemore, second by Commissioner Askey, and upon the question the vote is 4 ayes, 0 nays to adopt the Resolution.

WALKER COUNTY PROPOSAL FORM

SCOPE OF WORK: Patching, asphalt overlay with tack coat, leveling and striping according to this proposal form page of roads specified in the Terms and Conditions.

The unit prices listed below cover the cost of work and materials in place, including all materials, equipment, labor (including signage and traffic control), taxes, supervision, layout, overhead and profit, maintenance and guarantee to render the same complete. **THIS IS A UNIT PRICE BID.**

All areas to be milled will be marked by Walker County two weeks prior to work beginning.

No.	Item	Unit	Unit Price
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.5mm Superpave Asphalt (Group 1 - Limestone) • Laid at 220 lbs. per square yard • Tack coat put down before each layer of asphalt at the rate of .05 gallons per square yard 	TN	\$ 121.00
2	19mm Binder Base, 2" to 3" compacted	TN	\$ 108.75
3	19mm Deep Mill Patch 3" to 6" (including removal and replacement)	TN	\$ 143.00
4	0" to 3" Variable Depth and Profile milling (full width and length)	SY	\$ 3.25
5	5" yellow striping (per GDOT Section 652 specifications)	LM	\$ 2,352.00
6	5" white striping (per GDOT Section 652 specifications)	LM	\$ 1,500.00
7	24" Thermoplastic stop bar per each	EA	\$ 308.00
8	Railroad crossing per each	EA	\$ 644.00
9	Pedestrian crossing per each	EA	\$ 338.80
10	Arrows per each	EA	\$ 224.00

(GA = Gallon, LM = Linear Mile, EA = Each, TN = Ton, SY = Square Yard)

Optional upgrades:

No.	Item	Unit	Unit Price
11 (in place of 5)	5" yellow striping spray thermo (40 MIL)	LM	\$ 4,750.00
12 (in place of 6)	5" white striping spray thermo (40 MIL)	LM	\$ 4,750.00

THIS PROPOSAL SHALL REMAIN EFFECTIVE FOR 60 DAYS.

COMPANY NAME: Talley Construction Co., Inc.

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CELL: 423-421-0734

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State House approves CON reform measure

By Dave Williams
Capital Beat News Service

ATLANTA — The Georgia House of Representatives passed legislation Tuesday, Feb. 27, that would significantly reform the state law governing hospital construction and medical services but stop short of repealing it entirely.

House Bill 1339, which passed 166-1 and now heads to the state Senate, includes changes to Georgia's 45-year-old certificate of need law aimed at making health care more accessible and affordable, particularly in rural Georgia.

A state Senate study committee

late last year recommended repealing the CON law as an obstacle to quality health care in Georgia. But on the House side, a committee formed by Speaker Jon Burns last year concluded reforming rather than repealing CON would offer a more realistic approach.

"We wanted to move forward in a measured way," Rep. Butch Parrish, R-Swainsboro, who chaired the House Special Committee on Health Care and House Bill 1339's chief sponsor, said on the House floor. "We didn't want to take giant leaps."

Georgia's CON law requires applicants wishing to build a new

medical facility or provide a new health-care service to demonstrate to the state Department of Community Health that the facility or service is needed in that community.

Parrish's bill includes provisions aimed at speeding up the state agency's review of CON applications. The measure also removes spending thresholds governing hospital construction projects and increases the cap on the state's tax credit supporting rural hospitals from \$75 million a year to \$100 million.

The legislation focuses special attention on mental health-care and obstetrics needs with new ex-

emptions from the CON law for certain psychiatric and obstetrics services. Also, rural hospitals would be exempt from CON in some circumstances.

Although only one House lawmaker voted against the bill, several argued it doesn't go far enough. Rep. Michelle Au, D-Johns Creek, said Georgia suffers from the second-highest uninsurance rate in the nation, a problem that could be addressed if the state's political leaders would agree to expand Medicaid coverage in Georgia through the Affordable Care Act.

Forty states, including many led by Republican governors and leg-

islatures, have approved Medicaid expansion in the 12 years since the Congress passed the ACA. But Gov. Brian Kemp and Georgia's GOP legislative leaders have balked at a full Medicaid expansion, citing the cost.

"We need to address our high uninsurance rate and close the coverage gap," Au said. "We know what we need to do. We're just not brave enough to do it."

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

The Anna Shaw Children's Institute (ASCI), part of Hamilton Health Care System, will host a **Language Acquisition through Motor Planning (LAMP) workshop** in Dalton on Friday, March 15, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The program is in conjunction with The Center for AAC & Autism. "This workshop is open to the community and is an excellent opportunity for caregivers and educators to learn strategies to communicate with non-speaking individuals," said Terri Woodruff, executive director of ASCI. The course covers implementation rationales and strategies with an introduction to the LAMP Words for Life language system. The cost of the class is \$139. A discounted rate of \$69.50 is available for students and parents. Seating is limited. Two 15-minute breaks and a one-hour lunch break will be provided. During the lunch break, participants have the option of eating in the Hamilton Medical Center cafeteria, bringing a lunch or leaving the campus for lunch. To register, visit bit.ly/3Wg4SfF.

The deadline to apply for **Horatio Alger undergraduate scholarships** is noon (Eastern Time) on Friday, March 15. A number of scholarships are reserved for Catoosa and Walker County students. Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans Inc. (www.horatioalger.org) provides need-based scholarships to deserving high school seniors across America.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

The Friends of the Gordon-Lee Mansion will open the mansion, which is located in downtown Chickamauga, for tours from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. **each Saturday from Memorial Day until Labor Day.** Other times by arrangement. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$1 for children 12 and under. Proceeds benefit the Friends' 501C3 group to improve and enhance the mansion. Contact the Friends at Friendsglm@comcast.net or 423-488-0861.

American Legion Post 339 in LaFayette

meets the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at 209 Chattanooga St. This meeting is open to active and prospective members of The American Legion and their guests.

Calvary Baptist Church, 908 Bronco Road in LaFayette

hosts a community outreach event the third Saturday of each month from 5-8 p.m. This is a free event to the community. Come and enjoy.

The Breast Cancer Support Group

meets the first Thursday each month from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the conference room at Peeples Cancer Institute, 1215 Memorial Drive in Dalton. For more information, call 706-226-8966.

The American Legion, William-Napier Post 40 and the Auxiliary Unit 40, meet the third Monday each month.

Dinner (free) is at 6 p.m. Meetings start at 7 p.m. Colors are posted by the Ringgold ROTC unit.

The meetings are held at the American Legion Post located at 5595 US Highway 41, Ringgold. For more information call 706-965-9200 or email americanlegionpost40@ringgold@gmail.com.

Parents have two options of attending a **Parent Support Group** hosted by Anna Shaw Children's Institute (ASCI) in Dalton. These groups meet the second Tues-

day of each month at 11 a.m. in the Southern Magnolia room on the lower level of the facility (1201 Burleson Road). For the video call option, visit www.bit.ly/asciparentgroup. RSVP by calling 706-226-8911.

Walker County African American Museum and Cultural Center

at 309 N. Main St. in LaFayette features graphic and interactive exhibits highlighting the history and culture of African Americans of the Lookout Mountain Judicial

MONDAY, APRIL 1

The Girls State Session will be held at Valdosta State University June 9-14. American Legion Auxiliary Chickamauga Memorial Unit 217 will be sponsoring girls residing in Northwest Georgia to attend this event by covering the registration fee, transportation as needed, and assisting with applications online through the Department of Georgia. Any girls meeting the criteria may fill out a questionnaire available at their Junior Counselors' office or request one from Jennie Chandler at 423-994-8485. These applications must be turned in by April 1, 2024. Once recommended, screened and approved, final application is made to the ALA Department of Georgia which will send all details of preparing for the week.

GENERAL

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Narconon would like to remind families that the use of addicting drugs is on the rise. If you know anyone who is struggling with drug addiction, Narconon is available to help. Call for a free brochure on the signs of addiction for all drugs. Narconon also offers free screenings and referrals. Call 800-431-1754 or visit DrugAbuseSolution.com.

The opiate epidemic is an ongoing issue that doesn't seem to be going away any time soon. Fentanyl is being laced in drugs, including marijuana, in order to get the consumer addicted and returning to the supplier for more. Pills are being sold as if they are produced by a legal manufacturer when they are in fact pressed Fentanyl pills. People are overdosing and dying due to the intense potency of Fentanyl. It is important to seek help before it's too late and you buy and consume a lethal dose of Fentanyl. If you or a loved one are struggling with Fentanyl addiction, reach out for help as soon as possible. We can help you get your life back on track and learn to live a drug-free life. To learn more about the growing opiate epidemic, visit: <https://www.narcononnewjerseytreat.org/blog/how-fentanyl-is-accelerating-the-opioid-epidemic.html>. Narconon can help you take

steps to overcome addiction in your family. Call today for free screenings or referrals: 1-800-431-1754.

The **Rossville Downtown Development Authority** generally meets the first Tuesday each month at 8 a.m. at the Rossville Public Library.

The **Catoosa County Democratic Party** generally meets the third Thursday each month at 6:30 p.m. For more information, go to www.catoosadems.org or contact Greg Bentley at Gbentley61@gmail.com.

Open Bible Full Gospel Church, 2803 Ga. Highway 151 in LaFayette, invites the public to worship on Sundays: Sunday school at 10 a.m., morning service at 11 a.m., and night service at 5 p.m.

The **NWGA Baptist Food Pantry** is open on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. until noon at Second Baptist Church, 500 West Main Street, LaFayette.

Lookout Mountain CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) needs volunteers to advocate for the best interest of the abused and neglected children of Catoosa, Dade, Walker and Chattooga counties who are in foster care. CASA volunteers serve as the eyes and ears of the juvenile court judges. For more information, email Annice Goodwin at lookoutmtncasa@gmail.com or call 423-432-0520.

The local board of **EFSP (Emergency Food Shelter Program)** of Walker County consists of nonprofit agencies within Walker County that work toward assisting individuals and families with children with food, shelter, household assistance, counseling, and much more. EFSP of Walker County is part of the national board of EFSP in Virginia. Any agency within Walker County desiring to be a part of the local board to receive federal funds please contact Tanya Nave at 706-996-8150 or Denice Jackson at 404-234-7211.

Georgia Transparency Coalition meets the third Thursday of each month. Location and guest speakers are announced on our Facebook page each month. GTC is a non-partisan watchdog group committed to fostering transparency, accountability, accessibility, integrity, and the highest ethical standards in government, politics, and law.

Open to interested residents in Catoosa, Dade and Walker counties. For information, email GeorgiaTransparencyCoalition@gmail.com or call Dean Kelley at 706-866-4050.

Chickamauga American Legion Post 217 meets the first Saturday each month at 8 a.m. at West 14th Street in Chickamauga.

Southern Lit Book Club meets at Caffeine Addicts, 7819 Nashville Street in Ringgold the last Tuesday each month at 5 p.m. For more information, call Donna Greeson at 706-935-2810.

Join Foster Mill Drive Baptist Church in LaFayette for worship. Sunday school is

at 10 a.m., with classes for all ages. The morning worship service is at 11 a.m. Sunday night worship is at 6 p.m. Wednesday night worship is at 7 p.m. For more information, call 423-667-4521.

Lee's Chapel Community Church located at 3253 Tunnel Hill, holds Sunday services at 2 p.m.

The **Catoosa County Historical Society** meets every second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Old Stone Church, Highway 41, in Ringgold. The Old Stone Church is also open for tours Friday-Sunday, from 1-5 p.m. For more information, call 706-935-5232.

The **Kiwanis Club of Fort Oglethorpe** meets each Friday at noon at Park Place Restaurant in Fort Oglethorpe. To learn more about the club, visit its Facebook page (Fort Oglethorpe Kiwanis).

Guests are welcome when the **Ringgold Kiwanis Club** meets every Tuesday morning, from 7-8 a.m. for breakfast and fellowship at the First Baptist Church of Ringgold, located at 7611 Nashville St. Call Wayne Pennington, 423-838-3535, for more information.

The Men's Ministry of Keith Baptist Church invites you to join them on the second Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. for a free breakfast, fellowship and Bible study.

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The **Northwest Georgia Chapter of the American Red Cross** seeks volunteers to do disaster work, office administration and community outreach at health fairs and other events in Chattooga, Dade, Catoosa, Gordon, Murray, Walker, Whitfield counties. Training will be provided. For more information, call 423-667-4521.

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The **Boynton Lions Club** meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Boynton United Methodist Church fellowship hall. Dinner catered by the Diner Bell is \$6.50 and annual membership dues are \$21 per quarter. For information call 423-321-2481.

The **Fort Oglethorpe Caring Closet** is at Rosewood at Fort Oglethorpe Assisted Living, 14 Town Drive. The Caring Closet is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 706-866-4443 and ask for Tracy or Connor.

Narcotics and Alcoholics Anonymous (NA/AA) meetings are open to the public every Monday at 7:30 p.m. at LaFayette Presbyterian Church, 107 N. Main St. For more information, visit na.org or call 888-479-9696.

The **Cedar Grove Community Club** meets every third Saturday at 6 p.m. at the Cedar Grove Community Center on West Cove Road. Everyone is invited.

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Walker County Asphalt Resurfacing Project 2024-01

Walker County Government is now accepting sealed bids to resurface multiple roads in 2024. The work involves roughly 51 miles of patching, asphalt overlay with tack coat, leveling and striping along 66 county roads. Specifications for this project are available for download on the county's website (walkercountyga.gov) or at the Walker County Board of Commissioners ("Board") office (101 S Duke Street, LaFayette, GA) during regular business hours.

Sealed bids will be accepted until 11:45 a.m. on April 1, 2024 at the Board's office. Bids will be opened at the Board's office at 12:00 p.m. on April 1, 2024. Contract will be awarded at the Board's regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. on April 11, 2024. The meeting will be held at the Walker County Courthouse Annex III, 201 South Main Street, LaFayette, GA. Walker County Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Request for Proposals: Rossville Park Phase 1

Walker County Government is soliciting proposals (RFP) from qualified cooperative purchase agreement vendors to design and build a playground, splash pad and pavilion.

Specifications for this RFP are available to download on the Walker County Government website (walkercountyga.gov) under the Public Notice section or at the Walker County Board of Commissioners' Office (101 S. Duke Street, LaFayette, GA) during regular business hours.

Proposals will be accepted by the county's project consultant, Barge Design, until 3:00 p.m. on March 27, 2024. Specific submission instructions are in the packet. Walker County reserves the right to reject any and all RFP submissions.