

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 February 9, 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 January 26, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Public Comment**
- **New Business**
Resolution R-009-23 to Transfer a LMJC County Employee to State Employee Status

Resolution R-010-23 to Appoint a Member to the Walker County Water & Sewerage Authority Board

Purchase Order 2023-00000841 for \$58,034.76 to purchase two (2) 2023 Ford Escapes for the Assessor's Office (*Funding from 2023 Budget*)

Purchase Order 2023-00000848 for \$31,338.00 to purchase six (6) Self Contained Breathing Apparatus devices for the Walker County Sheriff's Office (*Funding from Fund 222*)

January 2023 Departmental Stats
- **Commissioner Comments**
- **Executive Session**
- **Adjourn**

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - Thursday, February 23, 2023



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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

February 9, 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 February 9, 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, 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 made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Askew, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried to approve agenda.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes:**

Commissioner Stultz made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Scheduled Meeting held January 26, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Hart, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion was approved.
- V. **Public Comment:**
 - I. Human Resource Manager Angie Teems thanked the Board for their commitment to the county and explained how she was invested in the county as a long time resident. She asked the Board to think about the future of the county and to take action on recommendations and observations she submitted to the Board over the last few weeks. Commissioner Askew thanked her for all of her hard work and dedication and said he will be moving forward with her concerns.
- VI. **New Business:**
 - I. Chairman Whitfield read Resolution R-009-23 to transfer a LMJC county employee to state employee status. District Attorney Chris Arnt explained the LMJC is funded by the four counties and the state. He said they are paid on the state's pay scale and that in order for them to receive their retirement and benefits they have to transition to state employee status. Commissioner Blakemore made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Stultz, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
 - II. Chairman Whitfield read Resolution R-010-23 to appoint a member to the Walker County Water and Sewerage Authority Board. He said Adam Chrnalogar is a Walker county resident and inquired about the position. He gave an overview of Mr. Chrnalogar's qualifications. Chairman Whitfield made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Askew, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
 - III. Chairman Whitfield said the two vehicles for Purchase Order 2023-00000841 had been on order since September 2022 and are replacements for the aging inventory at the Assessor's Office. He said these vehicles will be ready in 30 to 60 days. Commissioner Stultz asked if the two vehicles these are replacing will be surplus. Chairman Whitfield said the shop will look over the vehicles to see if they can be used elsewhere, and if not then they will be surplus. Commission Hart asked how many vehicles needed to be replaced for the Assessor's Office. Chairman Whitfield said 8 total. Commissioner Hart made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Stultz, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
 - IV. Chairman Whitfield asked Sheriff's Office Lt. Pat Cook to speak about Purchase Order 2023-00000848. Lt. Cook gave details of multiple incidents the Sheriff's office has had with fentanyl the last few months. He said the problem with fentanyl is becoming an epidemic nationwide. He said any amount of contact with the substance can be fatal. He said the Fire

department has been a tremendous help with lending them equipment. He said the equipment is needed for recovery and cleanup efforts because of the long period of time staff is exposed to the substance. Chairman Whitfield said as soon as Lt. Cook and Fire Chief Blake Hodge reached out to the Board about the equipment, they acted. He said the equipment was purchased on the date of the invoice in order to get it as quickly as possible. Commissioner Askew asked the ETA on the equipment and if they had something to use until it came in. He asked the Coroner for his position as well. Chief Hodge said they will receive it in 5 to 6 weeks. Lt. Cook said the Fire Department has been a great help loaning them equipment. Coroner Billy Sims said the City of LaFayette has supplied them with suits and he has talked with Chairman Whitfield about getting breathing apparatus' as well. Commissioner Stultz asked if they had an adequate supply of Narcan. Lt. Cook said no, but they are waiting on grants to purchase more. Commission Askew asked Lt. Cook to find out an exact cost and said he would like to see if there is funding available to purchase some to help with the supply issue. Commissioner Blakemore made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Askew, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.

V. Chairman Whitfield read the January 2023 departmental statistics.

VII. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Blakemore thanked everyone for coming out and told them to feel free to reach out with any concerns. He gave information about spring baseball and softball sign ups at Rossville Recreation.

Commissioner Askew said he would like to discuss the spreadsheet from Fire Chief Blake Hodge on the backlog of repairs needed for their fleet. He said the shop is doing a great job, but they can not keep up with the size of the fleet. He said they need a mechanic that specializes in fire equipment and this would reduce the jobs being outsourced. Chief Hodge gave details of the specific vehicles that are out of service and some of the repairs that are needed. Commissioner Stultz asked if hiring a mechanic that specializes in fire equipment would be hard to find. Chief Hodge said they would need competitive pay around \$60,000 to \$65,000. He said one of the current shop employees is interested in enrolling in classes to get his certifications. He said the classes take a few weeks. He said a specialized mechanic would not solve all of the issues, but it would help the shop stay caught up. Chairman Whitfield asked when the three new apparatus trucks and the seven F550s would be in. Chief Hodge said the three apparatus trucks will go to South Dakota for final inspection at the end of March. He said they expect three F550s in October. Chairman Whitfield said the shop is doing a great job and adding an EVT tech would help them get caught up and help them with yearly inspections for the fire trucks as well. Commissioner Askew asked if a proposal could be put together and brought back so they could revisit this issue.

Commissioner Hart said the City of LaFayette is working on the sidewalk at Annex II and everything should be finished by the Honey Bee Festival. He gave information about a concert being held at the Armuchee Valley Community Center for a Villanow resident, Ethan Slaughter, who will be on American Idol and encouraged everyone to support him on February 11.

Commissioner Stultz thanked all of the county employees for their hard work and thanked everyone for coming out and engaging in county government. He congratulated Captain Chris Anderson on his 30 years of service with the Sheriff's Office.

VIII. Executive Session:

Chairman Whitfield asked if there was a need for an executive session. There was none.

IV. Adjournment:

Commissioner Hart made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Askew seconded the motion, motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.

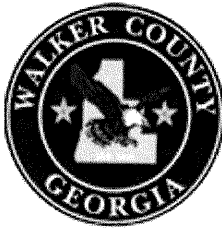


Shannon K. Whitfield
Chairman/CEO
Walker County Georgia

02-23-2023

Date

Minutes prepared by: Walker County Board Clerk, Whitney Summey



Sign In Sheet

Regular Scheduled Board of Commissioners Meeting

February 9, 2023

7:00 PM

Name

Address

Bill Browne	Rock Spring, GA
[Signature]	La Fayette GA
[Signature]	"
Randy Pittman	Dacula
Billy L	
Jon Purley	Inspection & Planning
Laura Owsley	La Fayette
Bobby Smith	Roads
Carla Bonus	Road

Regular Scheduled Board of Commissioners Meeting

Walker County Annex III

February 9, 2023

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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RESOLUTION R-009-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WALKER COUNTY TO TRANSFER AN EMPLOYEE OF THE LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO A STATE PAID COUNTY REIMBURSED EMPLOYEE

WHEREAS, the District Attorney's Office of the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit serves the four counties of Catoosa, Chattooga, Dade and Walker and is jointly funded by appropriations from the State Legislature, appropriations from the four counties and federal grants; and

WHEREAS, certain employees of the District Attorney's office are funded by the State of Georgia with all of the benefits of State employees, including medical, dental and life insurance options; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 15-18-20.1 allows for counties to contract with the State of Georgia in order to allow non-State paid District Attorney employees to be processed through the State payroll system, thereby entitling said employees to the same employee benefits as other State employees;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Walker County Board of Commissioners authorizes and designates the District Attorney of the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit as its designee for the purpose of contracting with the State of Georgia, Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia, in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 15-18-20.1, to transfer District Attorney Office administrative assistant employee Sondra Bailey to become a State Paid County Reimbursed employee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the District Attorney shall be responsible for transferring to the State the required funds necessary to cover the contracted compensation and benefits for such designated personnel provided such funds are available within the approved county budget for the District Attorney's Office.

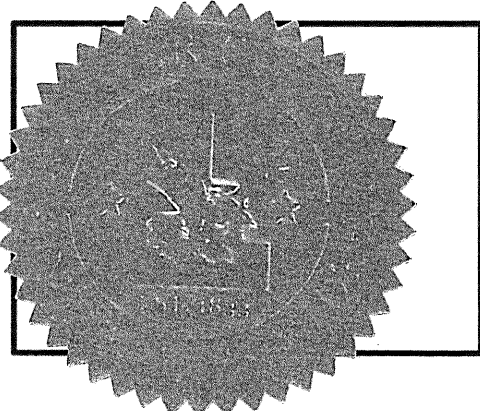
SO APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of February, 2023.

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 Stutz, and upon the question the vote is 4 ayes, 0 nays to adopt the Resolution.



RESOLUTION R-010-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WALKER COUNTY TO APPOINT A MEMBER OF THE WALKER COUNTY WATER AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, Georgia Governor George Busbee approved Act 421 on March 23, 1977 creating the Walker County Water and Sewerage Authority, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia and a public corporation; and

WHEREAS, Section 2 (b) of Act 421 governs the appointment and term of service of members to the Walker County Water and Sewerage Authority; and

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

WHEREAS, one of the duties delegated to the Chairman of the Board is to appoint members to all committees of the Board with the approval of the Board; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists on the Walker County Water and Sewerage Authority; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Shannon K. Whitfield submits the following appointment to serve as a member of the Walker County Water and Sewerage Authority:

Adam Chrnalogar - for a term ending on May 31, 2027

WHEREAS, Adam Chrnalogar is duly qualified to serve as a member of the Walker County Water and Sewerage Authority and has expressed a willingness to serve the people of Walker County in such capacity;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia that the appointment of Adam Chrnalogar is approved.

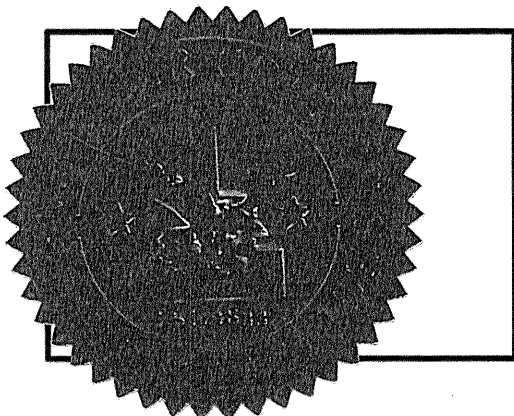
SO APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of February, 2023.

ATTEST:

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

Whitney Summey, Deputy Clerk

SHANNON K. WHITFIELD, Chairman



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

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LaFayette, GA 30728
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commissioner@walkerga.us

Shannon K. Whitfield
Chairman/CEO
Walker County, GA

February 08, 2022

Mr. Adam Chrnaogar,
109 Red Bird Lane
Chickamauga, GA 30707

Dear Mr. Chrnaogar,

It is with great pleasure that I appoint you to the Walker County Water and Sewerage Authority. Your term will expire on May 31, 2027.

Thank you for your willingness to serve the citizens of Walker County and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannon K. Whitfield".

Shannon K. Whitfield
Chairman, Walker County Board of Commissioners

SHIP TO

WALKER CO COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
101 S DUKE ST
LA FAYETTE, GA 30728

BILL TO

WALKER CO COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
PO BOX 445
LA FAYETTE, GA 30728

REPRINT PURCHASE
ORDER
NO. 2023-00000841

DATE 02/01/2023

VENDOR 56889 PRATER FORD INC

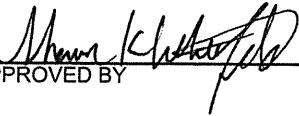
CONTACT

PRATER FORD INC
P O BOX 818
704 S WALL ST
CALHOUN, GA 30703

DELIVER BY
SHIP VIA
FREIGHT TERMS
ORIGINATOR
RESOLUTION #
PAYMENT TERMS

Whitfield, Shannon

QUANTITY	U/M	DESCRIPTION	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
2.0000	EA	Capital - Vehicles - 2023 Ford Escape AWD (Assessor's Office)	\$29,017.3800	\$58,034.76
TOTAL DUE				\$58,034.76


APPROVED BY

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

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. 2023-00000848

DATE 02/01/2023

VENDOR 60648 MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICES

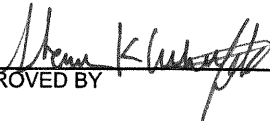
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MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICES
P O BOX 856892
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55485-6892

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ORIGINATOR
RESOLUTION #
PAYMENT TERMS

Whitfield, Shannon

QUANTITY	U/M	DESCRIPTION	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
6.0000	EA	Capital - Other Equipment - Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)	\$5,223.0000	\$31,338.00
			TOTAL DUE	\$31,338.00


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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS



6701-C Northpark Blvd
Charlotte, NC 28216

Quote

Quote # QT1661221
Date 01/26/2023
Expires 02/10/2023
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
Scott X3	X321-624020002		X321-624020002 Scott X3 X3-21 Pro Certification: NFPA 1986, 2017 Edition Cylinder Connection: Snap-Change Pressure:4500 psi Cylinder Shroud: Standard Regulator: E-Z Flo+, QD Hose, Hansen EBSS: None Spare Harness: None Case: No Case Packaging: 2 Per Box	6	\$3,879.00	\$23,274.00
200128-01			Snap-Change Cylinder, Carbon-Wrapped, Pressure 4500, 30 Minutes (at 40 lpm)	6	\$1,022.00	\$6,132.00
201215-22			AV3000 HT with Kevlar lining and 4-strap harness-Red, Medium SIZE TBD	6	\$322.00	\$1,932.00

Subtotal \$31,338.00
Shipping Cost \$0.00
Tax Total \$0.00
Total \$31,338.00

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.



QT1661221

Walker County Departmental Statistics - January 2023



Department		Monthly Totals						YTD Totals		YTD Totals		Yearly Totals		Yearly Totals		Yearly Totals	
Animal Shelter	December		January			2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018	
	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats		Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats
Intake	110	6	129	6		129	6	1,138	452	1,322	648	1,093	516	1,094	295	1,176	25
Outake (Adopted, Rescued, Returned)	146	6	113	14		113	14	1,172	433	1,281	624	1,091	474	1,099	279	1,012	47
Adopted	27	6	14	9		14	9	191	150	31	91	33	65	208	152	138	34
Rescued	100	0	83	4		83	4	720	245	999	494	919	397	766	119	749	13
Returned to Owner	18	0	13	1		13	1	249	17	238	18	119	6	112	3	125	0
Euthanized	1	0	3	0		3	0	35	27	17	23	20	6	31	7	56	2

Codes Enforcement & Litter		January			2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018	
In Compliance	30		25		25		3,553		19,409		6,672		9,309		5,124	
Violations	13		27		27		320		402		343		435		857	
Closed Cases	3		3		3		73		154		161		58		339	
Roadside Trash Pounds	23,420		10,730		10,730		74,000		143,723		143,800		143,330		122,912	

Elections		January			2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018	
Registered Voters	222		53		43,253		43,200		43,025		43,719		40,281		38,202	

Fire Department		January			2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018	
Calls for Service	544		530		530		6,148		4,173		3,478		6,091		5,670	
Units Handling Calls for Service	838		760		760		9,433		7,024		5,705		8,815		6,359	
Smoke Alarms Installed	13		5		5		190		368		322		781		228	

Mountain Cove Farms		January			2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018	
Total Nights Booked	32		35		35		1,016		892		840		1,102		908	

Planning		January			2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018	
Single Family New Home Construction	9		7		7		142		157		150		128		124	

Public Relations		January			2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018	
Media Impressions (stories)	18		14		14		327		460		460		451		509	
Facebook Followers Added	110		137		137		2,722		1,227		2,768		1,880		2,182	
Facebook Posts (main page)	29		29		29		342		519		888		602		487	
WalkerCountyGA.gov views	43,323		44,530		44,530		504,354		568,384		668,051		357,989		316,285	
Newsletter Subscribers Added	28		29		29		345		1,376		1,104		971		925	

Public Works		January			2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018	
Patching/Potholes	32		41		41		3,124		4,157		5,785		6,148		4,798	

Walker Transit		January			2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018	
Total Trips	2,210		2,748		2,748		27,869		18,420		17,436		26,535		21,551	

Best Friends: Data Matrix

Criteria:

Enter from date: 01/01/2023
Enter to date: 01/31/2023

	Species					
	Canine			Feline		
	Adult	Up to 5 months	Unknown Age	Adult	Up to 5 months	Unknown Age
Beginning Animal Count 2023-01-01	67	4	0	9	3	0
Intakes: Stray/At Large	34	12	0	1	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	1	0	0	0	0	0
Intakes: Relinquished by Owner	24	27	0	2	2	0
Intakes: Returns	15	0	0	1	0	0
Intakes: Other Intakes	13	18	0	1	0	0
Live Outcomes: Adoption	13	1	0	8	1	0
Live Outcomes: Returned to Owner	13	0	0	1	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	43	40	0	1	3	0
Live Outcomes: Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Outcomes: Died in Care	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Outcomes: Lost in Care	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Outcomes: Euthanasia	2	1	0	0	0	0
Other Outcomes: Owner Requested Euthanasia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Animal Counts 2023-01-31	80	18	0	5	0	0
Spays/Neuters: Pre-Adoption	29	4	0	6	1	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