

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 May 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING

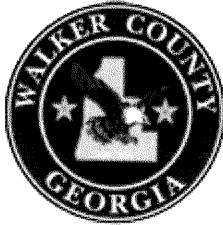
- **Invocation & Pledges**
- **Chairman Whitfield will Call to Order the Regular Meeting**
- **Clerk establishes a Quorum is present**
- **Approve Agenda**
- **Approve Minutes**
Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Scheduled Meeting Held on April 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Public Hearing**
Jose & Damaris Martinez request a variance for less than five acres in an A-1 (Agricultural) zone for property located at 132 Learning to Lean Lane, LaFayette, GA 30728. Tax map & parcel number 0-358-033.
- **Ceremonial**
A Proclamation for Senior Citizens Day
- **Presentation**
Annual Property Assessment Update - Terry Gilreath, Chief Appraiser
- **Public Comment**
- **New Business**
Resolution R-022-23 to Authorize the Submission of an Application for a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant

Jose & Damaris Martinez request a variance for less than five acres in an A-1 (Agricultural) zone for property located at 132 Learning to Lean Lane, LaFayette, GA 30728. Tax map & parcel number 0-358-033. (*Planning Commission recommended denial*)

Purchase Order 2023-00000854 for \$65,336.00 for Air Pak and Cylinder units for Walker County Fire Rescue

April 2023 Department Statistics
- **Commissioner Comments**
- **Executive Session (if necessary)**
- **Adjourn**

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - Thursday, May 25, 2023



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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

May 11, 2023

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 May 11, 2023.

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, Communications Specialist Dakiya Porter 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 made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Askew, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried to approve the agenda.

IV. Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Stultz made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Scheduled Meeting held April 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Hart, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion was approved.

V. Public Hearing:

- I. Chairman Whitfield asked if anyone would like to speak on the variance request from Jose and Damaris Martinez for less than five acres in an A-1 zone for property located at 132 Learning to Lean Lane, LaFayette, GA 30728, tax map and parcel number 0-358-033. Jose Martinez said he was requesting the variance so he could put a mobile home on the property to help care for his mother. He provided the Board with letters from her doctor explaining her medical condition. He said his mother in law already lives with them and this would allow him to be able to take care of his mother while still allowing everyone to have personal space.

VI. Ceremonial:

- I. Chairman Whitfield read the proclamation for senior citizens day and presented it to Commissioner Stultz. He gave information about an event at the Civic Center sponsored by Robert and Don Stultz and family. Commissioner Stultz said his dad started this event when he was a child and it is an honor to bring this event back to the community.

VII. Presentation

- I. Terry Gilreath, Chief Appraiser, gave a presentation on property assessments. He said values were raised again this year because the market is continuing to rise. He said values went up on all property types this year. He said notices will go out May 15 and June 29 will be the last day to appeal. He provided the Board with a handout. Commissioner Blakemore asked how this raise was compared to last year. Mr. Gilreath said there was a 25% increase last year and a 30% increase this year overall. He said this year there are some low and high sales while last year's sales were all high sales. He said the demand for housing is through the roof and the Chattanooga and North Georgia area are in the top ten areas for demand.

VIII. Public Comment:

- I. Randy Pittman came forward on behalf of the Historic Preservation Commission. He gave an update of the grant application that was recently approved. He said they are working on plans to preserve Oak Hill School and move it off of the hill it currently sits on. Chairman Whitfield asked who owned the structure. Mr. Pittman said they are working with Representative Mike Cameron to clarify because it is unclear if the state or county does. Commissioner Stultz asked if they had a plan to move the structure. Mr. Pittman said they are still getting details and recommendations for a plan. Commissioner Askew said he would provide him with some contact information that can help. Mr. Pittman said the next meeting is May 15 at the LaFayette Library and invited everyone to come out.

IX. New Business:

- I. Chairman Whitfield read Resolution R-022-23 to authorize the submission of an application for a land and water conservation fund grant. He said this is in relation with SPLOST funds for an all

inclusive playground and this will allow the project to be much larger. He said this is to authorize the pre application and then if approved it will come back before the Board for final approval. He added the max dollar amount will be \$300,000.00. Commissioner Blakemore made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Stultz, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.

- II. Chairman Whitfield asked if there was any discussion from the Board for the variance request from Jose and Damaris Martinez for less than five acres in an A-1 zone for property located at 132 Learning to Lean Lane, LaFayette, GA 30728, tax map and parcel number 0-358-033. Planning and Zoning Director Jon Pursley said they are requesting to put a mobile home on the property where two mobile homes were previously. He said it has two septic tanks already and the previous mobile homes were removed in 2014 before he purchased the property. Commissioner Stultz said after looking over the medical documents Mr. Martinez's mother needs significant family assistance and her son would need to be her caregiver. He said they meet the requirements for a medical hardship. Commissioner Stultz made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Blakemore, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- III. Chairman Whitfield said purchase order 2023-00000854 is for \$65,336.00 for air pak and cylinder units for Walker County Fire Rescue. He said Chief Hodge or Deputy Farrow could not be present to speak tonight because they were out of town inspecting the three new trucks coming next month. He said they wanted to share this purchase to further equip the new trucks. He said the purchase will be made with ARPA funds. Commissioner Askew made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Hart, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- IV. Chairman Whitfield read the department statistics for April 2023.

X. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Blakemore thanked everyone for coming out and told them to feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns. He also thanked all county employees and the assessors department for all of their hard work.

Commissioner Askew thanked everyone for coming out and being involved. He told everyone to feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Commissioner Hart said Annex II was looking great and he hoped to see it opened around July 1. He thanked the road department for the quick job moving over the mountain.

Commissioner Stultz thanked all of the county employees and each department for their hard work. He gave information about a Senior Citizens Event and thanked the Board for the proclamation presented tonight. He said a friend had recently visited and adopted an animal at the shelter and he was pleased to hear about their great experience.

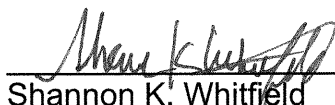
Chairman Whitfield said Tire Amnesty Day had a great turnout and they hoped to have another event in October or November. He said Clarence Johnson with the Public Works department is doing great after his accident and he asked everyone to keep him in their prayers.

XI. Executive Session:

Chairman Whitfield made a motion to go into executive session for personnel and real estate, seconded by Commissioner Askew, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried. Executive session began at 7:44 PM. Chairman Whitfield called the regular meeting back to order at 8:45 PM with no further action from the executive session.

IV. Adjournment:

Commissioner Hart made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Blakemore seconded the motion. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 PM.



Shannon K. Whitfield
Chairman/CEO
Walker County Georgia

05-25-2023

Date

Regular Scheduled Board of Commissioners Meeting

Walker County Annex III

May 11, 2023

7:00 PM

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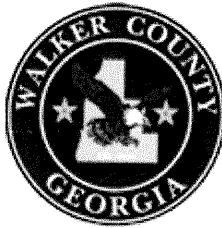
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Commissioner Askew	Present
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Chairman Whitfield	Present
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Commissioner Hart	Present
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Commissioner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

Regular Scheduled Board of Commissioners Meeting

May 11, 2023

7:00 PM

Name

Address

BILL BROWNE ROCK SPRING, GA

Angie Teens Chickamauga

Ging Pittman Rossville, Ga.

Randy Pittman WCHPC

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La Fayette, Mo.

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T. Puda	T. Puda

Don Purley Inspection & Planning
Bella Linn Paul

Bobbie's Ends Road

Sarah Hyman
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Keith Kultz

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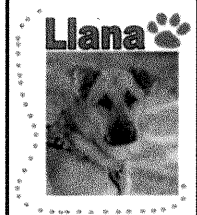
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Liana is a social butterfly and gets along great with other dogs and cats. She would make a wonderful addition to any home with furry friends. While we don't have any information about her interactions with children, her gentle and laid-back nature suggests she would do well in a household with kids. Liana is a sweet and affectionate dog who loves to snuggle up with her human companions. She has a moderate energy level, so she'll enjoy leisurely walks and spending time relaxing with her family.

If you think you could be the perfect fit for Liana and provide her with the loving forever home she deserves, please come and meet her!

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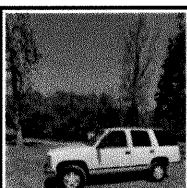
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
CHRISTOPHER G. CAMERON, Plaintiff
VS. MIRANDA N. BRANNON A/K/A MIRANDA N. CAMERON, Defendant
Civil Act No. 23-000240
NOTICE: MIRANDA N. BRANNON A/K/A MIRANDA N. CAMERON
By order of the court for service by publication dated March 29th, 2023, you are hereby notified that on March 28th, 2023, CHRISTOPHER G. CAMERON filed suit against you for custody of your minor children. You are required

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to file with the clerk of the Superior Court and to serve on the plaintiffs attorney, Charles Clements, III, Post Office Box 765, Lafayette, Georgia 30726, an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of March 28th, 2023.

Witness the Honorable Don W. Thompson, Kristina Cook Graham, Ralph Van Pelt, Jr., Brian M. House, Judges of the Superior Court, Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit.
This 28th day of March, 2023
McKayla Tennant
Deputy Clerk for Court Brown

Wm8328
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
BOBBY FLOYD, Plaintiff/Petitioner
Civil Act No. 23-000235
JEFFREY WAYNE MANN, AND AMANDA MANN, AND IAN KRAUSE, Defendants
Petition for Change of Custody of Minor Child
In the Superior Court for the State of Georgia, County of Walker.

TO: IAN KRAUSE AND AMANDA MANN
Notice is hereby given that the court for service by publication dated March 31, 2023, you are hereby notified that on May 14, 2023, Bobby Floyd filed suit against you for custody of a minor child. You are required to file with the Clerk of the Superior Court and to serve on Plaintiff's attorney, Benjamin T. Bradford, 120 East Patton Street, LaFayette, GA 30728, an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of first publication of this notice.

Witness the Honorable Kristina Cook Connelly, Judge of the Superior Court, Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit.
This 31st day of April, 2023
McKayla Tennant, Deputy Clerk for Court Brown

Wm8340
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
IN THE INTEREST OF:
CHILD: JACOB MARK BUCKNER, Age: 3 DOB: 02-26-2020 MALE
Case No. 041-231-00102
Child Under 18 Years of Age

NOTICE OF SUMMONS
COMB, mother of the minor child JACOB MARK BUCKNER, legal guardian of the child, Georgia. You are hereby notified that, Child Pendergast, has filed a petition in the court which alleges the above minor child is his biological child and seeks custody of the child. The complaint was filed March 21, 2023, and an Order for service of the petition was entered by the court on March 29th, 2023. You are hereby notified that you are required to file with the Juvenile Court of Walker County, Georgia on the 2nd day of June, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. for purpose of determining whether the probers of said Complaint should be granted the relief requested. A copy of the Complaint may be taken from the Clerk of the Juvenile Court of the Courthouse in LaFayette, Georgia during regular business hours. You are further ordered that while a responsive pleading with the Clerk of the Juvenile Court of the Order Service by Publication. Witness the Honorable Steven A. Ellis, Judge of said Court, this 29th day of March, 2023.

April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 2023

Wm8344
NOTICE OF DETOUR APPROVAL
P. I. 0016607

WALKER COUNTY
Notice is hereby given that the Georgia Department of Transportation has approved the use and the routing of a detour for this project.
The date of detour approval is: April 3, 2023.
The proposed project will replace the existing CR 219 from the intersection over West Chickamauga Creek with a slight realignment of the existing CR 219 from the intersection over West Chickamauga Creek to the intersection of the proposed bridge replacement and associated roadway improvements is approximately 0.2 miles. The project begins at a point approximately 375 feet north of the existing West Chickamauga Creek and ends 700 feet south of the creek. The project is located roughly 1.5 miles northeast of Chickamauga, GA. The section of CR 219 north of Chickamauga Creek is within the city limits of Chickamauga. The estimated time of construction is 12 months and a designated offsite detour will be in place for approximately nine (9) months. This project would include on-offsite detour.
The designated offsite detour includes travel along SR 145 / US 27 (LaFayette Rd.) from the intersection of LaFayette Rd. and the offsite detour route length is 4.2 miles, a net length increase of 1.5 miles. Drawings or maps of the project are available for review on file and are available for public inspection at the Georgia Department of Transportation. For information or questions regarding the detour route, please contact:
Jordan Clement
District 6, Area 4
jclement@dot.ga.gov
53 East 20th Street
Rome, GA 30161
(706) 526-4925
April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 2023

Wm8351
NOTICE OF AUCTION:
Pursuant to the Georgia Self-Storage Facility Act, Ga. Code Ann. 10-4-2108 et seq., the following unit of the Rossville Self-Storage 1402 Wilson Road, Rossville, GA 30741 Phone 706-438-6115, will be sold at public auction on the following date and time: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. The following unit will be sold to the highest bidder. Subject to

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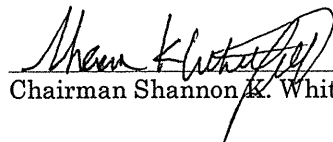
Proclamation

BY THE WALKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS *SENIOR CITIZENS DAY 2023*

- WHEREAS: The U.S. Census Bureau estimates 13,163 Walker County residents are age 65 or older; and
- WHEREAS: Walker County recognizes the impact of contributions made by older adults to our community; and
- WHEREAS: May is "Older Americans Month" in the state of Georgia and residents are encouraged celebrate the strength of older adults and the power of connection and engagement in building a stronger community for a stronger Georgia; and
- WHEREAS: Older adults are encouraged to find a new passion, go on an adventure, and push boundaries by not letting age define their limits, as a means to stay connected with their community; and
- WHEREAS: Walker County supports organizations like North Georgia Community Action, which operates Senior Life Centers in Chickamauga and LaFayette, to assist older adults with daily nutritional needs, health education and general wellness; and
- WHEREAS: Walker County desires to recognize and honor the older adults in our community;
- THEREFORE: I, Shannon K. Whitfield, Chairman of the Walker County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 17th as SENIOR CITIZENS DAY in Walker County and encourage our older adults to attend a special event at the Walker County Civic Center at 10:00 a.m. on May 17th in their honor.

Signed and sealed this 11th day of May in the year 2023.




Chairman Shannon K. Whitfield

Walker County Assessors' Office

P.O. Box 399

Rock Spring, GA 30739

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the 2023 notices of assessment. The following is a brief description of the changes that occurred this year, appeal information and an explanation of the estimated taxes located at the bottom of the notice.

The base price per square foot was increased. The reason behind the increase is the real estate market. Over the last three years home prices have continued to rise considerably. This office is charged with maintaining Walker County parcels at fair market value (an arm's length transaction between a knowing buyer and a willing seller). Our values are determined through market studies of like properties within market areas.

The rural land schedules were updated to reflect the current market. These schedules had not been updated since 2016. This will affect small and large acreage parcels.

Commercial and industrial schedules were updated, as well. These types of properties have not had the same activity in the market. Now with multiple years' worth of data, prices per square foot could be updated.

State law requires 45 days be given to the property owner to file an appeal. All information regarding the appeal avenues is listed on the appeal form. An inspection / field review is required if an appeal is filed. If the property owner refuses a review of the property, the appeal will immediately be forwarded to the appropriate appeals board. **YOUR TAXES CAN NOT BE APPEALED.**

The estimated taxes at the bottom of the notices are not an accurate reflection of what your taxes will be. The 2023 millage rates have not been set by the Board of Education, the Board of Commissioners or any municipalities. Those rates are not set until the end of summer or beginning of fall. The Assessors' Office is not responsible for setting any millage rate, only value of property.

Please take a moment and ask yourself one question: **What would you sell your property for?**



RESOLUTION R-022-23

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WALKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO
AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A LAND AND WATER
CONSERVATION GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Walker County ("Board") is the governing authority of Walker County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Walker County owns and operates a recreation park on the grounds of the Walker County Civic Center campus; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires for Walker County to submit a pre-application for funding from the Land and Water Conservation Fund ("LWCF") to assist with making improvements to this community asset; and

WHEREAS, in the event Walker County's pre-application is recommended for funding by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, the Board certifies and assures that it has the ability and intention to finance 50-percent of the total project cost and will move forward with due diligence to prepare or have prepared, appropriate documentation required for a formal LWCF application;

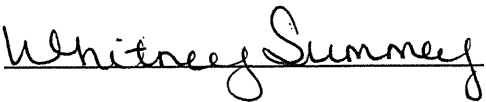
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia does hereby authorize the filing of a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant application with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board agrees to provide the 50% (percent) match required for the grant.

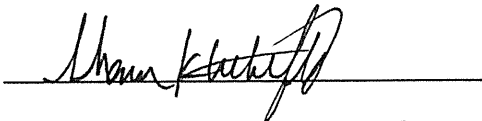
SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of May, 2023.

ATTEST:

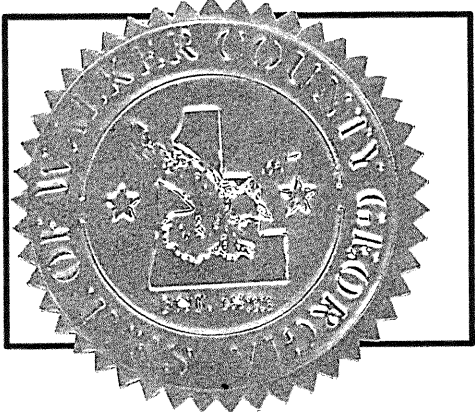
WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA



Whitney Summey, Deputy Clerk



SHANNON K. WHITFIELD, Chairman



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

WALKER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Application for Zoning Variance

Date 2-27-23

Case No.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

FEE \$ 75.00

Owner's Name Jose & Damaris Martinez		Mailing Address 132 Learning to learn lane	
City/Zip Lafayette ga 30228		Phone (386) 832-5898	
Tax Parcel # 0-358-033		Street Name and Number	
Current Zoning A-1	Requested Variance less than 5 acres	Owner Occupied?	
Reason for Variance (Be Specific):		Rental Property?	
Please see Attached documents			

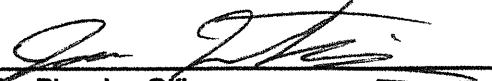
Lessee's IF APPLICABLE Name	Lessee's Address
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NAME AND ADDRESS OF ALL PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN 150' OF ANY PROPERTY LINE

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- Planning Commission - 4-20-2023 - denied request
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IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS REQUIRED, ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET

I SWEAR UNDER PENALTY OF LAW THAT THE WITHIN INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT

Owner's Signature  Date: 2-27-23

Date Received by the Planning Office:

2-27-2023

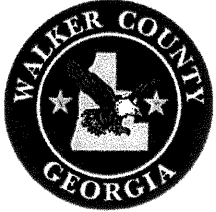
Planning Commission Decision/Date

April 20th @ 6:00 pm (Civic Center) + April 27 @ 7:00 pm - BOC
201 S. Main St

THIS FORM MUST BE FULLY COMPLETED.

The Owner/Applicant must notify each property owner within 150' by providing them a copy of this application. Proof of notification must be provided to the Planning Office.

This application must be fully complete prior to filing.



**Walker County
Planning Commission Meeting**

**April 20, 2023
6:00 P.M.
Walker County Civic Center**

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MARCH 16, 2023 MINUTES

IV. MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:

A. VARIANCE:

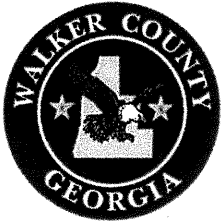
1. **Jose & Damaris Martinez:** Requests a variance for less than five acres in an A-1 (Agricultural) zone for property located at 132 Learning to Lean Lane LaFayette, GA. 30728. Tax map & parcel number 0-358-033.

V. MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:

VI. MOTION TO GO INTO NEW BUSINESS:

A. Jose & Damaris Martinez

VII. ADJOURNMENT:



Walker County Planning Commission
Minutes

April 20, 2023
Walker County Civic Center
6:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Planning Commission Members

Cindy Askew
Jon Hentz
Michael Hicks
Zack Chapman
Stan Porter
John Morehouse
Michael Haney

Walker County Planning Staff

Jon Pursley, Planning Director
Kristy Parker, Planning Commission Secretary

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Haney called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

III. READING & APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 16, 2022 MEETING MINUTES:

Chairman Haney asked if there was a motion to approve or deny the minutes. Stan Porter made a motion to approve. John Morehouse seconded the motion to approve. The vote was six in favor of approving the minutes and Zack Chapman abstained due to missing that meeting. Motion to approve minutes passed.

IV. MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING:

Chairman Haney asked for a motion to open the public hearing. Michael Hicks made a motion to open the public hearing. John Morehouse seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion to open the public hearing carried.

V. PUBLIC HEARING:

Variance:

1. Jose & Damaris Martinez: Chairman Haney asked if there was anyone present for the Martinezes. Jose Martinez came forward and stated that he would like to put another home on his property for his mother who lives in Florida. He said that he already has his mother-in-law living with them and would just like to be able to have his mother closer so he could help take care of her. He stated that he has talked to some of his neighbors and they said they did not have a problem with it and provided a sheet with some signatures on it. Jon Pursely looking at an ariel map asked Mr. Martinez if in 2011 were there two mobile homes on the property and Mr. Martinez said yes and those were owned by the previous owner but there are two septic tanks there and if approved he was hoping to use one of those. Jon then asked how long the mobile homes have been gone and Mr. Martinez said he has been there for two years and they were gone then so he did not know when they were moved. Zack Chapman asked which property was for sale by him and he said he was not sure. Chairman Haney asked if his mother was in bad health and he said yes that her cancer was in remission and she has a heart problem. He stated that she has to be out of the place she is in now by June 3rd. He said that he had put down a payment on a mobile home but did not realize he needed a variance so he let that home go because he could not move it at the time and go against the process. Chairman Haney asked if he had any documentaion stating that this could be a medical hardship. Mr. Martinez stated not at the time but he could get them. Chairman Haney then told the board that with these documents that it would fall under a medical hardship type variance. John Morehouse asked Mr. Martinez if he had purchased the home and he said no that he had put down money on one but let it go because he didn't realize he needed a variance at the time. John Morehouse then asked if he could not build onto his existing home and Mr. Martinez stated that they already have is mother-in-law who has dementia living with them plus he has his own issues such as PTSD and that would be a lot in one house. Chairman Haney then explained that he did have a couple of options such as building on to the existing house or having a medical hardship. Stan Porter asked how soon he wanted to get his mother here and he said she has to move by June 3rd. Cindy Askew asked if anyone lived in the mobile home beside him and he said he was not sure. Cindy Askew stated that it was just a couple of months ago that the board denied the same request just up the road and that it was not a hardship but still that was denied. Stan Porter asked if he went with the hardship that would still have to be recommended to the Board of Commissioners and Chairman Haney said yes.

VI. MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING:

Chairman Haney asked if there was a motion to close the public hearing. Stan Porter made a motion to close the public hearing. Michael Hicks seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion to close the public hearing carried.

VII: MOTION TO OPEN NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Haney asked if there was a motion to go into new business. John Morehouse made a motion to open the new business. Cindy Askew seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion to open new business carried.

VIII: NEW BUSINESS:

Variance:

1. **Jose & Damaris Martinez:** Chairman Haney asked if there was a motion to approve or deny the variance request. Stan Porter made a motion to approve contingent upon Mr. Martinez providing documentain for a medial hardship. Michael Hicks seconded he motion. Michael Hicks, Michael Haney and Stan Porter voted in favor to approve with medial hardship. Zack Chapman, John Morehouse, Jon Hentz and Cindy Askew voted to deny the request. Chairman Haney then said that the motion to approve failed with a three to four vote. With a lack of votes to approve was there a motion to deny. Jon Hentz made a motion to deny the request and John Morehouse seconded the motion to deny. Members in favor to deny was Zack Chapman, Jon Hentz, John Morehouse and Cindy Askew. Members that voted against the denial was Michal Hicks, Michael Haney and Stan Porter. Vote was four to three in favor to deny the request. Motion to deny carried.

IX: ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Haney adjoined the meeting.

Date Submitted: Planning Commission Chairman

Date Submitted: Planning Commission Secretary

Date Submitted: Planning Commission Director

To whom it may concern,

I am a retired veteran my family and I bought this beautiful house and land here in walker county ga. My mother is getting older and needs help I thought if she was close she would have someone around when needed. She will no longer be able to stay at her current residence. I did research on walker county.gov planning,zoning & inspections also permitting & inspections. I have a parcel of land with electrical,water and septic and understood most of the permitting fees so I signed a purchase agreement on 2/25/23 for the mobile home. Please allow us to put the mobile home here so we can spend as much time as possible with her.

Thank you for your consideration and understanding.

 Jose Martinez

2-27-23

To whom it may concern,
We are writing this letter to say that we are OK with Jose Martinez, adding a home to his property .He's a decent neighbor and maintains his land.

Sincerely ,

Bruce Ledford
Tracy Ledford

Bruce & Tracy Ledford
90 Famlee Circle
LaFayette, CA 94501

SHIP TO

WALKER COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE
107 ALEX DRIVE
CHICKAMAUGA, GA 30707

BILL TO

WALKER COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE
107 ALEX DRIVE
CHICKAMAUGA, GA 30707

REPRINT PURCHASE
ORDER
NO. 2023-00000854

DATE 05/04/2023

VENDOR 60648 MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICES

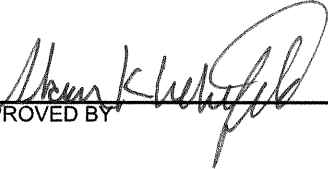
CONTACT

MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICES
P O BOX 856892
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55485-6892

DELIVER BY
SHIP VIA
FREIGHT TERMS
ORIGINATOR
RESOLUTION #
PAYMENT TERMS

Christina O'Toole

QUANTITY	U/M	DESCRIPTION	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
8.0000	EA	Capital - Other Equipment - AIRPAK X- PRO SCBA with Snap Change	\$6,123.0000	\$48,984.00
16.0000	EA	Capital - Other Equipment - Snap-Change Cylinders Carbon-Wrapped, Pressure 4500	\$1,022.0000	\$16,352.00
			TOTAL DUE	\$65,336.00


APPROVED BY

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS



6701-C Northpark Blvd
Charlotte, NC 28216

Quote

Quote # QT1663335
Date 01/31/2023
Expires 02/15/2023
Sales Rep Adams, Jeremy L
Shipping Method FedEx Ground
Customer Walker County Emergency Services (GA)
Customer # C202361

Bill To
Walker County Emergency Services
107 Alex Drive
Chickamauga GA 30707

Ship To
Walker County Emergency Services
107 Alex Drive
Chickamauga GA 30707

Item	Alt. Item #	Units	Description	QTY	Unit Price	Amount
X8914021005304			Air-Pak X3 Pro SCBA (2018 Edition) with Snap-Change, Parachute Buckles, 4.5, Standard, No Accessory Pouch, E-Z Flo+ Regulator with Continuous Hose, None, None, No, Pak-Tracker, No Case, 2 SCBA Per Box	8	\$6,123.00	\$48,984.00
200128-01			Snap-Change Cylinder, Carbon-Wrapped, Pressure 4500, 30 Minutes (at 40 lpm)	16	\$1,022.00	\$16,352.00

Subtotal \$65,336.00
Shipping Cost \$0.00
Tax Total \$0.00
Total \$65,336.00

This Quotation is subject to any applicable sales tax and shipping & handling charges that may apply. Tax and shipping charges are considered estimated and will be recalculated at the time of shipment to ensure they take into account the most current information.

All returns must be processed within 30 days of receipt and require a return authorization number and are subject to a restocking fee.

Custom orders are not returnable. Effective tax rate will be applicable at the time of invoice.



QT1663335

Walker County Departmental Statistics - April 2023



Department		Monthly Totals						YTD Totals		YTD Totals		YTD Totals		Yearly Totals		Yearly Totals	
Animal Shelter		March		April		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018	
		Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats
Intake		121	15	76	130	438	172	1,138	452	1,322	648	1,093	516	1,094	295	1,176	25
Outake (Adopted, Rescued, Returned)		189	17	38	118	426	170	1,172	433	1,281	624	1,091	474	1,099	279	1,012	47
Adopted		16	7	17	2	72	37	191	150	31	91	33	65	208	152	138	34
Rescued		154	9	7	113	288	128	720	245	999	494	919	397	766	119	749	13
Returned to Owner		19	1	14	3	63	6	249	17	238	18	119	6	112	3	125	0
Euthanized		0	0	3	0	6	0	35	27	17	23	20	6	31	7	56	2
Codes Enforcement & Litter		March		April		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018	
In Compliance		106		0		231		3,553		19,409		6,672		9,309		5,124	
Violations		21		17		86		320		402		343		435		857	
Closed Cases		2		4		12		73		154		161		58		339	
Roadside Trash Pounds		0		0		22,360		74,000		143,723		143,800		143,330		122,912	
Elections		March		April		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018	
Registered Voters		219		201		43,585		43,200		43,025		43,719		40,281		38,202	
Fire Department		March		April		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018	
Calls for Service		604		521		2,100		6,148		4,173		3,478		6,091		5,670	
Units Handling Calls for Service		878		756		3,035		9,433		7,024		5,705		8,815		6,359	
Smoke Alarms Installed		5		11		21		190		368		322		781		228	
Mountain Cove Farms		March		April		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018	
Total Nights Booked		79		89		236		1,016		892		840		1,102		908	
Planning		March		April		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018	
Single Family New Home Construction		39		32		123		142		157		150		128		124	
Building Inspections		356		373		1,104		2,291		1,755		1,595		1,424		1,326	
Public Relations		March		April		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018	
Media Impressions (stories)		20		25		90		327		460		460		451		509	
Facebook Followers Added		126		108		430		2,722		1,227		2,768		1,880		2,182	
Facebook Posts (main page)		35		33		126		342		519		888		602		487	
WalkerCountyGA.gov views		42,904		39,961		163,548		504,354		568,384		668,051		357,989		316,285	
Newsletter Subscribers Added		4		23		86		345		1,376		1,104		971		925	
Public Works		March		April		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018	
Patching/Potholes		106		391		682		3,124		4,157		5,785		6,148		4,798	
Walker Transit		March		April		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018	
Total Trips		3,095		2,595		11,217		27,869		18,420		17,436		26,535		21,551	

Best Friends: Data Matrix

Criteria:

Enter from date: 04/01/2023

Enter to date: 04/30/2023

	Species					
	Canine			Feline		
	Adult	Up to 5 months	Unknown Age	Adult	Up to 5 months	Unknown Age
Beginning Animal Count 2023-04-01	59	1	0	5	1	0
Intakes: Stray/At Large	34	17	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	14	4	0	89	22	0
Intakes: Returns	7	0	0	0	0	0
Intakes: Other Intakes	6	1	0	12	5	0
Live Outcomes: Adoption	17	0	0	2	0	0
Live Outcomes: Returned to Owner	14	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	4	3	0	96	17	0
Live Outcomes: Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Outcomes: Died in Care	2	1	0	0	0	0
Other Outcomes: Lost in Care	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Outcomes: Euthanasia	3	0	0	0	0	0
Other Outcomes: Owner Requested Euthanasia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Animal Counts 2023-04-30	80	19	0	8	10	0
Spays/Neuters: Pre-Adoption	31	0	0	18	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

**WALKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER
EXECUTIVE SESSION
AFFIDAVIT**

The undersigned, having been duly sworn, states under oath that the following is true and accurate:

1.

The Walker County Board of Commissioners met in an open and duly advertised meeting on May 11, 2023.

2.

During the meeting the Walker County Board of Commissioners voted to enter into executive session.

3.

In my capacity as Commission Chairman, I preside over the executive session. The executive session was called to order at _____ p.m. The following Commissioners were present: Commissioners Blakemore, Askew, Hart, and Stultz

Also in attendance: County Attorney Gottlieb

4.

The subject matter of the executive session was devoted to the following matter(s) within the exceptions provided in the open meeting law: (Initial all that are applicable):

 Litigation Matters: Consultation with the Walker County government attorney to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought, or to be brought, by or against Walker County government or any officer or employee in which Walker County government or any officer or employee may be directly involved; as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-2(1);

StwX **Real Estate Matters:** Discussion regarding the future purchase or acquisition, disposal, or leasing of real estate; as provided by O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(b)(1);

StwX **Personnel Matters:** Discussion or deliberation upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal of a Walker County government officer or employee; as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(6);

 Other: (describe exemption of the open meeting law) _____

_____ as provided in O.C.G.A. _____.

SKWx No other matters were discussed during the executive session.

_____ Discussion occurred on a topic not authorized by law. The meeting was declared out of order, immediately ceased and was adjourned.

This 1st day of May, 2023.

Shannon K. Whitfield

Print Name: Shannon K. Whitfield

Print Title: Chairman, CEO

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
11th day of May, 2023.

[Signature]
Notary Public

My commission expires: _____

