

Walker County Historic Preservation Commission

Lafayette-Walker County Public Library

305 South Duke Street, Lafayette, Ga 30728

October 17, 2022

Chairman Culpepper called meeting to order at 6:12 pm

Public Notice of Meeting emailed to Walker County Facebook page and Walker County Messenger (11/15/22), posted at Lafayette Walker – County Public Library.

A quorum was established, Commissioners present, Chairman John Culpepper, Vice Chair Alan Slaven, Secretary Renee Griffin, Commissioners, Frances Cobb, Theresa Dorsey, and Randall Pittman. Commissioner Patrick Cook absent.

There were no guest present, so the Commission dispensed with introductions.

Commissioner Dorsey moved to approve the agenda and Commissioner Pittman seconded. The agenda was approved.

Commissioner Pittman moved to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2022, meeting, Commissioner Cobb seconded, and the minutes were approved as presented.

Old business:

The proposed Commission letterhead was presented by Commissioner Dorsey.

Commissioner Pittman made motion to adopt the proposed letterhead as the Official Commission letterhead; Vice Chair Slaven seconded. Motioned carried.

As of this date no correspondence from the Walker County Board of Commissioners has been received on the Commission's request to declare Commissioner Cook's position vacant due to nonattendance of meeting and to appoint a new Commission member to fulfill the unexpired term of Commissioner Cook.

Durham Mining Community Interpretative sign. The narrative for the sign has been completed, Vice Chair Slaven read the text, a series of historic photos are being reviewed to go on the sign. Once completed, a draft of the sign will be sent to Panier Graphics in Gaston, Pennsylvania to provide a quote for the formatting and manufacturing of the sign. Once the quote is received, a funding request will be made to the Walker County Commissioners to purchase of sign. One of the Commission's goals for 2023 is completion of the sign. It will be noted in the cover letter for the Commission's Twelve Months Activity Report.

The four Georgia Civil War Commission's interpretive signs for Walker County have been delivered , Battle of Shipp's Gap, William Little House, District Hill African Cemetery, and African American Napier Church and Cemetery. Chairman Culpepper will be working on installing the signs.

The Application for the grant to complete an Updated Walker County Historic Survey has been put on hold due to Walker County's Grant Coordinator having resigned. If a new coordinator has not been appointed by our November meeting, the Commission will discuss taking on the project with the

County's permission. The Updated Resources Survey must be completed before Walker County can reapply for certification as a Georgia Certified Local Government.

A Walker County 1893 Map has been reviewed and the Oak Hill Log Cabin School mentioned at the September meeting is not noted on the map.

No correspondence from County Government has been received on the Commission's request to have the Oak Grove School property surveyed. A photo of the school will be included in the Commission's Twelve Activity Report.

Commissioners Dorsey and Cobb are deciding on what additional photos will be included in the Twelve Months Activity Report. Once the report is completed, the report will be presented to the Walker County Board of Commissioners at their January 2023 meeting. A list of the county wide Commission meeting locations will be noted in the report.

New Business:

Commissioner Pittman brought the need for the Oak Grove School survey to be completed whereby the Commission can move forward on developing an Education Wayside at the school.

Vice Chair Steven asked for an update on the Court House renovations, renovations were to start when the Juvenile Court House Annex is completed. Secretary Griffin gave an update on Juvenile Court Annex.

Next scheduled meeting November 21, 2022, Walker County-Lafayette Public library 6:00 pm.

Commissioner Pittman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chair Slave. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15