



RESOLUTION R-071-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE WALKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO AUTHORIZE THE CREATION, MAINTENANCE, AND MANAGEMENT OF ELECTRONIC PUBLIC RECORDS

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia, recognizes the need to increase the efficiency, accessibility, and security of its official public records; and

WHEREAS, managing public records electronically is recognized by the State of Georgia as a valid and reliable method for recordkeeping; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 10-12-12(a) provides *inter alia* that record retention requirements may be satisfied through the retention of electronic records provided that such electronic records (1) accurately depict the information contained in the original record and (2) remain accessible for the retention period required by law; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 10-12-17 authorizes each county government to determine whether, and the extent to which, it will create and retain electronic records and convert written records to electronic records; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Open Records Act provides for public access to electronic records and allows agencies to use websites to provide access to records; and

WHEREAS, moving to an electronic format for meeting minutes, agenda items and supporting documentation will provide greater accessibility for the public, improve transparency, and offer better protection against the loss or damage of physical records;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia, that:

1. All records of Walker County and its departments may be maintained as electronic records.
2. All existing written records of Walker County and its departments may be converted to electronic records.
3. Upon such conversion, the underlying written records may be destroyed, provided such records are not required by law to be maintained in a nonelectronic form.
4. All electronic records created or maintained pursuant to this resolution shall accurately depict the information contained in the original records.



5. All electronic records created or maintained pursuant to this resolution shall be maintained and remain accessible pursuant to the minimum retention periods for records approved by the State Records Committee, as required under O.C.G.A. § 50-18-92.

SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of November, 2025.

ATTEST:

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

Lisa Richardson

LISA RICHARDSON, County Clerk

Angela Teems

ANGELA TEEMS, Chairwoman/CEO



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