

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 March 25, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING

- **Invocation**
Given by Chairman Shannon Whitfield
- **Pledge**
United States Flag and Georgia Flag
- **Chairman Whitfield will Call to Order the Regular Meeting**
Clerk establishes a Quorum is present
- **Approve Agenda**
- **Open Public Hearing**
Request from the estate of Marion H. Hutcheson, II to rezone property located at 0 Happy Valley Road at Highway 2 in Rossville, GA 30741 from R-2/A-1 to C-1. Tax map and parcel number 0-102-002.
- **Close Public Hearing**
- **Minutes**
Approval of the minutes for the Regular Scheduled Meeting held on March 11, 2021
- **Public Comment**
- **Informational**

Update from Lecia Eubanks, Director of the Cherokee Regional Library System, on operations and programs at the three library branches in Walker County
- **New Business**

Resolution R-014-21, A Resolution to Authorize the Application for a USDA Rural Business Development Grant

Resolution R-015-21, A Resolution to Appoint Members of the Alcoholic Beverage Commission

Resolution R-016-21, A Resolution to Establish Certain Policies Pertaining to the Walker County Animal Shelter

Quitclaim Deed between Walker County Government & Stonewall Jackson Wingfield III

Request from the estate of Marion H. Hutcheson, II to rezone property located at 0 Happy Valley Road at Highway 2 in Rossville, GA 30741 from R-2/A-1 to C-1. Tax map and parcel number 0-102-002
- **Commissioner Comments**
- **Executive Session**
- **Adjourn**



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

Minutes of the Regular Scheduled Meeting

March 11, 2021

I. Call to order

Chairman Whitfield called to order the Regular Scheduled Commissioner's Meeting held at Annex III, 201 S. Main Street, Lafayette, Georgia at 7:00 PM on March 11, 2021.

II. Attendees:

The following persons were present: Chairman Shannon Whitfield, Commissioner Robert Blakemore, Commissioner Mark Askew, Commissioner Brian Hart, Commissioner Robert Stultz, Public Relations Director Joe Legge, Economic Development Director Robert Wardlaw, Legal and Policy Director David Gottlieb, Public Works Director Carlen Bowers, Fire Chief Blake Hodge, Walker County Police Chief Mitchell Moore and County Clerk Rebecca Wooden, Other guests signed in at the meeting as well. Please see the attached sign in sheet.

III. Approval of Agenda:

Chairman Whitfield asked if anyone had any questions or if someone would like to make a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Stultz made a motion to approve the agenda and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Blakemore, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion was approved.

IV. Public Hearing:

Chairman Whitfield opened the Public Hearing and read the notification that was published in the legal organ of Walker County, the Walker County Messenger. Chairman Whitfield asked if anyone was in attendance for this Public Hearing. Attorneys David Williams and Josh Mandell from Atlanta came forward to discuss the Issuance of Revenue Bonds by the Development Authority of Walker County explaining this is not a debt for Walker County.

V. Approval of Minutes:

Chairman Whitfield stated that the minutes from the last Commissioner's Meeting was included in the packet and asked if anyone had any questions or comments. Being none, Commissioner Blakemore made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by

Commissioner Askew, 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion was approved.

VI. Public Comment:

Karen Bradley came forward with some questions and a statement about Walker County using A1 zoning. She asked why A1 was used as a blanket covering for every type of enterprise entering the county. She stated she felt as though A1 should be protecting agriculture, not be giving permission to subdivisions or agencies like Healthy Foundations, North Georgia Healthcare Center, or the City of Refuge without rezoning the property to commercial when they are changing the total layout of the land and taking it out of agricultural production. She continued to explain that Walker County should be using A1 to protect agriculture and the community as it stands, not giving the agencies mentioned a free ride to use the land as they wish and get out of paying certain taxes. Commissioner Hart explained to Ms. Bradley the ground was drilling to develop a grading for the site. According to Planning & Zoning Director David Brown, EPD will be visiting next week. County Attorney David Gottlieb explained the zoning must carry as what it is on the day of acquisition of the property. Commissioner Askew explained to Ms. Bradley the Board is looking through Planning and Zoning to review uses, zoning to help preserve our Agriculture. Chairman Whitfield stated that the permitted uses of agriculture have not been changed in roughly 10-20 years, having Planning and Zoning look into the guidelines is a good idea because they have not been modified in so many years. He reiterated that as the Attorney stated the property owner bought the property and it is in compliance with the permitted uses, and they have not requested any rezoning of the property. Chairman Whitfield asked if there was anyone else that would like to speak in the Public Comment section, there were none.

VII. Unfinished Business:

- I. Chairman Whitfield read the Resolution R-006-21, that was tabled at the Board Meeting held on January 28, 2021. Chairman Whitfield stated that Commissioner Stultz headed up this task and asked if he had anything to present. Commissioner Stultz stated that he, Commissioner Hart, and County Clerk Rebecca Wooden had taken resumes and conducted interviews and they wished to appoint Whitney Summey. Commissioner Stultz made a motion and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Askew, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried to approve.

VIII. New Business:

- I. Chairman Whitfield read Resolution R-010-21, to Authorize the Walker County Tax Commissioner to Waive Penalties or Interest on Unpaid Ad Valorem Taxes, and asked the board if anyone had a motion with a dollar amount to bring forward. Commissioner Askew stated that he spoke with Commissioner Hart and the Tax Commissioner to discuss the issue and figure out what the needed amount was. Commissioner Askew made a motion to approve with an amount up to \$2,500.00. Commissioner Blakemore seconded the motion, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried to approve.

- II. Chairman Whitfield read Resolution R-011-21, to approve the Issuance of Revenue Bonds by the Development Authority of Walker County. Commissioner Stultz made a motion to approve with a second by Commissioner Askew, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried to approve.
- III. Chairman Whitfield read Resolution R-012-21. Chairman Whitfield made a motion to appoint Michael Hicks and Cindy Askew to the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Blakemore with 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried to approve.
- IV. Chairman Whitfield read Resolution R-013-21. Chairman Whitfield explained that this board was created about 10-12 years ago but had gone dormant and all the members had expired, and the new members were being appointed because of new business. Chairman Whitfield and all Board members collaborated and chose candidates that would represent the entire county. Chairman Whitfield made a motion to appoint Theresa Dorsey, Renee Griffin, John Culpepper, Alan Slaven, Frances Cobb, Randall Pittman, and Patrick Cook. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hart, with 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried to approve.
- V. Chairman Whitfield discussed Purchase Order 2021-00000871 to Municipal Emergency Services, Extrication Equipment for Fire Station 7 in Fairview. He asked for Chief Blake Hodge to come forward and give an overview and answer any questions. Chief Blake Hodge stated that this is a three piece extraction equipment for when a patient is entrapped in a vehicle, it is better known as the jaws of life, to extract the patient and get them the medical attention they need as quickly as possible. He said that there are nine sets in the county, but they are all pieced together and roughly 20 years old. Based on the records he has, the six new sets are 19 years old. He and Chairman Whitfield started working on the budget to get funds to start replacing them, and this is the first of more that will come in the following years. He stated he would be happy to answer any questions that the board may have. Commissioner Stultz asked if all of our firefighters are trained in extrication. Chief Hodge stated that all firefighters come out of training with basic extraction knowledge, but they have more extensive training to further that knowledge. Chief Hodge stated that they had gotten together several different brands of equipment and the firefighters chose this piece of equipment as the one that they liked the best and that the warranty was best on this one. Commissioner Askew said that he liked that the firefighters had the chance to test out this equipment and chose the one that they thought would best assist them in getting the job done. Chairman Whitfield stated that this equipment is a budgeted line item and the county would be paying cash and not obtaining any debt, also they would get the equipment immediately. Chief Hodge added that this equipment would be going to station 7, which is 24/7 365 days, and they are

in need of this equipment more than other stations within the county as they do not have any currently. Commissioner Blakemore made a motion to approve, Commissioner Stultz second, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried to approve.

- VI. Chairman Whitfield discussed Purchase Order 2021-00000913 for two Ford Explorer 4x4 vehicles for Emergency Management/911 and IT Department. Chairman Whitfield said that these are vehicles that are in production and will be in transit soon. He said that Jackie Newby, IT Department has been without a vehicle due to his vehicle beyond repair and has been down since last year. Also, Curtis Creekmur's vehicle went down a few weeks ago with engine and transmission issues, and it was not cost efficient to repair it. Commissioner Hart asked if this Purchase Order was a budgeted line item. Chairman Whitfield stated that there is capital in the general fund for vehicle purchases and these two vehicles will not be paid for out of the SPLOST fund. He said these will be purchased and no debt will be obtained. Commissioner Hart made a motion to approve with a second by Commissioner Stultz, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried to approve.
- VII. Chairman Whitfield discussed Purchase Order 2021-00000914 for two Ford F-150 4x4 trucks for Animal Control and Public Works. He stated that these types of trucks have held up very well in the past. He said that one of the trucks will be issued to our Public Works Superintendent Carlen Bowers and he has gotten the best out of the vehicle he has been using. The engine went out on it with a little over 308,000 miles. The additional vehicle will go to Animal Control, with the addition of a new Animal Control Manager. He stated that both vehicles will be paid for out of the general fund and have been budgeted; no SPLOST dollars will be used. Commissioner Hart asked if these vehicles would also be purchased from Prater Ford. Chairman Whitfield said they would and they are also in production, so they are a few weeks out. Commissioner Askew asked if there are any accessories that will be needed for the vehicles and if those items are also budgeted. Chairman Whitfield stated they will both need some accessories but the cost is minor and are budgeted. Commissioner Stultz made a motion to approve; Commissioner Blakemore seconded the motion, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried to approve.
- VIII. Chairman Whitfield discussed the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Coordinating Council; Subgrant Award. He stated that it was a pass through in the office because the office handles all of their budgeting and finance. He stated that this is a federal grant for \$84,000 with no matching funds, they are funding coming directly into the county from the federal government. Commissioner Blakemore made a motion to approve; Commissioner Askew seconded the motion, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried to approve.
- IX. Chairman Whitfield read the Proclamation for Sexual Assault Awareness Month and asked if anyone would like to speak. Christy Lawson, Executive Director with Sexual Assault Victims

Advocacy Awareness Center, came forward and explained what they do for victims and how they reach out to spread awareness. Ms. Lawson provided information on an awareness walk on April 23, 2021 at Joe Stock Park and invited everyone to come out and support. Chairman Whitfield thanked everyone for coming and thanked them for what they do and presented them with the Proclamation.

- X. Chairman Whitfield reviewed the Walker County Departmental Statistics for February 2021.

XI. Commissioner Comments:

Chairman Whitfield asked if any of the Commissioners had any comments. Commissioner Blakemore explained that they are fundraising for a new playground at the Rossville Rec. He stated that Robert Wardlaw had partnered for the first fundraiser and they will be selling barbeque at the Rossville Civic Center on March 20, 2021. Commissioner Askew stated that he would like to thank everyone for their participation and he would like to encourage anyone to reach out to their District Commissioners. Commissioner Hart wanted to congratulate the City of LaFayette and LaFayette High School Basketball. They placed in the top eight and very proud of them and the High School FFA. Commissioner Hart wanted to provide information on the new VA Clinic that just opened on Shallowford Road in Chattanooga. He also wanted to remind everyone to vote on Tuesday's election. Commissioner Stultz wanted to thank everyone for serving our community. He explained the Health Department had gotten a lot of vaccines in a lot of arms this week. Chairman Whitfield wanted to thank everyone that has help with the vaccines this past week. The State made a visit two weeks ago and was very impressed with our call center. They realized we have a good plan and believes that contributed to receiving the Pfizer vaccine. Catoosa County helped I want to thank them as well explained Chairman Whitfield. Check our website and the updates. We now have both Pfizer and Moderna vaccine and this will benefit our citizens. Dade County visited our call center and was very impressed and would like to replicate.

- XII. Commissioner Askew made a motion to go into Executive Session for Personnel matters; Commissioner Blakemore seconded the motion, 4 ayes, 0 nays and motion carried. Executive Session began at 8:04 PM

- XIII. Chairman Whitfield called the Commissioners Meeting back to order from Executive Session at 9:19 PM, explaining no action items taken from Executive Session.

IX. Adjournment:

Commissioner Blakemore made the motion to adjourn, Commissioner Askew seconded the motion, motion carried to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Shannon K. Whitfield
Chairman/CEO
Walker County Georgia

Date

Minutes prepared by: Walker County Board Clerk, Whitney Summey

Sign In Sheet

Regular Scheduled Commissioner's Meeting

March 11, 2021

7:00 PM

Name

Address

Karen Bradley

Carol B...

Begonia Pittman

Randell Pittman

Lorrell Cantrell

Angie Smith

Bruce Hodge

Jim Sadler

Whitney Summey

Forrest Blakenore

DAVID WILLIAMS

Josh Mandel

Ray Marshall

ROBERT WARD

Sign In Sheet

Regular Scheduled Commissioner's Meeting

March 11, 2021

7:00 PM

Name

Address

Linda Guthrie

Kristy Spurgeon

Maya Bala



John Conely

Renee Griffin

WALKER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Application for Re-Zoning Amendment

		Date <u>2-17-2021</u>
PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE	FEE \$ <u>300.00</u>	Case No.
Owner's Name Estate of Marion H. Hutcheson, II		Mailing Address c/o John W. Beard 537 Market Street INCLUDE ROUTE AND BOX # IF ASSIGNED Suite 300
City/Zip Chattanooga, TN 37402		Phone (423) 756-7117
Tax Parcel # 6.71 acres of Tract 0102-002 <u>SEE ATTACHED DRAWING</u> fronting Highway 2-A		Street Name and Number Northeast and Southeast corner of Happy Valley Road and Highway 2-A
Current Zoning A-1		Requested Zoning C-1
Reason for Change (Be Specific): Highest and best use will be as C-1. Too small for agricultural use and location is not good for residential use.		
Lessee's Name IF APPLICABLE		Lessee's Address
IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS REQUIRED, ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET		
LAND USE PLAN DESIGNATIONS CURRENT Empty		Restaurants and Retail Stores FUTURE
I SWEAR UNDER PENALTY OF LAW THAT THE WITHIN INFORMATION IS TRUE, CORRECT AND COMPLETE.		
Owner's Signature <u>John W. Beard, EXECUTOR</u>		Date: <u>FEB 10, 2021</u>
Date Received by the Planning Office: <u>2-17-2021</u>		
Planning Commission Decision/Date <u>3-18-2021</u>		

FOR OFFICE USE

Applicant: Estate of Marion H. Hutcheson, II

Map & Parcel: 0102-002 - See Map Rezone from: A-1 to: C-1

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

TABLED

DENIAL

COMMISSIONERS FINAL DECISION:

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

TABLED

DENIAL

The following disclosure is required of the applicant(s) by Section 36-67A-3 of O.C.G.A. The following is for disclosure purposes only and does not disqualify the petition.

Within the past two years, have you made either campaign contributions totaling \$250.00 or more and/or given gifts having value of \$250.00 or more to a local government official who will be responsible for making a recommendation or decision on the application? YES () NO ☒ If so, then on a separate page, please furnish the following information.

- A) The name of the local government official(s) to whom cash contribution or gift was made.
- B) The dollar amount(s) and date(s) of each campaign made by the applicant to each local government official during the two years immediately preceding the filing of the application: and
- C) An enumeration and description of each gift having a value of \$250.00 or more made by the applicant to each local government official within the past two years:

Signature of Petitioner/Owner:

Jo W. Beal February 10, 2021
OWNER DATE

Jo W. Beal February 10, 2021
PETITIONER DATE

LOCAL COLUMNIST ■ ELIZABETH CRUMBLY

Dinosaurs and underwhelm



Crumbly

The recent winter break from school snuck up on me, and the result was some unchoreographed free time. We've been experiencing the kind of Georgia winter that makes it hard to spend time outside with small children — relentless misting rain, which occasionally gives way to actual storms.

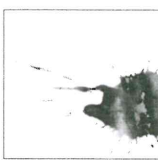
This weather, combined with unstructured free time, usually means boredom for little people, even on a farm, so my husband and I decided the first day of the break would be good for some indoor entertainment and to get out of the house.

We didn't want to go too far because long car rides also bring on the dreaded demon of monotony, so we settled on the Tellus Museum in Cartersville, which is enough of a distance from us that it feels like we're going somewhere but close enough that we can reach it

in well under an hour. I felt like the Tellus would be a hit because of its Collins Family My Big Backyard exhibit geared toward children with its walk-in tree and interactive displays on electricity and magnets.

I had forgotten about the life-size dinosaur skeleton replicas in its fossil gallery, but when we caught sight of a brontosaurus figure, I thought it would absolutely captivate my young son who is going through a dinosaur phase right now. When I say "a phase," I mean he actually pretends to be one of these creatures 23 hours a day. I often have to remind him to use his words instead of expressing his emotions through roaring at various volumes. There is a trail of little plastic dinosaurs dotting our house at all times, and they "eat" beside him at dinner and accompany him everywhere, including the restroom.

If figurines, pictures and TV shows about dinosaurs are this interesting to him, I reasoned, the Tellus replicas would not soon be forgotten.



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BY ELIZABETH CRUMBLY

As we entered the museum's main hall, we had a great view of the brontosaurus skeleton. It soared above us, and the details were stunning. We could see its entire spine curved like a whip from massive neck to pointed tail.

"What's that?" I asked my son.

"A skeleton" was his lukewarm response.

"Yes, but what kind?" I pressed in an encouraging tone.

"Ah, I forgot," he replied as he trundled past the massive exhibit leaving his shocked parents in his wake.

Such is the mercurial nature of a toddler.

I thought he might have been overwhelmed by the sight of a skeleton so large

— maybe he couldn't take it in because it was so unexpectedly huge, I reasoned. He did warm up as we toured the rest of the exhibit, but his reactions were sort of matter of fact. He seemed to think the Tyrannosaurus rex, triceratops and prehistoric shark replicas were neat but just part of the scenery. In other words, he wasn't wowed.

And there's no disrespect intended there toward the Tellus' carefully presented exhibit. The adults in our group were impressed. I myself was particularly captivated by the Appalachiosaurus, a bipedal predator that populated the Southeastern portion of what is now the United States. To a novice eye, it seemed to have a lot

of similarities to its cousin, the massive T. rex, although I learned the two are distinct from each other because, among other things, of the Appalachiosaurus' considerably smaller size. Unfortunately, my knowledge gathering process was reduced to quickly scanning each skeleton's plaque as I kept an eye on a small person whose only comments were "Huh, cool," and "Watch this, Mama" as he pinged back and forth between dinosaurs, taking in an entire exhibit in 3 minutes and 35 seconds.

Overall, everyone in our party ended up having a good time learning about dinosaurs and minerals and enjoying a day inside. We are still chuckling about my son's

underwhelmed reaction to the dinosaur skeletons, and we have plans to have another look at the exhibit when he's old enough to process the wonder of the life-sized replicas. I certainly recommend the Tellus if you find yourself in the Cartersville area with children or adults, although if you have a toddler in your midst, don't expect any wide-eyed wonder.

Elizabeth Crumbly is a newspaper veteran and freelance writer. She lives in rural Northeast Georgia where she teaches riding lessons, writes and raises her family. She is a former editor of The Catoosa County News. You can correspond with her at www.collective-ink.com.

HEALTHCARE

From A1

the LaFayette transformation plan. This plan — led by several community members, the city of LaFayette, the Rae Ventures Group, Matt Monroe, Head Start and others — addressed the need for a quality housing development in the Linwood area of LaFayette.

A grant opportunity through the

Department of Community Affairs helped in providing funding for the housing development, which included the residents and community having access to health care onsite. This is Primary Healthcare Centers' first health center located in a housing development.

The ability to provide health care access for the residents of Walker County offered an opportunity for Primary Healthcare Centers to further its commitment to its mission of ensuring that services are accessible

to everyone, especially those who are underprivileged and underserved.

Primary Healthcare Centers now offers three convenient locations to serve Walker County residents, including Gilbert School Based Health Center and Fairview at Rossville, in addition to the new Linwood location.

To schedule an appointment, call 706-956-2665. We are accepting new patients and accept private insurance, Medicaid and Medicare. Uninsured patients are seen on a sliding scale for those who qualify.

Weekly Schedule: Free Public Health COVID-19 Testing in Northwest Georgia

Monday February 22	Tuesday February 23	Wednesday February 24	Thursday February 25	Friday February 26
Paulding	Gordon	Dade Floyd	Walker	no testing
TEST SITES			HOURS	
Dade: 71 Case Avenue, Suite H-100, Trenton, GA			9 a.m. to noon and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	
Floyd: Rome Fair Grounds, 1400 Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd., Rome, GA			8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	
Gordon: Senior Center, 150 Cambridge Court, Calhoun, GA			8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	
Paulding: Paulding Meadows, 472 Paulding Meadows Dr., Dallas, GA			8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	
Walker: Mount Zion Baptist Church, 289 Dunwoody Road, LaFayette, GA			9 a.m. to noon and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	

All test sites drive-up, no appointment needed.

Test sites may delay opening due to weather concerns. Delays will be posted at nwgapublichealth.org and county health department Facebook pages.

VACCINE

From A1

Boss said, "We do not know when that will be. We only schedule immunization appointments if and when we have vaccine on hand, so we don't receive more vaccine, we are unable to schedule appointments."

Boss said health officials hope the disruption in the supply chain will be temporary.

"When we have vaccine on hand and are able to schedule appointments, we balance scheduling first doses with second doses that are due based on the amount of vaccine received that week," Boss explained. "We proactively call individuals due for their second dose to schedule those appointments."

"It's important for people scheduled to receive their second dose and worried about not being vaccinated at 28 days to know that the CDC says the second dose of the Moderna vaccine, which we're using, may be administered up to six weeks after the first dose," he said.

DPH is currently administering COVID-19 vaccine in Phase 1A, which includes healthcare workers, public safety personnel, residents at long-term care facilities and adults over age 65 and their caregivers.

Boss said Walker health officials are administering "approximately a couple hundred" vaccines daily.

"We could do more if we had more vaccine," he said. "We are not wasting any vaccine. We are getting every dose of vaccine we receive into people's arms as quickly as possible and are not holding any vaccine in reserve."

Since the pandemic began and the health department began providing free COVID testing to the community, and has recently shifted into an immunization phase, health department staff have worked tirelessly and diligently to conduct COVID-related work while maintaining essential services at the health department.

Eligible caregivers

Caregivers for the elderly who are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine must get the vaccine at the same time as that person to be eligible.

"Caregivers of adults 65 and over must have a scheduled appointment to be immunized at the same time as individuals they accompany to an immunization site," Joe Legge, Walker County public relations director, said. "In general, a caregiver would be someone who routinely visits a 65+ adult to provide medication, check on things like blood pressure, oxygen

or blood sugar levels, cook, clean or handle other responsibilities. The same would be true if the 65+ adult lives with the caregiver."

Officials recommend that caregivers call the hotline to submit their information, along with that of the person they are caring for, at the same time, he explained. Hotline staff have provisions to keep the two linked when scheduling appointments because the caregiver must accompany the 65+ adult when vaccinated.

"You do not have to get vaccinated in your county of residence," he said. "We are only signing up Georgia residents, so as long as the caregiver is also a Georgia resident, they would be eligible."

New appointments are being scheduled as soon as the state sends vaccine to the community, Legge said. "Unfortunately, the vaccine is not distributed proportionately," he said. "Due to the extremely erratic and inadequate supply being sent to Walker County, we have only been able to schedule vaccine appointments for people who called the hotline during its first two days of operation."

Those who called Jan. 27 or thereafter are asked to be patient, and everyone who wants the COVID-19 vaccine will be able to get it eventually, Legge said.

Four weeks is the current lead time from hotline call to appointment based on the current supply being sent to the county from the state.

Contacting residents

Walker County enacted its COVID-19 vaccine registration hotline, 706-670-1234, last month. The hotline is staffed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Shortly after the hotline was launched, the high demand prompted officials to establish a second number, 706-620-0887.

Hotline staff setting up vaccination appointments will call two or three times and leave a message each time.

"If someone does not respond in a timely manner, we will skip them and try again when more doses become available," Legge said.

There are instances where we are scheduling same day appointments, and a response is required immediately.

Hotline staff request two contact phone numbers, if possible, and will call both numbers when scheduling appointments, he said.

Health officials urge patience and persistence when calling to schedule an appointment and ask those who might have made appointments with multiple providers and have received the vaccine to cancel their other appointments.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

WALKER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, March 18th, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

Walker County Civic Center

Rock Spring, GA 30739

The Walker County Planning Commission will meet and review the following request:

New Business:

Rezone:

1. Estate of Marion H. Hutcheson, II requests a partial rezone for property located at 0 Happy Valley Road at Hwy 2 Rossville, GA. 30741. Tax map & parcel number 0-102-002.

The second hearing on this request will be held on March 25, 2021 at 7:00PM at the Walker County Courthouse Annex III located at 201 S. Main Street LaFayette, GA. 30728

For further information please call Walker County Planning & Development at 706-638-4048.



**Walker County
Planning Commission Meeting**

March 18, 2021

6:00 P.M.

Walker County Civic Center

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

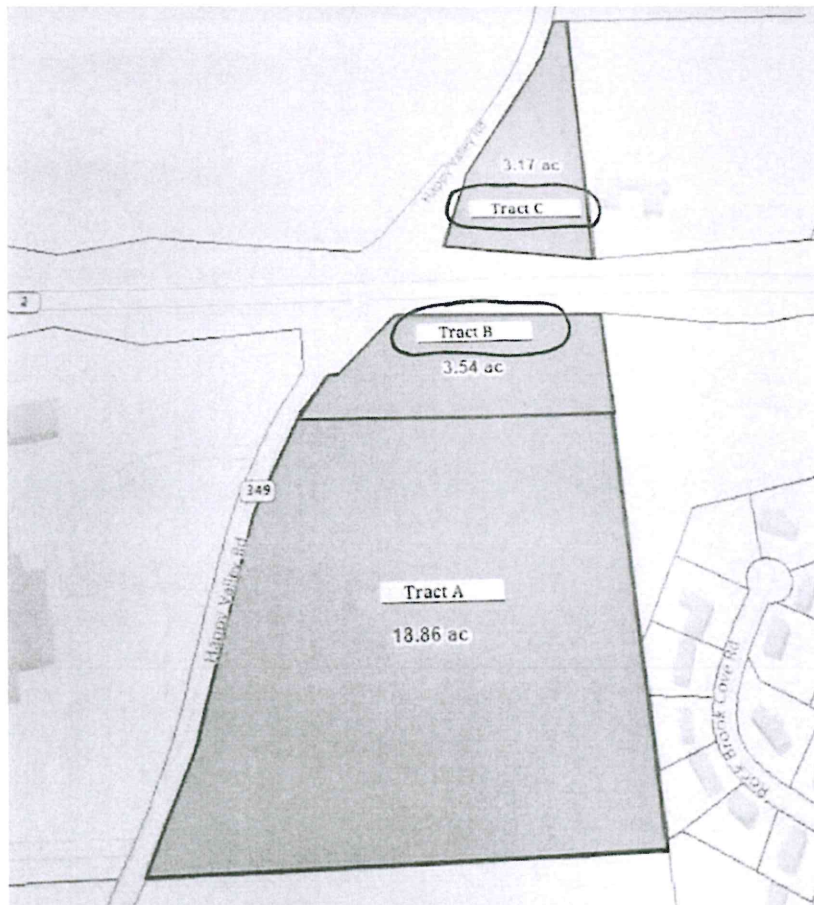
II. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 18, 2021 MINUTES

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. REZONE:

1. Estate of Marion H. Hutcheson, II: Requests a partial rezone for property located at 0 Happy Valley Road at Hwy 2 Rossville, GA. 30741. Tax map & parcel number 0-102-002

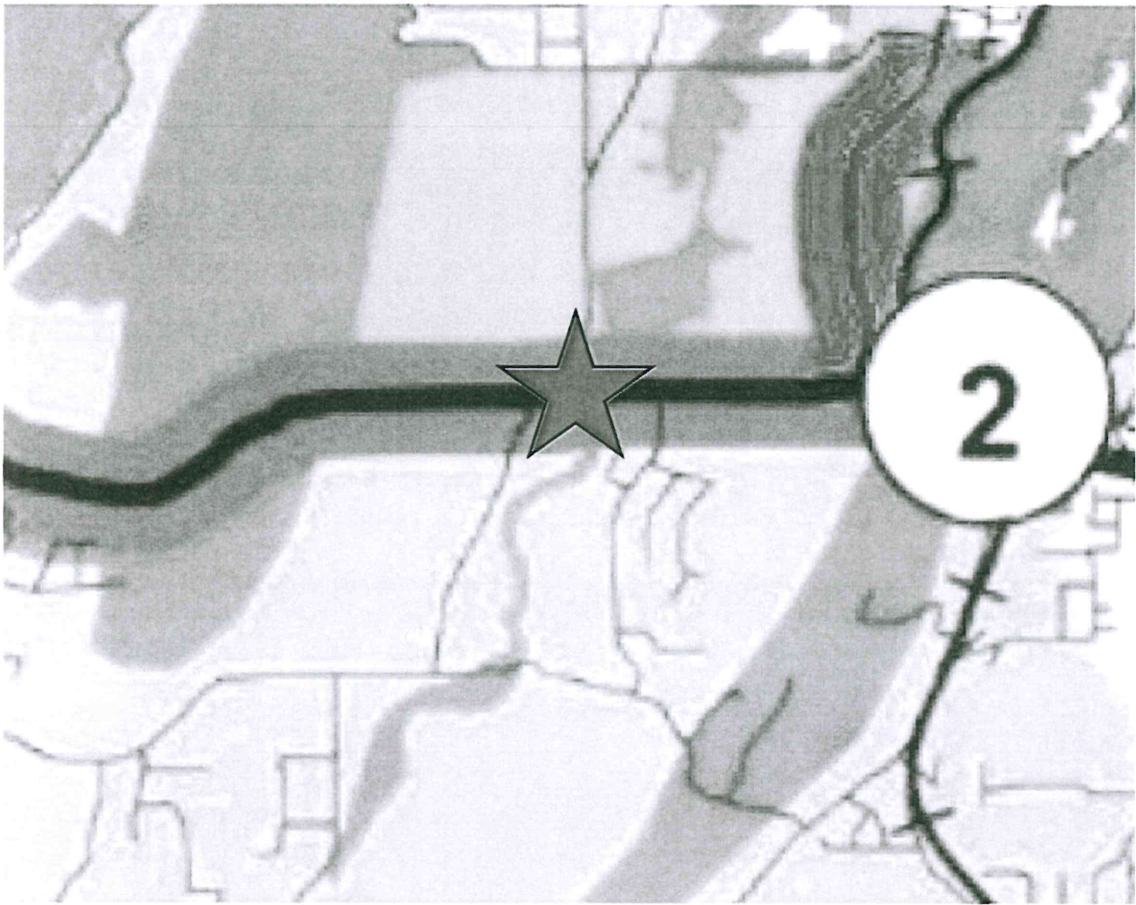
IV. ADJOURNMENT:



Projected Area:

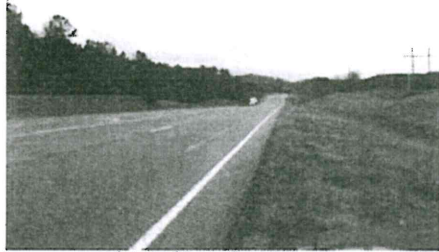


Future Land Use Map:



-  City Limits
- Character Areas
 -  Agriculture/Forestry
 -  County Suburban
 -  Crossroad Community
 -  Greenspace/Conservation
 -  Industrial
 -  McLemore Cove Historic District
 -  Mixed Use
 -  Rural Residential
-  Major Highway Corridor
-  Rural Gateway Corridor
-  Scenic Highway

Major Highway Corridor



U.S. Hwy 27 – LaFayette Bypass

Description

Developed or undeveloped land on both sides of designated high-volume transportation facility, such as arterial roads and highways.

Development Strategies/Policies:

- Maintain a natural vegetation buffer (at least 50 feet in width).
- All new development should be set-back behind this buffer, with alternate access roads, shared driveways or inter-parcel roads
- Encourage landscaped, raised medians where appropriate.
- Provide pedestrian facilities behind drainage ditches or curb.
- Provide paved shoulders for bike lanes or emergency lanes.
- Manage access to keep traffic flowing; using directory signs.
- Unacceptable uses: new billboards.

Quality Community Objectives

- Traditional neighborhood
- Infill development
- Sense of place
- Regional identity
- Open space preservation
- Environmental protection
- Growth preparedness
- Appropriate businesses
- Housing opportunities
- Regional cooperation

Land Uses

Residential
Commercial
Transportation/Communication/Utilities
Industrial
Agriculture
Forestry

Implementation Measures

More detailed sub-area planning:

- Traffic studies

New or revised local development regulations:

- Restrict billboards

Incentives:

- In return for developers having alternative access roads, other variances could be allowed.

Public Investments:

- Beautification projects

CONSIDERATION OF ZONING CRITERIA

1. **Existing land uses and zoning of nearby property:** The zoning of the nearby property is currently zoned R-2 & R-1 (Residential), A-1 (Agricultural) & C-1 (Commercial)
2. **Suitability of the subject property for the zone purposed:** Yes
3. **Extent to which property values of the subject property are diminished by the particular zoning restrictions:** None
4. **Extent to which the destruction of property values of the subject property promotes the health, safety, morals or general welfare of the public:** None that we know of.
5. **Relative gain to the public as compared to the hardship imposed upon the individual property owner:** Could bring in more revenue as commercial
6. **Whether the subject property has reasonable economic use as currently zoned:** No
7. **Length of time the property has been vacant as zoned considered in the context of land development in the vicinity of the property:** The tax records show the property has been owned by the Hutcheson family as far back as records show.
8. **Whether the proposed zoning will be a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property:** It would be.
9. **Whether the proposed zoning will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property:** Yes
10. **Whether the zoning proposal is in conformity with the policies and intent of the Comprehensive Plan:** The Future Land Use Map shows major highway corridor.
11. **Whether the zoning proposal will result in a use which will or could cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools.** It could.
12. **Whether there is other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property which give supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the zoning proposal:** This property does touch both residential and commercial properties.

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)

Personally appeared before me, JOHN W. BEARD, with whom I am personally acquainted (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence), and who acknowledged that he executed the within instrument for the purposes therein contained.

WITNESS my hand, at office, this 10th day of February, 2021.

~~NOTARY PUBLIC~~

My commission expires:

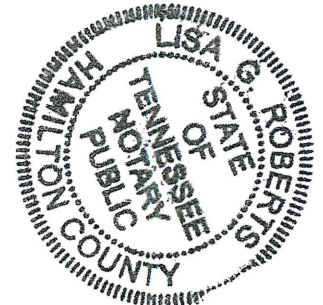


Exhibit A**CIRCLED PARCELS ARE TO BE REZONED**

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RESOLUTION R-014-21

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WALKER COUNTY TO
AUTHORIZE THE APPLICATION FOR A USDA RURAL BUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT GRANT**

WHEREAS, Walker County and its municipalities (Rossville, Chickamauga and Lafayette) wish to grow their tax bases by locating commercial retail establishments (such as restaurants, hotels and other retail businesses); and

WHEREAS, the counties and cities have a unique opportunity to engage Retail Strategies to deliver the Retail Academy curriculum to community leaders in Walker County, Georgia in order to develop market research and plans to attract retail businesses in the communities; and

WHEREAS, Walker County intends to apply for and accept a Rural Business Development Grant administered by the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA RD);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, that the Walker County Commission Chairperson is hereby authorized and empowered to take all action necessary or appropriate in the execution of all written instruments as may be required in regard to or as evidence of such grant; and to operate the facilities under the terms offered in said grant agreement.

SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of March, 2021.

ATTEST:

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

REBECCA WOODEN, County Clerk

SHANNON K. WHITFIELD, Chairman

(SEAL)

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



RESOLUTION R-015-21

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WALKER COUNTY TO
APPOINT MEMBERS OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION**

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, vacancies exists on the Alcoholic Beverage Commission due to the expiration of terms; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Whitfield submits the following appointments to serve as a member of the Alcoholic Beverage Commission:

Milton Blevins - for a term ending on December 31, 2022
David Gilleland - for a term ending on December 31, 2022
Chad Bomar - for a term ending on December 31, 2023
Harold Hughes (reappointment) - for a term ending on December 31, 2023

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia that the appointments of Milton Blevins, David Gilleland, Chad Bomar and Harold Hughes are approved.

SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of March, 2021.

ATTEST:

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

REBECCA WOODEN, County Clerk

SHANNON K. WHITFIELD, Chairman

(SEAL)

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



RESOLUTION R-16-21

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WALKER COUNTY TO
ESTABLISH CERTAIN POLICIES PERTAINING TO THE WALKER COUNTY
ANIMAL SHELTER**

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Walker County Animal Shelter (“Animal Shelter”) and the citizens of Walker County to have certain policies regarding the Animal Shelter;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Walker County adopts the following policies regarding the Animal Shelter:

1.

The Animal Shelter shall be open to the citizens of Walker County five days a week, one of which days shall be Saturday.

2.

Either the Animal Shelter Director or a Manager shall be on site at the Animal Shelter during all hours the shelter is open to the public.

3.

All adoptable animals shall be placed on the Animal Shelter’s page on the Walker County Government website and Walker County Animal Shelter Facebook page for adoption locally prior to any animal being placed with any animal rescue group.

SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of March, 2021.

ATTEST:

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

REBECCA WOODEN, County Clerk

SHANNON K. WHITFIELD, Chairman

(SEAL)

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

Applicant: Estate of Marion H. Hutcheson, II

Map & Parcel: 0102-002 - See Map Rezone from: A-1 to: C-1

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

TABLED

DENIAL

COMMISSIONERS FINAL DECISION:

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

TABLED

DENIAL

The following disclosure is required of the applicant(s) by Section 36-67A-3 of O.C.G.A. The following is for disclosure purposes only and does not disqualify the petition.

Within the past two years, have you made either campaign contributions totaling \$250.00 or more and/or given gifts having value of \$250.00 or more to a local government official who will be responsible for making a recommendation or decision on the application? YES () NO (X) If so, then on a separate page, please furnish the following information.

- A) The name of the local government official(s) to whom cash contribution or gift was made.
- B) The dollar amount(s) and date(s) of each campaign made by the applicant to each local government official during the two years immediately preceding the filing of the application; and
- C) An enumeration and description of each gift having a value of \$250.00 or more made by the applicant to each local government official within the past two years:

Signature of Petitioner/Owner:

Jo W. Beal February 10, 2021
OWNER DATE

Jo W. Beal February 10, 2021
PETITIONER DATE

After recording return to:
Walker County Government
Attn: David D. Gottlieb
P.O. Box 445
LaFayette, GA 30728

QUITCLAIM DEED

This indenture made this 25th day of March, 2020.

WALKERCOUNTY, GEORGIA

hereinafter referred to as Grantor, and

**STONEWALL JACKSON WINGFIELD, III, JUNE D. WINGFIELD,
STONEWALL JACKSON WINGFIELD, IV, JOSEPH D. WINGFIELD,
JENNIFER WINGFIELD, and JARED M. WINGFIELD**

hereinafter collectively referred to as Grantee,

WITNESSETH: that Grantor, for and in consideration of One Dollar and other good and valuable consideration, has bargained, sold, and by these presents does remise, release, and forever quitclaim to Grantee, their heirs and assigns, all the right, title, interest, claim or demand that Grantor has or may have had in and to the following described property:

SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD unto Grantee so that neither Grantor nor its successors or assigns, nor any other person claiming under them shall at any time, by any means or ways, have, claim or demand any right or title to the aforesaid real estate, or its appurtenances, or any rights thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor, byu and through its duly authorized officers, has executed this deed on the day and year set forth above.

(SIGNATURES ON NEXT PAGE)

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

BY: _____ (SEAL)

Shannon K. Whitfield, Chairman of the Board
of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia

ATTEST:

BY: _____ (SEAL)

Rebecca Wooden, County Clerk

In the presence of:

Witness

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____

EXHIBIT "A"

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 298 in the 10th District and 4th Section of Walker County, Georgia and being more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the East line of Land Lot 298, said point being South 00 degrees 21 minutes 49 seconds West, a distance of 381.63 feet from the Northeast corner of Land Lot 298; thence South 00 degrees 21 minutes 49 seconds West, along the East line of Land Lot 298, a distance of 77.26 feet to a point; thence leaving said land lot line South 40 degrees 41 minutes 20 seconds West, a distance of 14.74 feet; thence South 28 degrees 52 minutes 57 seconds West, a distance of 144.56 feet to a point; thence South 26 degrees 41 minutes. 56 seconds West, a distance of 88.52 feet to a point; thence South 05 degrees 22 minutes 06 seconds West, a distance of 100.25 feet to a point; thence South 03 degrees 15 minutes 54 seconds West, a distance of 65.16 feet to a point; thence South 00 degrees 18 minutes 39 seconds West, a distance of 75.71 feet to a point; thence South 04 degrees 08 minutes 13 seconds East, a distance of 69.16 feet to a point; thence South 03 degrees 57 minutes 32 seconds East, a distance of 57.64 feet to a point; thence South 06 degrees 30 minutes 24 seconds East, a distance of 148.82 feet to a point; thence South 05 degrees 58 minutes 42 seconds East, a distance of 142.11 feet to a point; thence South 07 degrees 08 minutes 54 seconds East, a distance of 167.77 feet to a point; thence South 05 degrees 04 minutes 17 seconds East, a distance of 22.43 feet to a point; thence South 05 degrees 58 minutes 39 seconds East, a distance of 203.43 feet to a point; thence North 31 degrees 51 minutes 58 seconds West, a distance of 36.63 feet to a point; thence North 15 degrees 21 minutes 52 seconds West, a distance of 42.69 feet to a point; thence North 12 degrees 56 minutes 26 seconds East, a distance of 26.58 feet to a point; thence North 21 degrees 14 minutes 33 seconds West, a distance of 21.64 feet to a point; thence North 10 degrees 11 minutes 58 seconds West, a distance of 34.67 feet to a point; thence North 51 degrees 47 minutes 47 seconds West, a distance of 38.70 feet to a point; thence North 05 degrees 04 minutes 17 seconds West, a distance of 43.12 feet to a point; thence North 07 degrees 08 minutes 54 seconds West, a distance of 167.37 feet to a point; thence North 05 degrees 58 minutes 42 seconds West, a distance of 142.39 feet to a point; thence North 06 degrees 30 minutes 24 seconds West, a distance of 149.70 feet to a point; thence North 03 degrees 57 minutes 32 seconds West, a distance of 58.67 feet to a point; thence North 04 degrees 08 minutes 13 seconds West, a distance of 71.03 feet to a point; thence North 00 degrees 18 minutes 39 seconds East, a distance of 77.65 feet to a point; thence North 02 degrees 39 minutes 14 seconds East, a distance of 66.01 feet to a point; thence North 05 degrees 22 minutes 06 seconds East, a distance of 100.25 feet to a point; thence North 24 degrees 29 minutes 02 seconds East, a distance of 110.32 feet to a point; thence North 28 degrees 52 minutes 57 seconds East, a distance of 151.65 feet to a point; thence North 40 degrees 41 minutes 20 seconds East, a distance of 78.81 feet to a point on the East line of Land Lot 298, said point being point of beginning, and shown as the Walker County Walking Tract, as shown on survey plat for "Jackson Wingfield and Walker County, Georgia", dated July 17, 2012, revised September 26, 2012, by Charles D. Wardlaw, GRLS # 1558.