

Walker County Historic Preservation Commission

Lafayette-Walker County Public Library

November 21, 2022

6 pm

Chairman Culpepper called the meeting to order at 6:12 pm.

Public Notice of meeting emailed to Walker County Messenger and Walker County Facebook Page (11/15/22), posted at meeting location.

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

Vice Chair Slaven's friend Leon East was present and introduced. He has attended meetings in the past.

Commissioner Pittman made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2022 meeting, Commissioner Dorsey seconded, motion carried.

Secretary Griffin made a motion to approve the agenda, Vice Chair Slaven seconded, motion carried.

Old business:

Commissioner Pittman is meeting County Commissioner Mark Askew on December 6th to discuss the appointment replacement for Patrick Cook.

Interpretive Sign for the Durham Mining Community- Commissioner Pittman found some Durham photos and is currently cleaning them up. The signs are virtually maintenance free, requiring only an annual cleaning.

William Little house and District Hill interpretive signs have been installed. Battle of Ship's sign location to be decided this week. Beverly Foster will install Napier's Chapel sign.

Oak Grove School is scheduled for a survey in six months.

12 Month Commission Activity Report: Pictures are being finalized. Cover letter and content complete.

New Business:

The location for the 160th Anniversary Battle of Chickamauga Reenactment that was scheduled to be held at Cherokee Farms on Mineral Springs Road will have to be relocated, as the Trustees of the Farm have decided to sell the property. The Atlanta Campaign Inc., the sponsor of the event, has requested the Walker County Board of Commissioners consider the use of the Walker County Development Authority Industrial Park property located on U.S. 27 north of Lafayette. The Commission is in full support of the event.

It has come to the attention of the Commission that John Logan, Grants Coordinator for Walker County had resigned his position with the county. Mr. Logan was to pursue a State Grant for an updated Walker County Historic Resources Survey. It appears no action has been taken on the project. The survey must be completed before Walker County can regain its status as a Georgia Local Certified Government by the

Georgia Historic Preservation Department, whereby Walker County can qualify for Historic Preservation Grants. Commissioner Pittman made a motion to request the Walker County Board of Commissioners give authority to the Commission to pursue the grant for Walker County. Seconded by Vice Chair Slaven, motion carried. Chairman Culpepper to write letter to Chairman Whitfield addressing request.

Secretary Renee Griffin discussed a pre-production documentary film about the Durham Mines , Chairman Culpepper asked her to share his contact information so he may assist in securing grant funding for project. Commissioner Dorsey shared local mining history with the students in her 2nd grade class. She went through the GA standard to build the elementary brochure.

Commissioner Pittman said the county has a \$4 million quote to dry in the courthouse. County Commissioner Hart will bring that before the Board of Commissioners. The front steps are not included in this quote. The Chief John Ross House in Rossville needs a roof. The caretaker reached out about possible grant help.

Secretary Griffin moved to cancel the December meeting because of the holidays. Randall Pittman seconded. Motion carried.

The January meeting will be at the Lafayette-Walker County Public Library in Lafayette on January 16th, at 6pm.

Commissioner Pittman moved to adjourn, Vice Chair Slaven seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:08pm.