

Walker County Historic Preservation Commission

Lafayette-Walker County Public Library

August 7, 2023

6 pm

Special Session

Chairman John Culpepper called to order at 6:03pm.

Public Notice of meeting emailed (7/26/23) to the Walker County Facebook page, the Walker County Messenger, and posted at the Lafayette - Walker County Library.

The purpose of the special session was to discuss Commission activities for the 160th Battle of Chickamauga Reenactment.

Commissioners present: Chairman John Culpepper, Vice Chair Alan Slaven, Secretary Renee Griffin, Commissioners, Theresa Dorsey, Randall Pittman, Eddie Upshaw, and Frances Cobb. A quorum was established.

The commissioners introduced themselves to the guests present.

Guests Cody and Susan Bailey

Wright's Mineral Springs:

They are the property owners and would like to know more about the history of the property. Chairman Culpepper reviewed a site survey map of the property and facilities he had downloaded from the Waterville, Cane Creek, Halls Valley Facebook page... Cody Bailey found numerous artifacts on the property and the foundational remains of various outbuildings. Currently, the question is what happened to the property. The hypothesis is that fire destroyed everything and since they built on pillar foundations there is very little left. It was a very large property but lost to time.

John Nash Doug Burnett of Atlanta Campaign

They briefed on the current state of the campaign participation. Parking is \$5 per car. They share \$3 of that with an organization wanting to generate revenue. Vendor and Food Truck information is on their website. Info@chickamauga.com for Friday, Saturday, Sunday \$35 per day. The Website will shift from reenactors to spectators on September 1st. Friday will have various educational stations set up. Dade, Catoosa, and Chattooga should be contacted as well. Workday will be August 26th. Publicity is the next big focus.

Commission will check with the JROTC about handling the parking, they will get 1.50 per car and the commission 1.50 per car/

Secretary Griffin moved to accept the agenda and Commissioner Pittman seconded. The motion carried and the agenda was approved.

New business:

Suggestions for souvenirs for the 160th:

Chairman Culpepper likes an attractive visual refrigerator magnet. The wooden nickel was shared as well. The front would have County Seal and back would have Commission Seal. The totes were the most expensive option. Secretary Griffin will pursue sealing wax Memento Mori as souvenirs for children explaining their historical significance at that time in history.

Pricing for the Northwest Georgia Military and Cherokee Sites Map for 1,000 copies nonglossy, 626.00. 1,000 glossy are \$500. The quote comes from Accent Graphics. Sponsorships will be sold to fund the map.

Secretary Griffin will reach out to Chamber about Walker Rocks sponsorship.

Chairman Culpepper entertained a motion to ask the Walker County Board of Commissioners for up to \$3,000 to promote the 160th through souvenirs and literature. Commissioner Upshaw so moved, and Vice Chair Slaven seconded. Motion carried. Randall Pittman, Eddie Upshaw, and Alan Slaven will attend the August 10th meeting and request funds during the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Pittman moved to adjourn, and Vice Chair Slaven seconded. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:24pm.