

AGENDA
WALKER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WALKER COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX III, 201 S MAIN STREET
LAFAYETTE, GEORGIA 30728

The following constitutes the agenda for the regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia to be held on January 11, 2024

REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING

- **Invocation & Pledges**
- **Chairman Whitfield will Call to Order the Regular Meeting**
- **Establish a Quorum is present**
- **Approve Agenda**
- **Approve Minutes**
Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Scheduled Meeting Held on December 28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Public Comment**
- **New Business**
Resolution R-001-24 to Elect a Vice Chair

Resolution R-002-24 to Establish a Meeting Calendar for 2024

Resolution R-003-24 to Set Qualifying Fees for the 2024 Elections

Memorandum of Understanding between Chattooga County, Walker County, Catoosa County, Dade County and the Superior Court Judges of the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit

Georgia Indigent Defense Services Agreement

December 2023 Departmental Statistics
- **Commissioner Comments**
- **Executive Session (if necessary)**
- **Adjourn**



**Walker County Governmental Authority
101 South Duke Street, P.O. Box 445
LaFayette, GA 30728
706-638-1437**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
January 11, 2024 - 7:00 PM**

I. Call to Order:

Chairman Shannon Whitfield called to order the Regular Scheduled Board of Commissioners Meeting held at Annex III, 201 S. Main Street, LaFayette, Georgia at 7:00 PM on January 11, 2024.

II. Attendees:

The following were present: Chairman Whitfield, Commissioner Robert Blakemore, Commissioner Mark Askew, Commissioner Brian Hart, Commissioner Robert Stultz, Legal and Policy Director David Gottlieb, Public Relations Director Joe Legge and Board Clerk Whitney Summey. Other guests signed in at the meeting as well. Please see the attached sign in sheet.

III. Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Blakemore a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Hart, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.

IV. Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Hart made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Scheduled Meeting held December 28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Stultz, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion was approved.

V. Public Comment:

- I. Jim Pope asked Commissioner Stultz to clarify how the citizens benefited from the consultations with Ken Jarrard's Law Firm from Forsyth County. Commissioner Stultz said the Board has been good stewards of the citizens tax dollars by retaining the firm to assist them. Mr. Pope said he would have follow-up questions at a later time. Commissioner Stultz said they have been discussing this since May 2022, but would continue discussions with any further questions.
- II. Stanley Matthews stated the enabling act allows the chairman to spend up to \$25,000 without Board approval. He expressed concerns with new job positions being over the threshold the chairman can spend. He asked if the executive administrative assistance and maintenance supervisor positions were posted. Chairman Whitfield said they were posted and an executive title was added to the administrative assistant position because of the credentials of the candidate. Commissioner Askew stated new hires and new positions should be discussed with the Board because of the \$25,000.00 spending limit. Chairman Whitfield said they fall under personnel and day to day operations.
- III. Angela Pence asked if the Board was aware of new hires. Commissioner Blakemore stated they usually hear from an employee of a new hire. Chairman Whitfield stated he does not do all of the hiring, certain department heads do their own. Pence asked if the Board agreed with the new hires and positions. Commissioner Stultz said he does not know the employees, but hears they are doing a good job. He said he would appreciate it if there was more interaction between new hires and the Board. Commissioner Askew said not meeting the employee is part of the issue and he would like for there to be more talking on the front end. Gabriela Chatman, executive administration assistance, came forward and gave an overview of her background.
- IV. Angie Teems, Human Resources Manager, stated there should be caution from only interviewing one candidate for a position. Commissioner Blakemore asked if human resources was involved in new hires. Teems stated she was not involved in the hiring process, she only did new hire orientations. She further stated she is not involved in all hires within the county.

VI. New Business:

- I. Chairman Whitfield read Resolution R-001-24 to elect a vice chair. Commissioner Stultz said he is the outgoing vice chair and after speaking with each member he would like to make a motion to appoint Commissioner Askew, seconded by Commissioner Blakemore, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- II. Chairman Whitfield read Resolution R-002-24 to establish a meeting calendar for 2024. Commissioner Blakemore made a motion to hold the meetings at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at Annex III. Seconded by Commissioner Hart, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.

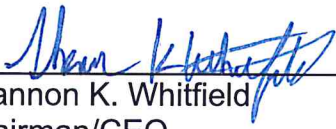
- III. Chairman Whitfield read Resolution R-003-24 to set qualifying fees for the 2024 elections. Commissioner Hart made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Askew, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- IV. Chairman Whitfield presented a memorandum of understanding between Chattooga County, Walker County, Catoosa County, Dade County and the Superior Court judges of the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit. He said Chris Arnt had spoken on this issue at a previous meeting. He said all counties and the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit are in agreement. Commissioner Stultz made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Askew, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- V. Chairman Whitfield presented the Georgia Indigent Defense Services Agreement. Jad Johnson thanked the Board for their continuous support on the annual contract. He said this is the 19th year of the contract. He said it is the same as last year's agreement with different dates. Commissioner Hart made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Blakemore, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- VI. Chairman Whitfield read the December 2023 departmental statistics.

VII. Commissioner Comments:

- I. Commissioner Blakemore thanked everyone for coming out and participating. He thanked all employees for their hard work. He encouraged citizens to reach out with any comments, concerns, or questions.
- II. Commissioner Askew asked Fire Chief Blake Hodge to give an update on the midland radios for the community center. Blake Hodge said he has worked with Carol Cross to purchase 100 weather radios. He said they will be \$26.00 each with free shipping and include batteries. He said they will receive them in 3-4 days after a purchase order is sent.
- III. Commissioner Hart said he was very happy to see paving and new water lines being installed in his district. He said he was grateful for the automatic aid agreements the fire department has. He said they helped with a fire at the county line in Villanow.
- IV. Commissioner Stultz thanked everyone for coming out and all of the county employees for their dedication and hard work. He asked Chief Hodge for an update on the Hinkle fire station. Chief Hodge said they are going to try to replace some of the volunteer firefighters. He said there is some equipment inside the building. He said McLemore is building its own fire station and they are working on an automatic aid agreement that will help in the area. Chairman Whitfield said SPLOST allotted \$300,000.00 for renovations to the building. He said the upstairs will be fire housing and the downstairs will be an event space that can be used as a disaster shelter. Chief Hodge said the architect is waiting to hear back from the county. Chairman Whitfield said they will get on a conference call tomorrow. Commissioner Askew asked for an update at the next meeting.
- V. Chairman Whitfield urged everyone to stay safe during the upcoming bad weather and to keep animals inside during the frigid temperatures.

VIII. Adjournment:

- I. Commissioner Hart made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Askew seconded the motion. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.



Shannon K. Whitfield
Chairman/CEO
Walker County Georgia

Date 01/25/2024

Minutes prepared by: Walker County Board Clerk, Whitney Summey

Regular Scheduled Board of Commissioners Meeting

Walker County Annex III

January 11, 2024

7:00 PM

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Present/Absent</u>
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Commissioner Blakemore	Present
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Commissioner Askew	Present
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Chairman Whitfield	Present
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Commissioner Hart	Present
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Commissioner Stultz	Present
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Sign In Sheet

Regular Scheduled Board of Commissioners Meeting

January 11, 2024

7:00 PM

Name

Address

Bill Browne

Rock Springs, GA.

Stanley Matthews

Chickamauga, GA

Ange Teems

Chickamauga, GA

Ruby Austin

W. L. M.

LaGrange, GA

Pat Galt

Landfill

Bobby V. Snider

Road Dept.

Jon Purkey

Planning/Inspections

Jim Bore

Villanova

Randy Pittman

Rossville

Dan Stutz

Go. Fayette



RESOLUTION R-001-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WALKER COUNTY TO ELECT A VICE CHAIRPERSON FROM ITS MEMBERS

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Walker County is the governing authority of Walker County, Georgia, as set forth by Act No. 165 ("Act") passed by the Georgia General Assembly during the 2017-2018 session and subsequently approved by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, Part I, Section 8 of the Act states that at the first meeting of each year, the board shall elect from its members a vice chairperson. In the event of death, disqualification, or resignation of the chairperson, the vice chairperson shall perform the duties and exercise the authority of the chairperson until a new chairperson is chosen as provided in the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Act further states the vice chairperson shall preside at meetings of the board in the absence of the chairperson and shall serve for the calendar year in which he or she is elected;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia that Commissioner Mark Askew is elected from its members to serve as vice chairperson for the remainder of the calendar year.

SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of January 2024.

ATTEST:

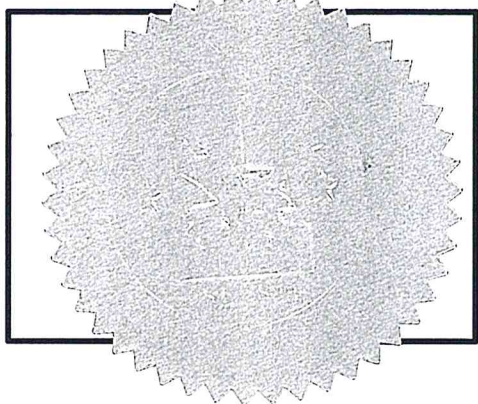
WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

Whitney Summey

Whitney Summey, Deputy Clerk

Shannon K. Whitfield

SHANNON K. WHITFIELD, Chairman



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



RESOLUTION R-002-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WALKER COUNTY TO ESTABLISH A REGULAR MEETING CALENDAR FOR 2024

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Walker County is the governing authority of Walker County, Georgia, as set forth by Act No. 165 ("Act") passed by the Georgia General Assembly during the 2017-2018 session and subsequently approved by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, Part I, Section 9 of the Act states the Board of Commissioners shall hold a minimum of two regular meetings each month at the county seat; and

WHEREAS, the Act further states the Board, at its first meeting of the year, shall determine the time, date and place of its regular meetings;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia that regular meetings will be held at 6:30 a.m. / (p.m.), on the Second and Fourth Thursday (day) each month, at Annex III 201 S. Main St. Lafayette GA 30228 (location) for the remainder of the 2024 calendar year.

SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of January 2024.

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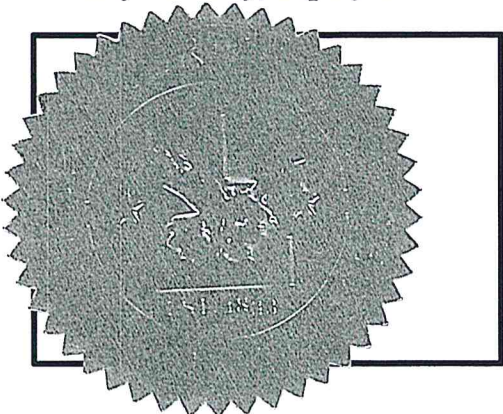
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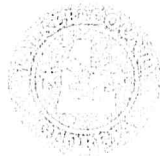
Whitney Summey, Deputy Clerk

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SHANNON K. WHITFIELD, Chairman



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



RESOLUTION R-003-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WALKER COUNTY TO SET QUALIFYING FEES FOR THE 2024 PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Walker County is the governing authority of Walker County, Georgia, as set forth by Act No. 165 ("Act") passed by the Georgia General Assembly during the 2017-2018 session and subsequently approved by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-131(a)(1)(A), the governing authority is required to fix and publish the qualifying fee for each county office to be filled in the 2024 General Primary and General Election; and

WHEREAS, except as otherwise provided by O.C.G.A. § 21-2-131(a)(1)(B), such fees shall be three-percent (3%) of the minimum salary of the county offices;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia that the qualifying fees for the following county offices for the 2024 Primary and General Election shall be as follows:

POSITION	QUALIFYING FEE
State Court Judge	\$5,010.00
Chair, Board of Commissioners	\$2,722.40
Sheriff	\$2,707.40
Solicitor General	\$2,670.00
Chief Magistrate	\$2,305.02
Judge of the Probate Court	\$2,259.82
Clerk of the Superior Court	\$2,259.82
Tax Commissioner	\$2,259.82
Coroner	\$972.00
District Member, Board of Commissioners	\$360.00
District Member, Board of Education	\$42.00
Surveyor	\$77.00

SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of January 2024.

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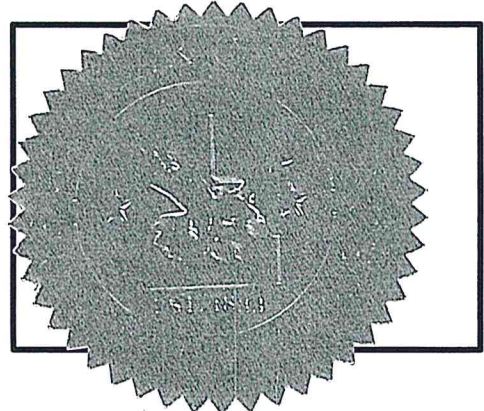
WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

Whitney Summey

WHITNEY SUMMEY, Board Clerk

Shannon K. Whitefield

SHANNON K. WHITEFIELD, Chairman



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

LOCAL COLUMNIST ■ DAVID CARROLL

Don't worry, be happy

According to the news, Americans just aren't happy right now. Oh sure, the restaurants are packed, folks are munching on popcorn in the movie theaters, filling up football stadiums, and taking vacations, but the polls don't lie. People are in a bad mood.

Jobs are plentiful, gas prices are down, the stock market is up, and inflation is finally slowing, but I don't see any confetti. The pandemic, the 2020 election controversy, the Capitol riots, and the other traumas we faced are largely in the rear view mirror. Still, no one is doing cartwheels.

And no wonder. Rent is up, it's dang near impossible to buy a house, car prices are high, and cereal costs about 6 bucks a box. Cereal!

Sure, our churches are holding in-person services again, kids don't have to wear masks in school, and you can visit your ailing relatives, but some folks won't be satisfied until life is like it was before the pandemic.

We prayed the days of mobile morgues parked outside hospitals would end. Eventually our prayers were answered, so we moved on. But the national anger meter

shot back up when fast-food joints started charging more for food. They were just trying to bring in enough money to fund pay hikes, so people would apply for jobs. Many inflation-weary Americans considered this another national nightmare.

Maybe if we change presidents, it will all revert back. Like Harry Truman said, the buck stops in the White House. That's why if gas prices go up, it's the president's fault. But if they go down, big whoop, we know it won't last. Here's a scary thought. If we change presidents and Cheerios don't tumble back down to \$1.99, who do we blame then?

Well, we have to change something. And we're not going to change Congress. Don't get me wrong, we hate Congress. But we'll re-elect our Congressperson, because we always do.

So how do we regain our happiness? It's a given that no matter who gets elected president, half the country will be angry. Some may even refuse to accept the results. And when the winning side doesn't roll gas prices back to \$1.49, we'll



Carroll

be even madder.

I can find only one remedy. Nostalgia.

Doctors often tell patients who are dealing with grief and depression to think happy thoughts. They tell us to remind ourselves of what made us smile during the best times of our lives. So in preparation for what could be a challenging year, I've made my list.

I want to be as happy as I was when our most difficult teacher stayed out of school, and a substitute let us watch a movie. Or better yet, cartoons.

I want to be as happy as I was when my parents would take me to my cousins' house to play.

I want to be as happy as I was when my Papaw Carroll would give me a birthday card with dimes taped inside, one for each year of my life. This continued until I turned 20, with two dollars worth of dimes. I still have those cards, with every dime still taped and untouched.

I want to be as happy as I was when my mother was cooking something special in the kitchen, because company was com-

ing! (Go to YouTube right now, and find the old Porter Wagoner song, "Company's Comin'." It's the story of the south from my childhood and before.)

I want to be as happy as I was when I saw the picture on a color TV for the first time. It was at our preacher's house. For some reason, I started visiting the preacher quite often.

I want to be as happy as I was when I ate my first Krystal burger with cheese. Talk about a life changer.

And I want to be as happy as I was when Mr. Bouldin, a teacher who thought all boys were troublemakers, gave me a "91" on my essay, then looked me in the eye and said, "Son, I'm right proud of you."

That's how happy I wish we could all be. I hope we don't let a presidential election steal our joy.

David Carroll, a Chattanooga news anchor, is the author of "Hello Chattanooga: Famous People Who Have Visited the Tennessee Valley." His website is ChattanoogaRadioTV.com. You can contact him by mail at 900 Whitehall Road, Chattanooga, TN 37405, or by email at RadioTV2020@yahoo.com.

ARREST REPORTS

Walker County arrests: Friday, Jan. 12, to Thursday, Jan. 18

This booking report was provided by the Walker County Sheriff's Office. Those arrested on charges are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

The listings below include (in order) name of inmate (last first middle), race/sex, age, felony/misdemeanor, and charge(s). (FVA=Family Violence Act; FTA=Failure to appear; VGC=Violation of the Georgia Controlled Substances Act)

♦WOOTEN MARANDA DOWN W/F 36 AGGRAVATED ASSAULT, CRIMINAL TRESPASS

♦YOUNG DAVID SHANE W/M 45 SIMPLE BATTERY, ABUSE TO DISABLED

♦HORNBY DAVID DWAYNE W/M 56 SIMPLE ASSAULT-FVA

♦ADAMS KEENEATH BOBBY W/M 59 FTA X 2

♦TOMAS EDNER MENDEZ H/M 18 DRIVING W/O A VALID LICENSE, GA-HANDS, DUI ALCOHOL, FTML, SEAT BELTS

♦EDGEMAN JAMES PAUL W/M 47 VIOLATION OF PROBATION

♦WATKINS JAYQUIS LEBRON B/M 26 VIOLATION OF PROBATION

♦DUPREE GRAYSON SHERMAN W/M 56 VIOLATION OF PROBATION

♦MUNCHEL DAVID ALLEN W/M 56 THEFT BY DECEPTION, SECURITY

♦WALKER SABRINA ANN W/F 33 VIOLATION OF PROBATION

♦BROWN MAENIKI LEVI B/M 19 VIOLATION OF PROBATION

♦BEAN VIRGINIA MARIE W/F 20 THEFT BY TAKING

♦SCHRADER MACHELIA W/M 45 DISORDERLY CONDUCT

♦PICKETT ZACHERY MIKAL W/M 22 DUI-DRUGS,

TOO FAST FOR CONDITIONS, FTML, UNAUTHORIZED AMBER LIGHTS, POSS MARIJUANS LESS THAN 10Z

♦HORDEN DANIEL WESLEY W/M 46 SIMPLE ASSAULT-FVA

♦LASSSETTER DAVID WAYNE W/M 39 FTA - MISC

♦O'SHEA JOHNATHAN PATRICK PAUL W/M 34 SIMPLE ASSAULT - FVA

♦FREY CORY RAY W/M 52 FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE

♦HERNANDEZ SAMUEL GOMEZ H/M 41 NO LICENSE / SPEEDING

♦CARRINGTON HAY-

LAY NICOLE W/F 27 SUSPENDED LICENSE

♦SMITH ANDREW FELTON W/M 34 DUI-DRUGS / SUSPENDED LICENSE

♦RECKLESS DRIVING / FAILURE TO MAINTAIN / SEAT BELT VIOLATION - ADULT

♦JOHNSON DUSTIN JARROD W/M 40 SUSPENDED LICENSE / FAILURE TO REGISTER VEHICLE

♦WADDELL MICHAEL RAY W/M 49 RETURN FROM APPOINTMENT

♦SMITH WILLIAM KYLE W/M 30 PROBATION VIOLATION - MISC

♦HAMPTON LARELL DAYSHON B/M 22 CRU-

ELTY TO CHILDREN 3RD DEGREE X2 / AGGRAVATED ASSAULT FVA

♦HICKMAN DANIEL THOMAS W/M 46 SUSPENDED LICENSE / SPEEDING / HOLD FOR CATOOSA

♦CARLTON JOHNA RAHE W/F 35 POSSESSION OF SCHEDULE II

♦ROTH JOSH LEE W/M 39 TRAFFICKING METH / POSSESSION OF METH W/ INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE

♦JARUMILLO VANESSA H/F 28 SIMPLE BATTERY

♦HOWARD SHAUN WESLEY W/M 44 EXPLOITATION/INTIMIDATION OF DISABLED OR ELDER PERSON

RETIRE

From A1

Harris agreed with Hullander's comments. "I want to say thank you for the job you've done for the citizens of this county," he told Camp.

"At one time in my life I was a firefighter," District 4 Commissioner Charlie Stephens told Camp. "I know where we were then and where we are now and I'm very thankful to you for bringing our fire department to the level where we are. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the service you've given our citizens here in Catoosa County."

"Same as everyone else said," District 1 Commissioner Jeff Long told Camp. "It's been great working with you for many years. I appreciate you and the services you give. I appreciate that you're leaving the fire department in great hands with the staff you have from chiefs all the way down to firefighter levels. You've got professionals in there to carry on what you've built up over the years."

Chairman Larry Black told Camp the work he'd built up over the years stands for itself. And County Manager Dan Wright "dittoed" what the commissioners said. "I've been able to get to know this man over the past three years and he has a true heart for our community. I'm thankful I've had the chance to work hand-in-hand with him. Thank you, Chief, for what you've done."

RANDY CAMP'S MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ♦ Associate degree in fire science
- ♦ BS degree in management and leadership
- ♦ Classes with Georgia Fire Academy, the National Fire Academy and Alabama State Fire College
- ♦ Became Certified Fire Chief via Center of Fire Service Excellence (2008)
- ♦ Completed National Fire Academy Fire Executive Officer program
- ♦ Certified by National Professional Qualifications of Firefighters in the areas of fire instructor, fire apparatus operator, public fire education officer, fire inspector, fire investigator, fire officer and fire fighter
- ♦ Certified in Homeland Security Incident and Terrorism through American Board for Certifications in Homeland Security
- ♦ Certified by Georgia Standards and Training Council as a firefighter, airport firefighter and fire instructor
- ♦ Trained as an arson investigator through Georgia Peace Officers Training and Standards Council
- ♦ Attended U.S. Environmental Protection Agency training in hazardous materials
- ♦ Certified smoke diver
- ♦ Master Instructor with SCUBA Schools International at Choo Choo Dive
- ♦ Camp has won many awards. In 1999, he was presented with the Georgia State Valor Award by then-Governor Roy Barnes.

The professionalism you have brought to this county, the level of firefighting, the [attention to] safety issues, the incentive to train the fire fighters to be the best they can be — we're in a whole different world under your leadership."

— Commissioner Vanita Hullander

Camp told commissioners he's looking forward to spending more time with his family and doing some traveling. High on his list are a cruise to Alaska and a trip to Scotland to play golf on "the first course ever built."

Tamara Wolk is a reporter for The Catoosa County News in Ringgold, Ga., and Walker County Messenger in LaFayette, Ga.

BOARD

From A1

dants requests that the court throw out Cagle's entire petition and require her to pay their legal fees.

In summary, Cagle is claiming that Carruth and Harden hold too much sway over decisions about the school system because they might want to please the superintendent

and thus protect their sons' jobs. Carruth and Harden claim that the law protects their school board positions because their sons do not hold high enough job titles to be included in laws barring nepotism. The ball is now in the court's court.

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NOTICE OF 2024 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

Public notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Walker County will hold regular meetings on the second and fourth Thursday of each month (excluding Thanksgiving) at 6:30 p.m. at the Walker County Courthouse Annex III Building, located at 201 S. Main Street in LaFayette.

The Board approved this schedule by resolution on January 11, 2024.

Walker County, GA Election Qualifying Fees Calendar Year 2024	
POSITION	QUALIFYING FEE
State Court Judge	\$5,010.00
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Sheriff	\$2,707.40
Solicitor General	\$2,670.00
Chief Magistrate	\$2,305.02
Judge of the Probate Court	\$2,259.82
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Surveyor	\$77.00

ABBINGTON at LINWOOD APARTMENTS

10 Probasco Street
LaFayette, GA 30728

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 8:00AM-4:30 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL (706) 944-3639

1, 2, & 3 - BEDROOM APARTMENTS

UNIT AMENITIES INCLUDE:

- FULLY FURNISHED KITCHEN
- WASHER/DRYER CONNECTIONS
- CEILING FANS
- WALK-IN CLOSETS

COMMUNITY AMENITIES INCLUDE:

- COMMUNITY ROOM WITH EQUIPPED COMPUTER CENTER
- FITNESS CENTER
- CENTRAL LAUNDRY FACILITY
- PICNIC AREA
- PLAYGROUND

"The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in real estate related transactions, or in the terms of conditional of such a transaction, race, color, religion, sex, disability, marital status, or national origin. The Federal agency that is responsible for enforcing this law is the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. If a person believes that they have been discriminated against in violation of this law, they should contact the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, DC 20418 or call (800) 685-8177."



ACCESSIBLE UNITS
TTY RELAY # 711
REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS
CERTAIN INCOME RESTRICTIONS APPLY



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
AND AGREEMENT

This Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement (hereinafter “Agreement or MOU”) is entered into this ____ Day of December, 2023 between the Chattooga County Sole Commissioner, The Walker County Board of Commissioners, the Catoosa County Board of Commissioners, and the Dade County Board of Commissioners (hereinafter “Governing County Authorities or First Party”) and the Superior Court Judges of the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit (hereinafter “Judges or Second Party”)

MISSION AND PURPOSE

This MOU and Agreement shall provide the cornerstone and structure for any and all future contracts entered into by the parties which are related to the supplemental compensation of the Superior Court Judges for the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit by the Governing County Authorities comprising same, to wit: Chattooga, Walker, Dade and Catoosa.

Supplemental pay shall be and is hereby defined as pay or monetary compensation paid by the Governing County Authorities to the said Judges IN ADDITION to each Judge’s State salary, retirement and benefits plan or other state

compensation. Said Supplemental pay shall be considered a stipend and shall be a cost of living and travel allowance for the said Judges.

OBJECTIVES AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

The parties shall endeavor to work together to develop and establish supplemental compensation for the Superior Court Judges of the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit. The parties acknowledge that such compensation has been historically paid by the Governing County Authorities for a number of decades, and the structure of said payments is in need of re-evaluation due to changes in census data. The parties further acknowledge the benefit the respective Superior Court Judges convey upon the Governing County Authorities within the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit by their effective and efficient administration of the respective Courts within each county.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES:

A Binding commitment/agreement with respect to the Judges Supplemental Pay will result from the execution of this Agreement or the execution of subsequent agreements by all parties herein. Notwithstanding the preceding language, the provisions of this agreement shall be subject to any Governing Law of the State of Georgia to the Contrary.

TERMS OF UNDERSTANDING:

The term of this Agreement shall be for 12 months and shall commence on January 1st, 2024 and extend through December 31, 2024. Said 12 month Term shall automatically renew annually on the First Day of January for each successive year under the same terms and conditions as set forth herein unless expressly modified in writing by all parties herein. Signatures of all Superior Court Judges and Chairs of the Governing County Authorities shall be required in this respect. The Governing County Authorities MAY terminate this agreement at anytime by unanimous vote of their four respective Governing County Authorities.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, if at anytime during the term of this Agreement the Georgia State Legislature amends the current statute regarding the statewide minimum annual salary of the Superior Court Judges to \$175,000 or more, then any Governing County Authority listed herein MAY elect to withdraw from this Agreement and have no further obligation to contribute to any supplemental compensation for the Superior Court Judges.

AGREEMENT:

The Judges shall be paid the total annual supplemental pay/compensation of \$16,000.00 (sixteen thousand dollars) by the Governing County Authorities, and

same is to be divided pro rata between the said County Governing Authorities based upon current census data.

In accordance with the latest 2020 census data, the monthly supplemental pay shall be divided as follows:

Dade: \$123.11 per month/per Superior Court Judge

Chattooga: \$188.23 per month/per Superior Court Judge

Walker: \$510.16 per month/per Superior Court Judge

Catoosa: \$511.81 per month/per Superior Court Judge

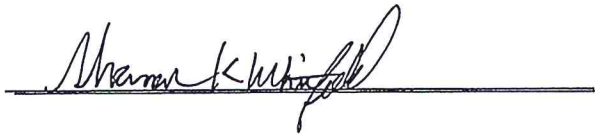
Upon new census data being made available, the parties shall evaluate the pay scale above and adjust same if deemed necessary by the parties. Each future Succeeding Judge shall receive the same supplemental pay/compensation as the current sitting judges in accordance with this agreement.

AUTHORIZATION AND EXECUTION:

The signing of this MOU and this Agreement shall constitute a formal undertaking.

So Agreed, this ____ Day of December, 2023

Walker County Commission Chair

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Chattooga County Sole Commissioner

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Dade County Commission Chair

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Catoosa County Commission Chair

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THIS AGREEMENT is entered into this _____ day of _____, 20____, among the Circuit Public Defender Office of the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit (herein referred to as “the Public Defender Office”), fiscal the governing authority of **Catoosa County**, a body politic and a subdivision of the State of Georgia (herein referred to as “Catoosa County”), the governing authority of **Chattooga County**, a body politic and a subdivision of the State of Georgia (herein referred to as “Chattooga County”), and the governing authority of **Dade County**, a body politic and a subdivision of the State of Georgia (herein referred to as “Dade County”) and the governing authority of **Walker County**, a body politic and a subdivision of the State of Georgia (herein referred to as “Walker County”. Catoosa, Chattooga, Dade and Walker Counties are herein referred to collectively as “the Counties.” This agreement is effective January 1, 2024.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, GPDC, the Public Defender Office, and the Counties enter into this agreement to implement the provisions of the Georgia Indigent Defense Act of 2003, as amended; and

WHEREAS, GPDC is existing under the laws of the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Public Defender Office is existing under the laws of the State of Georgia and operating under the laws and Constitution of the State of Georgia with full power to enter into contracts and agreements with other entities; and

WHEREAS, GPDC is the fiscal officer for the Public Defender Office; and

WHEREAS, the Counties are a body politic, existing and operating under the laws and Constitution of the State of Georgia with full power to enter into contracts and agreements with other political entities; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the parties to this agreement to provide for the operation of an indigent defense system to assure adequate and effective legal representation is provided, independent of political considerations or private interests, to indigent defendants in criminal cases consistent with the standards adopted by GPDC. This system and this agreement include the following:

- 1) The provision by the Public Defender Office of the statutorily required services to the Counties;
- 2) The provision by the Counties of their pro rata share of the costs of appropriate offices, utilities, telephone expenses, materials, and supplies as may be necessary to equip, maintain, and furnish the office or offices of the circuit public defender in an orderly and efficient manner;
- 3) Optional provisions; and
- 4) The provision for other matters necessary to carry out this agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises contained in the agreement and for Ten Dollars (\$10) and other good and valuable consideration, **IT IS AGREED AS FOLLOWS:**

ARTICLE 1

STATUTORY PERSONNEL

Section 1.01 Statutory Staffing. The Public Defender Office agrees to provide for the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit full-time staff for a circuit public defender office or offices consisting of a circuit public defender; an assistant public defender for each superior court judge authorized for the circuit, excluding the chief judge and senior judges; an investigator; and 2 additional persons to perform administrative, clerical or paraprofessional services.

Section 1.02 Statutory Services. The Public Defender Office agrees to provide representation to indigent defendants in the following cases:

- 1) Felony and misdemeanor cases prosecuted in the Superior Courts of the Counties under the laws of the State of Georgia in which there is a possibility that a sentence of imprisonment or probation or suspension of sentence of imprisonment may be adjudged;
- 2) Hearings in the Superior Courts of the Counties on a revocation of probation;
- 3) Cases prosecuted in the Juvenile Courts of the Counties in which a child may face a disposition in a delinquency case of confinement, commitment or probation; and
- 4) Direct appeals from a decision in cases described in (1), (2), and (3) above.

Section 1.03 Conflicts. The Public Defender Office agrees to provide for legal representation by an attorney who is not an employee of the Public Defender Office in cases described in Section 1.02 in which the Public Defender Office has a conflict of interest.

ARTICLE 2

OPTIONAL PROVISIONS

Section 2.01 Additional County-Funded Personnel. Because of the unique needs of the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit, the Counties agree to fund a pro rata share of additional personnel in the Public Defender Office for the 2024-2024 fiscal year, as described in Attachment A. These are in addition to the positions described in Article 1 and Section 1.01 above. These positions will be funded by the Counties in the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit and will be administered by GPDC as contemplated in OCGA § 17-12-32.

ARTICLE 3

MISCELLANEOUS

Section 3.01 Term. The term of this agreement is 12 months beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024.

Section 3.02 Maintenance of effort. The Counties agrees that it will continue to fund indigent defense for the term of this agreement, at a minimum, at the level of its most recent budgeted level of funding (the current fiscal year or the planned budget for the next fiscal year if that budget has already been developed) for indigent defense as part of this support each county agrees to provide space, equipment and operating expenses necessary to effectively operate the circuit public defender office.

Section 3.03 Severability. Any section, subsection, paragraph, term, condition, provision or other part (herein after collectively referred to as “part”) of this agreement that is judged, held, found, or declared to voidable, void, invalid, illegal, or otherwise not fully enforceable shall not affect any other part of this agreement, and the remainder of this agreement shall continue to be of full force and effect. Any agreement of the parties to amend, modify, eliminate, or otherwise change any part of this agreement shall not affect any other part of this agreement, and the remainder of this agreement shall continue to be of full force and effect.

Section 3.04 Cooperation, dispute resolution and jurisdiction.

- (a) The Public Defender Office and the Counties acknowledge that this agreement may need to be revised periodically to address new or unforeseen matters.
- (b) Each party to this agreement agrees to cooperate with the other party to effectuate and carry out the intent of this agreement.

(c) This agreement, and the rights and obligations of the parties, are governed by, and subject to and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia. The parties acknowledge and agree that by law, the exclusive jurisdiction for contract actions against the state, departments and agencies of the state, and state authorities is the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia. The Parties further acknowledge that the Fulton Superior Court has a court sponsored Arbitration and Mediation Program in which the Parties agree to fully participate.

Section 3.05 Notice. A notice to a party to this agreement shall be made in writing and shall be delivered by first class mail or personally to the person and at the address indicated below:

Circuit Public Defender Office of the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit:

Jad Johnson
Circuit Public Defender
101 Napier St.
LaFayette, GA 30728

Catoosa County:

Hon. Larry Black
Chairman, Board of Commissioners
800 LaFayette Street
Ringgold, Georgia 30736

Chattooga County:

Hon. Blake Elsberry,
Sole Commissioner
10102 Commerce Street
Summerville, GA 30747

Dade County:

Hon. Ted Rumley
County Executive
71 Case Ave.
Trenton, GA 30752

Walker County:

Hon. Shannon Whitfield,
Chairman, Board of Commissioners
101 Duke Street
LaFayette, GA 30728

Georgia Public Defender Council:

Omotayo Alli, Director
270 Washington Street
Suite 6079
Atlanta, GA 30334

Section 3.06 Agreement modification. This agreement, including all attachments hereto, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter of this agreement and may be altered or amended only by a subsequent written agreement of equal dignity; provided, however, that the parties' representatives identified in Section 3.05 may agree in writing by an exchange of letter or emails prior to the budget revision becoming effective to budget revisions which do not increase or decrease the total dollar value of the agreement. This agreement supersedes all prior agreements, negotiations and communications of whatever type, whether written or oral, between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter of this agreement. No modifications may be made without prior notice to and approval from all parties to this agreement.

Section 3.07 Termination.

(a) **Due to non-availability of funds.** In the event that either the sources of reimbursement for services under this agreement (appropriations from the General Assembly of the State of Georgia, or appropriations from a county governing authority) is reduced during the term of this agreement, the Public Defender Office may make financial and other adjustments to this agreement and notify the Counties accordingly. An adjustment may be an agreement amendment or may be the termination of the agreement. The certification by the director of the Georgia Public Defender Council of the occurrence of reduction in State funds is conclusive. The certification of the occurrence of the occurrence of the reduction in county funds by the person named in Section 3.05 by the Counties to receive funds is conclusive. The Counties shall promptly notify the Public Defender Office in writing on the non-existence or insufficiency of funds and the date of termination. The Public Defender Office shall then immediately cease providing the services required hereunder except for any necessary winding down and transition services required under Section 3.08. In lieu of terminating this agreement, the Counties and the Public Defender Office may make financial and other adjustments to this agreement by amending it pursuant to Section 3.06.

(b) **For cause.** This agreement may be terminated for cause, in whole or in part, at any time by either party for failure by the other party to substantially perform any of its duties under this agreement, "Cause" means a breach or default of any material obligation hereunder which default is incapable of cure, or which, being capable of cure, has not been cured within 30 days after receipt of notice of such default (or such additional cure period as the non-defaulting party may authorize). Should a party exercise its right to terminate this agreement under this subsection, the termination shall be accomplished in writing and specify the reason and the termination date. In the event of termination under this subsection of the Public Defender Office shall submit a final agreement expenditure report containing all charges incurred through and including the termination date to the Counties no later than 30 days after the effective date of written notice of termination and the Counties shall pay the amount within 15 days of the receipt of the final agreement expenditure report. Upon termination of this agreement, the Public Defender Office shall not incur any new obligations after the effective date of termination, except as required under Section 3.08. The above remedies contained in this subsection are in addition to any other remedies provided by law or the terms of this agreement.

(c) **For convenience.** This agreement may be cancelled or terminated by either of the parties without cause; however, the party seeking to terminate or cancel this agreement shall give written notice of its intention to do so to the other party at least 60 days prior to the effective date of cancellation or termination.

(d) **Post-termination obligations.** After termination of this agreement pursuant to this Section, the Public Defender Office and the Counties agree to comply with the provisions of Section 3.08 (b).

Section 3.08 Cooperation in transition of services.

(a) **At the beginning of the agreement.** The Counties agrees upon the beginning of this agreement to cooperate as requested by the Public Defender Office to effectuate the smooth and reasonable transition of services for existing clients, if applicable. This includes but is not limited to the payment for continuation of representation by current counsel where appropriate or required by law, court rule or the State Bar of Georgia ethical standards or the facilitation of the timely transfer to the Public Defender Office client records.

(b) **During or at the end of the agreement.** The Public Defender Office agrees upon termination or expiration of this agreement, in whole or in part, for any reason to cooperate as requested by the Counties to effectuate the smooth and reasonable transition of services for existing clients. This includes but is not limited to the continuation of representation by Public Defender Office where appropriate or required by law, court rule or the State Bar of Georgia ethical standards or the facilitation of the timely transfer to the Counties of the client records. The Counties shall compensate the Public Defender for all post-termination or post-expiration services under this subsection. The Public Defender Office shall submit a monthly expenditure report containing all charges incurred during the preceding month on or before the 5th day of each month. The Counties shall pay the amount due within 15 days of the receipt of the monthly expenditure report. This subsection survives the termination or expiration of this agreement.

(c) **Statutory responsibility continuation.** The Public Defender Office and the Counties acknowledge that both have responsibilities for indigent defense costs under the Georgia Indigent Defense Act of 2003, as amended and that the termination or expiration of this agreement does not relieve either party of their responsibility under the law.

Section 3.09 Advance of Funds. The parties agree that advances of funds cannot remain outstanding following agreement termination or expiration and will be reclaimed. The parties agree that upon termination of this agreement, for any reason, all unexpended and unobligated funds held by the parties revert to the party entitled to the funds. The parties agree to reconcile expenditures against advances of funds within 30 days of termination of this agreement,

Section 3.10 Rollover of Funds. The Counties acknowledge that state agencies have a fiscal year from July 1 to June 30. The Counties agrees to authorize the Georgia Public Defender Council to roll over remaining county funds from June 30, 2024 to July 1, 2024 which is the start of Fiscal Year 2025.

Section 3.11 Time. Time is of the essence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have each here unto affixed their signatures the day and year first written above.

ATTEST:

Catoosa County

BY: _____
Signature

Title

ATTEST:

Chattooga County

BY: _____
Signature

Title

ATTEST:

Dade County

BY: _____
Signature

Title

ATTEST:

Walker County

Whitney Surney BY: Marian Klutznick
Signature
CHAIRMAN/CEO
Title

ATTEST:

Circuit Public Defender

BY: _____
Signature
Circuit Public
Defender

ATTEST:

Consented to:

Georgia Public Defender Council

BY: _____
Signature
Director

STATE FUNDED - Public Defender and Assistants							
Name	#	Salaries	FICA	Retirement	Health Insurance	Unemployment	Total
Chief Public Defender (Johnson)	1	\$ 135,473.00	\$ 10,363.68	\$ 42,010.18	\$ 41,256.95	\$ 31.00	\$ 229,134.81
Chief Assistant APD (Vacant)	1	\$ 84,000.00	\$ 6,426.00	\$ 26,048.40	\$ 25,581.36	\$ 31.00	\$ 142,086.76
APD (Patten)	1	\$ 96,005.04	\$ 7,344.39	\$ 29,771.16	\$ 29,237.37	\$ 31.00	\$ 162,388.96
APD (Aloisio)	1	\$ 78,000.00	\$ 5,967.00	\$ 24,187.80	\$ 23,754.12	\$ 31.00	\$ 131,939.92
APD (Williamson)	1	\$ 81,200.00	\$ 6,211.80	\$ 25,180.12	\$ 24,728.65	\$ 31.00	\$ 137,351.57
TOTAL:	5	\$ 474,678.04	\$ 36,312.87	\$ 147,197.66	\$ 144,558.45	\$ 155.00	\$ 802,902.02

STATE FUNDED - Public Defender Administrative							
Name	#	Salaries	FICA	Retirement	Health Insurance	Unemployment	Total
Administrative Assistant (Anderson)	1	\$ 46,400.72	\$ 3,549.66	\$ 14,388.86	\$ 14,130.88	\$ 31.00	\$ 78,501.11
Administrative Assistant (Williams)	1	\$ 54,101.36	\$ 4,138.75	\$ 16,776.83	\$ 16,476.03	\$ 31.00	\$ 91,523.97
Investigator (Thompson)	1	\$ 59,751.92	\$ 4,571.02	\$ 18,529.07	\$ 18,196.85	\$ 31.00	\$ 101,079.86
TOTAL:	3	\$ 160,254.00	\$ 12,259.43	\$ 49,694.77	\$ 48,803.75	\$ 93.00	\$ 271,104.95

COUNTY FUNDED - Public Defender and Assistants							
Name	#	Salaries	FICA	Retirement	Health Insurance	Unemployment	Total
APD (VACANT)	1	\$ 66,000.00	\$ 5,049.00	\$ 20,466.60	\$ 20,099.64	\$ 31.00	\$ 111,646.24
APD (Jones)	1	\$ 74,000.00	\$ 5,661.00	\$ 22,947.40	\$ 22,535.96	\$ 31.00	\$ 125,175.36
APD (Jordan)	1	\$ 73,000.00	\$ 5,584.50	\$ 22,637.30	\$ 22,231.42	\$ 31.00	\$ 123,484.22
APD (Smith)	1	\$ 73,000.00	\$ 5,584.50	\$ 22,637.30	\$ 22,231.42	\$ 31.00	\$ 123,484.22
APD (Tripp)	1	\$ 73,000.00	\$ 5,584.50	\$ 22,637.30	\$ 22,231.42	\$ 31.00	\$ 123,484.22
APD (position eliminated)	1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL:	6	\$ 359,000.00	\$ 27,463.50	\$ 111,325.90	\$ 109,329.86	\$ 155.00	\$ 607,274.26

COUNTY FUNDED - Public Defender Administrative							
Name	#	Salaries	FICA	Retirement	Health Insurance	Unemployment	Total
Administrative Assistant (Brock)	1	\$ 34,103.77	\$ 2,608.94	\$ 10,575.58	\$ 10,385.96	\$ 31.00	\$ 57,705.25
Administrative Assistant (Smith)	1	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 2,983.50	\$ 12,093.90	\$ 11,877.06	\$ 31.00	\$ 65,985.46
Social Worker (Bradshaw)	1	\$ 49,000.00	\$ 3,748.50	\$ 15,194.90	\$ 14,922.46	\$ 31.00	\$ 82,896.86
Administrative Assistant (Alvarez)	1	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 2,754.00	\$ 11,163.60	\$ 10,963.44	\$ 31.00	\$ 60,912.04
TOTAL:	4	\$ 158,103.77	\$ 12,094.94	\$ 49,027.98	\$ 48,148.92	\$ 124.00	\$ 267,499.61

COUNTY FUNDED - Operating Expenditures			
Name of Account		Monthly	Annual
Telecommunications		\$ 1,200.00	\$ 14,400.00
Office Supplies	*	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Copying Costs	*	\$ 208.33	\$ 2,500.00
Postage	*	\$ 125.00	\$ 1,500.00
Printing	*	\$ 62.50	\$ 750.00
Reference Books/ Law Books	*	\$ 166.67	\$ 2,000.00
Transcripts	*	\$ 166.67	\$ 2,000.00
Copier Replacement	*	\$ 291.67	\$ 3,500.00
Court Reporter Services	*	\$ 250.00	\$ 3,000.00
Furniture & Equipment	*	\$ 250.00	\$ 3,000.00
Travel (Outside)	*	\$ 83.33	\$ 1,000.00
Professional Organization Dues	*	\$ 500.00	\$ 6,000.00
Subscriptions	*	\$ 41.67	\$ 500.00
Training (Outside)	*	\$ 416.67	\$ 5,000.00
Document Management	*	\$ 833.33	\$ 10,000.00
Utilities	*	\$ 833.33	\$ 10,000.00
TOTAL:		\$ 6,429.17	\$ 77,150.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES:			
		State Funded	County Funded
Public Defender and Assistants	*	\$ 802,902.02	\$ 607,274.26
Public Defender Administrative	*	\$ 271,104.95	\$ 267,499.61
5% Administrative Fee	*	\$ -	\$ 43,738.69
CPD Supplement	*	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Expenditures	*	\$ -	\$ 77,150.00
TOTAL:		\$ 1,074,006.97	\$ 995,662.56
GRAND TOTAL FOR CIRCUIT:		\$2,069,669.53	

BREAKDOWN BY COUNTY			
County	%	Monthly	Annual
Catoosa	38.4%	\$ 31,861.20	\$ 382,334.42
Chattooga	14.1%	\$ 11,699.04	\$ 140,388.42
Dade	9.2%	\$ 7,633.41	\$ 91,600.96
Walker	38.3%	\$ 31,778.23	\$ 381,338.76
TOTAL:	100%	\$ 82,971.88	\$ 995,662.56

BREAKDOWN BY COUNTY (Personnel)			
County	%	Monthly	Annual
Catoosa	38.4%	\$ 29,392.40	\$ 352,708.82
Chattooga	14.1%	\$ 10,792.52	\$ 129,510.27
Dade	9.2%	\$ 7,041.93	\$ 84,503.16
Walker	38.3%	\$ 29,315.86	\$ 351,790.31
TOTAL:	100%	\$ 76,542.71	\$ 918,512.56

BREAKDOWN BY COUNTY (Operating)			
County	%	Monthly	Annual
Catoosa	38.4%	\$ 2,468.80	\$ 29,625.60
Chattooga	14.1%	\$ 906.51	\$ 10,878.15
Dade	9.2%	\$ 591.48	\$ 7,097.80
Walker	38.3%	\$ 2,462.37	\$ 29,548.45
TOTAL:	100%	\$ 6,429.17	\$ 77,150.00

Attachment “A”

Walker County Departmental Statistics - December 2023



Department		Monthly Totals						YTD Totals		YTD Totals		Yearly Totals		Yearly Totals		Yearly Totals	
		November		December		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018	
Animal Shelter		Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats
Intake		50	10	52	7	1,066	469	1,138	452	1,322	648	1,093	516	1,094	295	1,176	25
Outake (Adopted, Rescued, Returned)		101	10	51	14	1,059	345	1,172	433	1,281	624	1,091	474	1,099	279	1,012	47
Adopted		27	3	30	11	252	84	191	150	31	91	33	65	208	152	138	34
Rescued		64	0	8	0	615	234	720	245	999	494	919	397	766	119	749	13
Returned to Owner		8	0	10	3	179	21	249	17	238	18	119	6	112	3	125	0
Euthanized		2	7	3	0	48	16	35	27	17	23	20	6	31	7	56	2
Codes Enforcement & Litter		November		December		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018	
Inspections (revised)		213		191		1,619		3,553		19,409		6,672		9,309		5,124	
Closed Cases		1		2		54		73		154		161		58		339	
Roadside Trash Pounds		280		3,580		26,220		74,000		143,723		143,800		143,330		122,912	
Elections		November		December		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018	
Registered Voters		see yearly total		see yearly total		47,768		43,200		43,025		43,719		40,281		38,202	
Fire Department		November		December		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018	
Calls for Service		679		548		6,550		6,148		4,173		3,478		6,091		5,670	
Units Handling Calls for Service		1,138		799		9,429		9,433		7,024		5,705		8,815		6,359	
Smoke Alarms Installed		13		8		139		190		368		322		781		228	
Mountain Cove Farms		November		December		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018	
Total Nights Booked		161		37		789		1,016		892		840		1,102		908	
Planning		November		December		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018	
Single Family New Home Construction		13		15		352		142		157		150		128		124	
Building Inspections		357		230		4,395		2,291		1,755		1,595		1,424		1,326	
Public Relations		November		December		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018	
External Media Impressions (stories)		32		17		297		327		460		460		451		509	
Facebook Followers Added		465		100		2,185		2,722		1,227		2,768		1,880		2,182	
Facebook Posts (main page)		44		24		372		342		519		888		602		487	
WalkerCountyGA.gov views		51,362		36,137		526,068		504,354		568,384		668,051		357,989		316,285	
Newsletter Subscribers Added		2		-5		219		345		1,376		1,104		971		925	
Public Works		November		December		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018	
Patching/Potholes		408		40		4,423		3,124		4,157		5,785		6,148		4,798	
Walker Transit		November		December		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018	
Total Trips		2,118		1,857		30,456		27,869		18,420		17,436		26,535		21,551	

Best Friends: Data Matrix

Criteria:

Enter from date: 12/01/2023

Enter to date: 12/31/2023

	Species					
	Canine			Feline		
	Adult	Up to 5 months	Unknown Age	Adult	Up to 5 months	Unknown Age
Beginning Animal Count 2023-12-01	110	44	0	90	14	0
Intakes: Stray/At Large	20	0	0	2	0	0
Intakes: Transferred in from Municipal Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Intakes: Transferred in from Other Rescue Group	0	0	0	0	0	0
Intakes: Owner Requested Euthanasia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Intakes: Relinquished by Owner	3	5	0	0	0	0
Intakes: Returns	8	0	0	0	0	0
Intakes: Other Intakes	23	0	0	5	0	0
Live Outcomes: Adoption	24	6	0	6	5	0
Live Outcomes: Returned to Owner	10	0	0	3	0	0
Live Outcomes: Returned To Field	0	0	0	0	0	0
Live Outcomes: Transferred to Municipal Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Live Outcomes: Transferred to Other Rescue Group	7	1	0	0	0	0
Live Outcomes: Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Outcomes: Died in Care	1	1	0	0	0	0
Other Outcomes: Lost in Care	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Outcomes: Euthanasia	2	0	0	0	0	0
Other Outcomes: Owner Requested Euthanasia	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Animal Counts 2023-12-31	124	37	0	89	8	0
Spays/Neuters: Pre-Adoption	26	11	0	3	0	0
Spays/Neuters: Free for Low-Income Families	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spays/Neuters: Low-Cost for Low-Income Families	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spays/Neuters: Low-Cost for General Public	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spays/Neuters: TNR	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spays/Neuters: Other	0	0	0	0	0	0