



**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 13, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

**REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING**

- **Invocation**  
Given by Chairman Shannon Whitfield
- **Pledge**  
United States and Georgia Flag
- **Chairman Whitfield will Call to Order the Regular Meeting**  
Clerk establishes a Quorum is present
- **Approve Agenda**
- **Open Public Hearing**  
Joint Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing Information
- **Close Public Hearing**
- **Minutes**  
Approval of the minutes for the Regular Scheduled Meeting held April 22, 2021
- **Public Comment**
- **Informational**  
Wade Hutcheson, County Extension Agent/Coordinator, UGA Extension Walker County
- **New Business**  
Resolution R-017-21, A Resolution to Appoint Members of the 2021 Joint Comprehensive Plan Stakeholder Committee  
  
Resolution R-018-21, A Resolution to Declare Property of the Walker County Sheriff's Office Unserviceable Surplus and Removed From the County Inventory  
  
Intergovernmental Agreement between Walker County, GA and Chattooga County, GA to Convey Personal Property to Assist in Mutual Aid  
  
Purchase Order 2021-00001269 for 20 AED Devices from Stryker Medical for Walker County Fire Rescue totaling \$33,900.00 (Funded by the American Rescue Act)  
  
Purchase Order 2021-TBA for New Fire Hydrants (Funding from 2020 SPLOST and Ironman Foundation Grant)  
  
Walker County Departmental Statistics - April 2021
- **Commissioner Comments**
- **Executive Session**
- **Adjourn**



## **JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION**

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The most recent Joint Comprehensive Plan (2017-2021) is available to view online at <https://walkercountyga.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/2017-Walker-County-Joint-Comprehensive-Plan.pdf>



# Confederate veteran's grave receives new marker

From staff reports

A Confederate Civil War veteran's grave in the Estelle Cemetery in Walker County has received a new marker.

Joanie Jackson, a member of the Missionary Ridge (Chattanooga), Chapter 1777 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, has been working on a personal project to place a first national flag of the Confederacy at every known Confederate grave in Walker County. So far, she said she has placed more than 160 flags.

"When placing some flags at the Estelle Cemetery off of Highway 193, I noticed that a veteran, Mr. William D. 'Doc' Winston, only had a fieldstone with his name/dates scratched on it as his headstone," Jackson said. She said she applied to

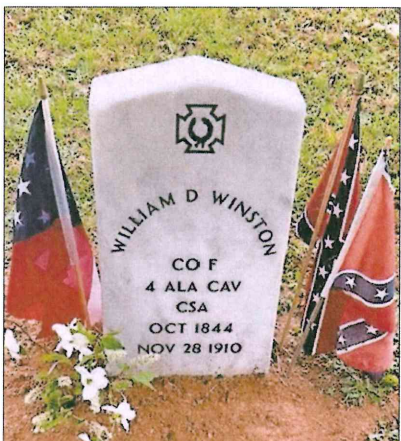
the Veterans Administration to get him a military-issued Confederate headstone, the application was granted, and a headstone was delivered to her house. Winston died in 1910.

About 30 people attended the April 10 ceremony. The N.B. Forrest Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp (Chattanooga), the Pvt. John Ingraham Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp (Chickamauga), reenactors, about 10 of Winston's family members and Jackson, representing the Missionary Ridge Chapter 1777 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, were present.

The color guard dressed in period attire, fired a gun salute and presented Christie Ballinger, Winston's great niece, with a Confederate flag.



This fieldstone marker marked William D. "Doc" Winston's grave. His niece made the wooden cross and placed it at his grave when she was 10 years old.



About 30 people attended the April 10 ceremony to unveil the new marker.

### MORE COVERAGE

Joanie Jackson read the following speech at the marker dedication:

Maj. David F. Boyd of the 9th Louisiana Infantry of the Confederate States said, "He who feels no pride in his ancestors is unworthy to be remembered by his descendants."

Mr. William D. Winston, known to his family as "Doc" was born in October 1844 in Tennessee. He enlisted on Oct. 1, 1862, as a private in Company F of the 4th Alabama Cavalry. The 4th Alabama saw military action in the battles of Lexington, Trenton, Jackson, Parker's Cross Roads and Chickamauga, with later involvement in the Knoxville and Atlanta campaigns.

Soldier Winston was captured as a prisoner of war at Huntsville, Ala., on Jan. 2, 1865, and was sent from Nashville, Tenn., to Louisville, Ky., on Jan. 15, 1865. From

Louisville, he was sent on to Camp Chase in Columbus, Ohio. After signing an oath to the government of the United States on March 10, 1865, he was released on May 5, 1865.

On his oath, Mr. Winston is described as having "fair complexion, light hair, was 5 feet 6 inches tall, and had brown eyes."

He came home and married Mary Ballinger on June 22, 1884, in Dade County, Georgia. I am told by his great niece, Christie Ballinger, that he and Mary raised Mary's four brothers whose parents had died, one of which was Christie's grandfather, Roy Ballinger.

Mr. Winston filed for a war pension in September 1902 when he was 58 years old and had "rheumatism, neuralgia, was feeble, and unable to work." Apparently he was not awarded the pension because he had to file again

in January of 1907. He died on Nov. 29, 1910.

His widow filed in Walker County, Georgia for a "Pension Due Deceased Soldier" of \$60 on Jan. 25, 1911.

Mr. Winston must have been a well-liked and respected man in the community as attributed to the affidavits signed for his pension filing.

Today, we honor Mr. Winston's service to the Confederacy and place a military headstone at his grave. A grave that was so long marked by a fieldstone with his name, date of birth and death scratched on it. Also marking the graves of Mr. Winston and his wife are handmade wooden crosses, made by Christie Ballinger when she was around 9 years old.

Thank you to Mr. Winston and all the veterans buried here at Estelle and across the United States for their service and sacrifice. We have not forgotten you.

# Flags and crosses dedication at Veterans Memorial Park in LaFayette

From Rachel Oesch Willeford

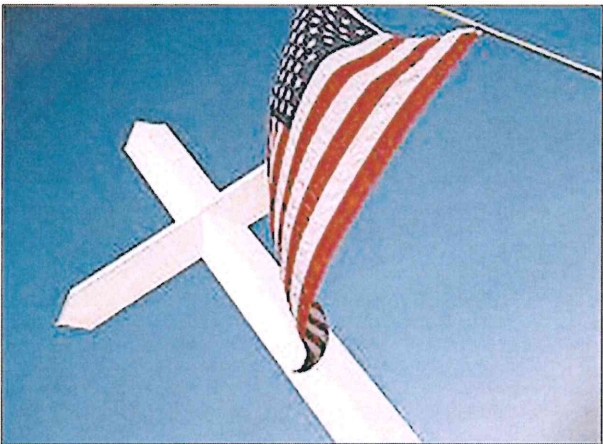
On Memorial Day (May 31) at 5 p.m., the LaFayette Woman's Club and the LaFayette American Legion Post 339 invite the public to the dedication ceremony of the new Flags and Crosses location at Veterans Memorial Park at the entrance of the LaFayette Recreation Center.

Thanks to generous donors in our community, over 200 new American Flags have been purchased and 200 crosses, bearing the names of our fallen heroes, are now newly replaced, repaired and improved.

The Flags and Crosses will be displayed annually at the Veterans Memorial Park at the LaFayette Recreation Center on Veterans Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day.

The Flags and Crosses were previously displayed in Joe Stock Park.

LaFayette American Legion Post 339 Commander Richard Westbrook says the new site is fitting. "This part of the Recreation Center



already housed a memorial to veterans. Now it will also serve to honor the citizens of Walker County who gave their all for our country."

The LaFayette Woman's Club is honored to be a part of this lasting tribute to the men and women who have served our country. "Our club has always supported our veterans. It is one of our core tenants as a Club and we are honored to be a part of keeping their memory alive for future generations," said LaFayette Woman's Club's Civic Engagement and Outreach Chair Cecilia Westbrook.

The dedication ceremony will take place on Monday, May 31, at 5 p.m. City officials, the LaFayette High School JROTC, the LaFayette Woman's Club, the LaFayette American Legion, Flags and Crosses sponsors, and the community are encouraged to attend.

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the Flags and Crosses call 706-766-2499 or email [flagsandcrosses2021@yahoo.com](mailto:flagsandcrosses2021@yahoo.com).

For more information about the Flags and Crosses dedication ceremony, contact Rachel Oesch Willeford at [racheloeschwilleford@gmail.com](mailto:racheloeschwilleford@gmail.com).

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# Ga. Fraternal Order of Police donates ballistic vests to Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit DA's Office

From Georgia Fraternal Order of Police

The Georgia Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) recently donated two ballistic vests to the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office, which serves Catoosa, Walker, Chattooga and Dade counties.

The vests will be used by the two investigators assigned to this office. These vests, provided through the Georgia FOP's Protect the Protectors program, were presented to District Attorney Christopher Arnt by Carlton Stallings, national trustee for the Georgia Fraternal Order of Police.

"Operation Protect the Protector" is designed to donate ballistic vests to law enforcement agencies across Georgia, specifically to those agencies that have limited budgets.

"Officer safety is a very important issue to all of us in law enforcement, and the ballistic vest has been proven to save lives and reduce injuries," Stallings



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said. "Every officer should wear a ballistic vest every day. The FOP is working to ensure that more officers within our state have this extra level of security. Being able to present these vests to officers that I have worked with over the years is special to me," Stallings said.

District Attorney Arnt expressed his gratitude to the FOP for the vests and the dedicated service law enforcement officers.

The Georgia FOP represents more than 5,200 law enforcement members across the state and is part of the nation's largest law enforcement organization, with more than 356,000 members nationwide. The FOP is committed to improving law enforcement through education, legislation and training for its members so they can provide quality service to the public.

As of April 14, the FOP has provided 975 vests to 168 agencies

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
**WALKER COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF CHICKAMAUGA, LAFAYETTE, LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN AND ROSSVILLE**  
**UPDATE OF JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**  

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The public hearing will be held at Walker County Courthouse Annex III, 201 S. Main St., LaFayette, Georgia 30728, on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. during the Walker County Board of Commissioners meeting.





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

**Minutes of the Regular Scheduled Meeting  
April 22, 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 April 22, 2021.

**II. Attendees:**

The following 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, Walker County Police Chief Mitchell Moore, Planning and Zoning Director David Brown, Public Works Director Carlen Bowers, 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 there was a motion by the board to approve the agenda. Commissioner Blakemore made a motion to approve the agenda and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Stultz, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion was approved.

**IV. Public Hearing:**

Chairman Whitfield read the request from Robert Franks for a conditional use variance for property located at 0 Stanfield Road at Hwy 27, LaFayette, GA 30728 and asked if there was any comment on the request, there was none.

Chairman Whitfield read the request from Lebron Kesley for a partial rezone for property located at 958 Kendrick's Switch Road, Chickamauga, GA 30707 and asked if there was any comment on the request. Jeff Vaughn stated he does not understand why the property needs to be rezoned to R3 which would allow for a mobile home park and the owner has 30 acres across the street that he fears would later be rezoned and a mobile home park would be put in. Shannon Chung stated she is the daughter of the property owner and the only heir to the property and there had been a misunderstanding in selecting the rezone type. Mrs. Chung



stated that her parents wanted to rezone the property to build a home or put in a single mobile home for their future because they want to downsize from the 32 acre farm across the street, they have no intention of establishing a mobile home park. Connie Kesley came forward and stated they were asked if they wanted rezone to build a home or place a mobile home on the property and they said yes, they thought they were requesting a R2 zoning not R3. Mrs. Kesley said they wanted to build a home for the future so they could lease or sell their 32 acre farm across the street.

Chairman Whitfield read the request from Brady Bush for a rezone for property located at 1 Reece Street, Rossville, GA 30741 and asked if there was any comment on the request, there was none.

The public meeting was then closed.

V. Approval of Minutes:

Chairman Whitfield stated the minutes from the last Commissioner's Meeting were in the packet and before the board. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Commissioner Askew made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Hart, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion was approved.

VI. Public Comment:

Chairman Whitfield asked if there was anyone that would like to speak in the Public Comment section, there were none.

VII. Informational:

Chairman Whitfield asked Jennifer Holden, Director of DHS Division of Family and Children Services, Walker County Office to speak about their department. Mrs. Holden stated she had been with Walker County DFCS since September 2019 and Georgia DFCS for almost 21 years. She stated Walker County has two divisions in the same building which makes it more convenient for the public. She stated that DFCS is a state agency that is state and federally funded, but also receives supplemental funding from the county. The Board of Commissioners appoints members to the Walker County DFCS Board to oversee the spending and progress of operations. Walker County owns the building they work in and they have just received some great renovations. The two branches in the DFCS office are the Office of Financial Independence, which oversees SNAP and medicare benefits, and the Social Services office, which works with foster care and child protective services. There are currently 141 children in the Walker County Foster care system within the 33 foster homes and 2 group homes in the county.

VIII. New Business:

- I. Chairman Whitfield read the Proclamation of Appreciation for Project 52, presented Chris Robinson with the sealed Proclamation, and asked him to speak about their work. Chris Robinson stated that today was a very big day for them, Chattanooga Christian School students volunteered in the Rossville area and loaded nine dumpsters with around thirty tons of trash. Project 52 is a nonprofit ministry organization that works within Walker County to help clean up properties. He wanted to thank Planning and Zoning Director David Brown for referring Project 52 to citizens in need of their services. Mr. Robinson is a Professor at Covenant College, every year on the first day of school the freshman class goes out in Walker County to clean up. He stated Project 52 has a multitude of partners that are excited for the future of Walker County. Chris Fehr stated he is a Chairman of the Board for Project 52 and he encourages to work with the government and use this ministry to give back to the community. Chairman Whitfield stated there are many people within the community that want to clean up their property but they do not have the means, so Project 52s information is passed along to them. Chairman Whitfield state Project 52 has done a phenomenal job in Walker County and he thanked them.
- II. Chairman Whitfield read the Proclamation designating May 2-8, 2021 as Patriot Week in Walker County. Chairman Whitfield stated this week is an honor and a solute to the United States Constitution.
- III. Chairman Whitfield discussed Purchase Order 2021-00001113 to Adman Electric Inc for new underground wiring to new EPB transformers at Rossville Athletic Center totaling \$41,932.57. Chairman Whitfield stated there was a power pole that had fallen onto another power pole with six transformers, Adman Electric and EPB were on scene that day to clean up and contain the issue. He said the purchase order was for Adman Electric to reinstall new underground wiring so there would not be an issue like this in the future. Commissioner Stultz made a motion to approve, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Blakemore, with 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- IV. Chairman Whitfield discussed Purchase Order 2021-00001114 to the Electric Power Board to install 150KVA 120/208 pad mount transformers at the Rossville Athletic Center totaling \$18,003.06. Chairman Whitfield stated that this purchase order was in conjunction with the previous purchase order for Adman Electric. Commissioner Hart made a motion to approve, Commissioner Askew seconded the motion, with 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- V. Chairman Whitfield discussed Purchase Order 2021-00001149 to Wade Meter Box for a water project for



the East Armuchee Community Center on Hwy 136 totaling \$57,550.00. Chairman Whitfield stated that when the Community Center was built there was no public water in the area and it had to be put on a well and pump system. He stated that the system has been giving issues for the past several years. He said this Community Center is also an Emergency Shelter. Another issue with the current water system is the sprinklers require around 500 gallons of water per minute and the pump system only puts out about 200-300 gallons per minute. He added that about 6-7 years ago the Water Authority ran public water in the area and it is available to tie into and it would resolve the current problems and eliminate the well and pump system. Commission Hart stated that since the public water lines run right through the front lawn of the property it is a great idea to hook onto them and do away with the well and pump system. Commissioner Stultz made a motion to approve, Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, with 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried. Chairman Whitfield added that this project should meet the requirements for the American Rescue Plan Funding and will not come out of the general fund.

- VI. Chairman Whitfield read the request form Robert Franks for a conditional use variance for property located at 0 Stanfield Road at Hwy 27 LaFayette, GA 30728, tax map and parcel number 0-324-2-004. Planning and Zoning Director David Brown stated the Planning Commission approved this and referred it to the board, he said the property is residential currently and Mr. Franks is wanting a variance to rezone to commercial so he can move his trucking company. He stated that if the trucking company moves or goes out of business that the property would go back to residential. Commissioner Hart made a motion to approve, Commissioner Blakemore seconded the motion, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- VII. Chairman Whitfield read the request from Lebrun Kesley for a partial rezone for property location at 958 Kendrick's Switch Road Chickamauga, GA 30707, tax map and parcel number 0-262-023. Planning and Zoning Director David Brown stated the Planning Commission denied the request because of spot zoning but that there was some confusion and mix up on the zoning requested. Commissioner Askew asked about the septic and sewer for this property and the square footage requirements. David Brown stated there is a private sewer system in the area but it is privately owned, he also added that the property owner should research the set back requirements. Commissioner Askew asked Mr. Kesley if he would do some more research on all of the requirements for the property and asked David Brown if there would be another fee for them to come back before the Planning Commission. David Brown said that the fee would be waived. Commissioner Hart made a motion to deny, the motion was not supported. Commissioner Askew stated that he would support the denial, but he wanted the property

owner to do some research and come back before the Planning Commission with the fee waived. Commissioner Hart made a motion to deny, Commissioner Askew supported the motion with conditions. 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.

- VIII. Chairman Whitfield read the request from Brady Bush for a rezone for property located at 1 Reece Street Rossville, GA 30741, tax map and parcel number 0-174-152. Planning and Zoning Director David Brown stated that the property has been residential since 1954 and when zoning came in they rezoned it to commercial. Brown stated the Planning Commission approved the request with the condition of remodel starting within 18 months. He added that the property owner could not make it to this meeting but he had spoken with him and if the rezone is approved, remodel will start next week. Commissioner Blakemore made a motion to approve with the condition of remodel beginning within 18 months, Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried to approve with conditions.
- IX. Chairman Whitfield reviewed the Departmental Statistics for March 2021.

IX. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Blakemore wanted to thank Robert Wardlaw with Lucky-Eye-Q and everyone that came out to support the first fundraiser for Operation Rossville Playground. He stated there is an upcoming cake auction on the Friday before Mother's Day and a softball tournament for Operation Rossville Playground. Commissioner Blakemore said that the paving on Happy Valley Road was underway and looking great. Commissioner Askew said that Tennessee Valley Federal Credit Union had broken ground on their new Chickamauga location and he wanted to thank everyone for coming out to participate and support. Commissioner Hart stated Lynn Roberts was now managing and utilizing the Armuchee Community Center and he was excited for the future plans there. He gave information on the Walk to End Sexual Violence on April 23, 2021 and encouraged everyone to come out and support. Commissioner Hart stated that the County Extension Office is having a force field day with Catoosa and Dade county next Tuesday . Commissioner Stultz said that he will be hosting a town hall meeting April 24, 2021 at Mount Pleasant Community Center and encouraged people to come. He said the Walker County Emergency Response Team is looking for volunteers. Commissioner Stultz thanked Robert Wardlaw and David Gottlieb for the work and support on the Patriot Week Proclamation. Chairman Whitfield stated in January the COVID hotline was set up and it has been a huge asset to everyone in the County, but the call volume has declined so the call center was shut down today and the calls were



forwarded to the Commissioner’s Office. Chairman Whitfield said online booking was now available and the Walker, Dade, Catoosa location will remain open at the Colonnade. Chairman Whitfield said that starting May 3, 2021 the Animal Shelter will be open on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.to the public. He said appointments are also available and adoption applications are on the County website.

X. Executive Session:

Commissioner Stultz made a motion to go into the Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, Commissioner Blakemore seconded the motion, with 4 ayes and 0 nays the motion carried. Executive session began at 8:08 PM.

Chairman Whitfield called the Board Meeting back to order from the executive session at 9:32 PM, explaining that no action was taken from the Executive Session.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Hart made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Askew seconded the motion, motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 PM.

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| Shannon K. Whitfield  | Date  |
| Chairman/CEO          |       |
| Walker County Georgia |       |

Minutes prepared by: Walker County Board Clerk, Whitney Summey

**Walker County Regular Scheduled Commissioner's Meeting**

| Roll Call | 04/22/2021 | Present/Not Present |
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Commissioner Blakemore Present

**Commissioner Askew** **Present**

Chairman Whitfield Present

**Commissioner Hart** **Present**

**Commissioner Stultz** Present



Sign In Sheet

Public Meeting and Regular Scheduled Commissioner's Meeting

April 22, 2021

7:00 PM

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Sign In Sheet

Public Meeting and Regular Scheduled Commissioner's Meeting

April 22, 2021

7:00 PM

Name

Address

Jennifer Holden

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Nichelle Stranks

ROBERT WARDLAW

Guy STARRETT

Lowell Penhale

Junichi Shibata

Carli Jones





**RESOLUTION R-017-21**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WALKER COUNTY TO  
APPOINT MEMBERS OF THE 2021 JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN  
STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE**

**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**, Georgia law requires local governments update their Joint Comprehensive Plan every five years in order to maintain Qualified Local Government status, allowing continued eligibility for state loans, grants and permits; and

**WHEREAS**, Chairman Whitfield submits the following appointments to serve as representatives of Walker County on the 2021 Joint Comprehensive Plan Stakeholder Committee:

- Robert Stults
- Robert Wardlaw
- Shannon Whitfield
- Joe Legge
- Elliott Pierce
- Tyrone Davis
- Dakiya Porter
- Stacey Suttle

**WHEREAS**, these individuals have expressed a willingness to serve the people of Walker County in such capacity until such time as a new Joint Comprehensive Plan is adopted;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia that the appointments listed above are approved.

**SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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-018-21**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WALKER COUNTY TO  
DECLARE PROPERTY OF THE WALKER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
UNSERVICEABLE SURPLUS AND REMOVED FROM THE COUNTY INVENTORY**

**WHEREAS**, O.C.G.A. § 36-9-2 provides that the county governing authority shall have the control of all property belonging to the county and may, by order entered on its minutes, direct the disposal of any real property which may lawfully be disposed of and make and execute good and sufficient title thereof on behalf of the county; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff has requested the property listed on Exhibit A and Exhibit B be deemed unserviceable surplus and further requests that the property be removed from the County inventory;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia that the property listed in Exhibit A and Exhibit B attached hereto, and made a part hereof, be hereby declared unserviceable surplus and removed from the County inventory.

**SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

**ATTEST:**

**WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA**

\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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EXHIBIT A

MEMO

To: Walker County Commissioner  
From: Sheriff Steve Wilson *SSW*  
Date: ~~April 19, 2021~~  
Subject: Surplus Equipment

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Please declare the following equipment unserviceable surplus and remove from the County inventory.

The following equipment is unrepairable or beyond useful life and needs to be deemed as excess property for disposal.

|        |               |                  |
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| DELL   | E5520         | G2GC6S1          |
| DELL   | E5520         | G2G76S1          |
| DELL   | E5520         | G2CB6S1          |
| DELL   | E5520         | G29V5S1          |
| DELL   | E5520         | JTMW2K1          |
| DELL   | E5520         | 3C1XM12          |
| DELL   | E5520         | G2D46S1          |
| DELL   | E3580         | CMGRMJ2          |
| DELL   | E3580         | 8MGRMJ2          |
| LENOVO | THINK         | 1S5049WK1MJNDLED |
| LENOVO | THINK         | 1S7033F16MJLFWUM |
| LENOVO | THINK         | 1S5032C2UMJFXHFB |
| LENOVO | THINK         | 1S5032C2UMJFXGXA |
| DELL   | OPTIPLEX 3840 | 33407378498      |
| DELL   | OPTIPLEX 9010 | 8102805661       |
| DELL   | OPTIPLEX 390  | 21591462025      |
| DELL   | OPTIPLEX 3020 | 6145579154       |
| DELL   | OPTIPLEX 3020 | 10597874258      |
| DELL   | OPTIPLEX 9010 | 8104531933       |
| DELL   | OPTIPLEX      | 8116289245       |
| DELL   | OPTIPLEX 3020 | 10597780946      |
| DELL   | OPTIPLEX 780  | 5020554781       |

*\* ALL DEVICES NO DISK AND NO MEMORY*

Cc: Inventory File



Joe Legge <j.legge@walkerga.us>

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## Surplus and Unserviceable property

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**Steve Wilson** <swilson@walkerso.com>

Tue, Apr 27, 2021 at 5:13 PM

To: Shannon Whitfield <commissioner@walkerga.us>

Cc: Joe Legge <j.legge@walkerga.us>, David Gottlieb <d.gottlieb@walkerga.us>, Becky Wooden <r.wooden@walkerga.us>

2010 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV, VIN 1GNMCAE03AR209351 Mileage 165,000 the motor and transmission need to be repaired or replaced.

I am requesting that the Walker County Board of Commissioners declare the above described property unserviceable and surplus.

Furthermore, I am requesting that the Walker County Board of Commissioners convey the vehicle in an intergovernmental agreement, without compensation to the Sole Commissioner of Chattooga County Georgia, to be assigned to the Sheriff of Chattooga Co.

Thank you,

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Steve Wilson, Sheriff





**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WALKER COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND CHATTOOGA COUNTY GOVERNMENT TO CONVEY PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF MUTUAL AID**

This Intergovernmental Agreement (“Agreement”) is made and entered into by and between Walker County, Georgia (“Walker County”) and Chattooga County, Georgia (“Chattooga County”).

Whereas, Walker County is the owner of one 2010 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV, VIN 1GNMCAE03AR209351 motor vehicle (“Vehicle”). The Vehicle is declared unserviceable and surplus by Walker County; and

Whereas, Chattooga County has informed Walker County that the Chattooga County Sheriff’s Department (“Sheriff’s Department”) is in immediate need of an additional motor vehicle for law enforcement purposes; and

Whereas, Chattooga County could use the Vehicle either by repairing it or using it for parts; and

Whereas, Walker County Sheriff’s Department and Chattooga County Sheriff’s Department provide mutual law enforcement aid, and

Whereas the conveyance of the Vehicle from Walker County to Chattooga County will further Chattooga County Sheriff’s Department’s ability to provide mutual aid to Walker County Sheriff’s Department; and

Whereas, this Agreement was presented and approved at meetings of the governing authorities of both Walker County and Chattooga County.

Now therefore incorporating the foregoing recitals, and in consideration of the mutual promises, covenants and undertakings of the parties set forth herein, and for the public purposes set forth herein, the parties covenant, agree and bind themselves as follows:

1. Transfer of ownership of the Vehicle. Walker County grants and conveys to Chattooga County legal title and ownership of the Vehicle.

2. No liability for Walker County. The parties agree that Walker County shall not in any event be liable for any personal injury, loss of life, or damage to any property, arising from, directly or indirectly, the possession, use, maintenance or operation of the Vehicle or any of its parts, by Chattooga County, Chattooga County Sheriff’s Department, or any of its agents, employees, representatives, or any third parties.

3. Disclaimer of Warranties. It is understood and agreed that Walker County delivers the Vehicle to Chattooga County in as-is condition, with all faults, in whatever condition it may be, without any agreement, warranty or representation, express or implied, as to any matter whatsoever respecting the Vehicle. WITHOUT LIMITING THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING, WALKER COUNTY EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ANY IMPLIED WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS OR ADEQUACY FOR ANY PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR USE, QUALITY, OR MAINTENANCE.

4. Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and no representations, inducements, promises or agreements, oral or otherwise, between the parties not embodied herein shall be of any force or effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Walker County and Chattooga County have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized officials.

Chattooga County, Georgia

Walker County, Georgia

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sole Commissioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Shannon K. Whitfield, Commission Chairman



**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WALKER COUNTY  
GOVERNMENT AND CHATTOOGA COUNTY GOVERNMENT TO CONVEY  
PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF MUTUAL AID**

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk

Date:\_\_\_\_\_

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rebecca Wooden, County Clerk

Date:\_\_\_\_\_

SHIP TO

WALKER CO COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE  
101 S DUKE ST  
LA FAYETTE, GA30728

BILL TO

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

**PURCHASE ORDER**  
**NO. 2021-00001269**

**DATE 05/05/2021**

**VENDOR 2026 STRYKER MEDICAL**

CONTACT

STRYKER MEDICAL  
P O BOX 93308  
CHICAGO, IL 60673-3308

**DELIVER BY**  
**SHIP VIA**  
**FREIGHT TERMS**  
**ORIGINATOR**  
**RESOLUTION #**  
**PAYMENT TERMS**

Greg McConnell

| QUANTITY  | U/M | DESCRIPTION                                   | UNIT COST    | TOTAL COST  |
|-----------|-----|-----------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| 20.0000   | EA  | Capital - Other Equipment - AED for Fire Dept | \$1,659.0100 | \$33,180.20 |
| TOTAL DUE |     |                                               |              | \$33,180.20 |

APPROVED BY \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS





**THE COUNTY IS CURRENTLY AWAITING BID RESULTS FOR NEW FIRE HYDRANTS.**

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION WILL BE INSERTED INTO THE AGENDA PACKET BY MAY 12, 2021.**

# Walker County Departmental Statistics - April 2021



| Department                          | Monthly Totals |      |       |      |  | YTD Totals |      | YTD Totals |      | Yearly Totals |      | Yearly Totals |      | Yearly Totals |      | Yearly Totals |       |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|------|-------|------|--|------------|------|------------|------|---------------|------|---------------|------|---------------|------|---------------|-------|
| Animal Shelter                      | March          |      | April |      |  | 2021       |      | 2020       |      | 2019          |      | 2018          |      | 2017          |      | 2016          |       |
|                                     | Dogs           | Cats | Dogs  | Cats |  | Dogs       | Cats | Dogs       | Cats | Dogs          | Cats | Dogs          | Cats | Dogs          | Cats | Dogs          | Cats  |
| Intake                              | 139            | 24   | 115   | 77   |  | 452        | 182  | 1,093      | 516  | 1,094         | 295  | 1,176         | 25   | 1,628         | 979  | 1,301         | 1,004 |
| Outake (Adopted, Rescued, Returned) | 108            | 21   | 125   | 52   |  | 430        | 168  | 1,091      | 474  | 1,099         | 279  | 1,012         | 47   | 1,134         | 444  | 817           | 195   |
| Adopted                             | 0              | 3    | 0     | 7    |  | 0          | 16   | 33         | 65   | 208           | 152  | 138           | 34   | 217           | 147  | 304           | 94    |
| Rescued                             | 87             | 17   | 99    | 45   |  | 350        | 150  | 919        | 397  | 766           | 119  | 749           | 13   | 686           | 295  | 513           | 101   |
| Returned to Owner                   | 21             | 1    | 24    | 0    |  | 78         | 2    | 119        | 6    | 112           | 3    | 125           | 0    | 231           | 2    | n/a           | n/a   |
| Euthanized                          | 0              | 0    | 2     | 0    |  | 2          | 0    | 20         | 6    | 31            | 7    | 56            | 2    | 336           | 396  | 436           | 630   |

| Codes Enforcement | March | April |  | 2021  | 2020  | 2019  | 2018  | 2017  | 2016    |
|-------------------|-------|-------|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|
| In Compliance     | 2,175 | 2,193 |  | 9,226 | 6,672 | 9,309 | 5,124 | 4,745 | no data |
| Violations        | 63    | 48    |  | 238   | 343   | 435   | 857   | 1,469 | 221     |
| Closed Cases      | 28    | 14    |  | 67    | 161   | 58    | 339   | 480   | no data |

| Fire Department                  | March | April |  | 2021  | 2020  | 2019  | 2018  | 2017  | 2016    |
|----------------------------------|-------|-------|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|
| Calls for Service                | 263   | 241   |  | 990   | 3,478 | 6,091 | 5,670 | 4,441 | 3,492   |
| Units Handling Calls for Service | 564   | 489   |  | 1,874 | 5,705 | 8,815 | 6,359 | 4,742 | no data |
| Smoke Alarms Installed           | 10    | 30    |  | 92    | 322   | 781   | 228   | 21    | no data |

| Litter                | March  | April  |  | 2021   | 2020    | 2019    | 2018    | 2017    | 2016    |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|--|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Roadside Trash Pounds | 15,080 | 11,060 |  | 56,400 | 143,800 | 143,330 | 122,912 | 123,020 | no data |

| Mountain Cove Farms | March | April |  | 2021 | 2020 | 2019  | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 |
|---------------------|-------|-------|--|------|------|-------|------|------|------|
| Total Nights Booked | 58    | 121   |  | 277  | 840  | 1,102 | 908  | 525  | 162  |

| Planning                            | March | April |  | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Single Family New Home Construction | 13    | 12    |  | 49   | 150  | 128  | 124  | 135  | 123  |

| Public Relations                 | March  | April  |  | 2021    | 2020    | 2019    | 2018    | 2017    | 2016    |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Media Impressions (stories)      | 67     | 25     |  | 180     | 460     | 451     | 509     | 603     | no data |
| Facebook Followers Added         | 199    | 70     |  | 578     | 2,768   | 1,880   | 2,182   | 4,615   | no data |
| Facebook Posts                   | 69     | 37     |  | 220     | 888     | 602     | 487     | 594     | no data |
| WalkerCountyGA.gov visitor views | 59,350 | 43,149 |  | 215,161 | 668,051 | 357,989 | 316,285 | 399,087 | 173,745 |
| Newsletter Subscribers Added     | 66     | 315    |  | 992     | 1,104   | 971     | 925     | 1,184   | no data |

| Public Works      | March | April |  | 2021  | 2020  | 2019  | 2018  | 2017    | 2016    |
|-------------------|-------|-------|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|---------|
| Patching/Potholes | 689   | 810   |  | 1,740 | 5,785 | 6,148 | 4,798 | no data | no data |

| Walker Transit | March | April |  | 2021  | 2020   | 2019   | 2018   | 2017   | 2016    |
|----------------|-------|-------|--|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| Total Trips    | 1,448 | 1,364 |  | 5,042 | 17,436 | 26,535 | 21,551 | 24,938 | no data |