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

Minutes of the Walker County Courthouse Annex III, 201 S Main Street Lafayette, Georgia 30728 of the Board of Commissioners

March 5, 2026 - 6:30 PM

1. Invocation & Pledge

Commissioner Wilson did the invocation, followed by Commissioner Askew leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Chairwoman Teems will Call to Order the Regular Meeting

Chairwoman Angie Teems called to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners held at Courthouse Annex IV, 201 S. Main Street, LaFayette, Georgia at 6:30 PM on March 05, 2026.

3. Clerk to Establish a Quorum is present

The clerk confirmed the Quorum Present - All Commissioners were in attendance.

4. Approve Agenda

Agenda of the Regular Scheduled Meeting held on March 5, 2026

5. Approve Minutes

Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on February 5, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

6. Chairwoman's Report

Chairwoman Teems opened the meeting by noting that the board meetings are evolving, becoming more informative, and better reflecting the level of responsibility held by her office. She expressed her hope that this provides the community with a clearer understanding of the daily focus as the County continues to improve. Teems acknowledged that in the past, residents had limited reasons to feel pride in Walker County's appearance and operations. Today, however, the County is diligently working to restore dignity and pride in the local government and its services. The public is now seeing a County that

operates more smoothly and efficiently. While acknowledging that no one is perfect and hurdles will always arise, she stated that the right mindset, combined with doing the right thing in the right way, will enable the County to overcome and outperform old ways of operating.

This commitment to positive change across the County is being demonstrated to the public, as well as to community and business partners. Chairwoman Teems highlighted the work already completed as evidence of her commitment: reducing waste, increasing revenue, upgrading technology, improving office spaces, filling open positions, and addressing long-unresolved problems for both residents and employees.

All these actions are focused on a long-term goal: sustainability. The County government must be able to sustain the rising costs of necessary products and contractor services. Furthermore, the County must be prepared to withstand the unknown variables that are certain to arise.

For this reason, economic sustainability should not merely be treated as a priority, which can change with leadership. Instead, sustainability must become a condition built into the very structure of how the County operates. When a sustainable condition is designed, it cannot be easily undone or weakened over time.

She concluded by acknowledging that change is rarely comfortable but is necessary, whether welcomed or not. What matters most is the response—the ability to adapt and respond responsibly—which is the foundation for building true sustainability.

7. Financial Report

Christian Roach, CFO, presented the preliminary audit numbers for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025.

The presentation covered:

- SPLOST and TSPLOST figures.
- A General Fund snapshot for FY2025, detailing inflows, outflows, results, and balances.
- An analysis of revenue/gains versus allocations/investments.

He concluded by reviewing the upcoming Resolution on Budget Amendments, explaining the necessity for this standard auditing action.

Commissioner Hart inquired about TSPLOST funds and allocations.

Commissioner Wilson inquired about the Amended Budget numbers.

7.1. CFO Christian Roach

8. Committee Reports

No Committe Reports

9. Department Reports

No Department Reports

10. Presentation

No Presentations

11. Public Hearing - Planning & Zoning

Per Walker County Code Chapter 22-109, a time limit of 12 minutes shall be imposed upon the total number of people who wish to speak in favor of a planning/zoning request, including the initial presentation of the petitioner. Thereafter, a time limit of 12 minutes shall be imposed on the total number of people who wish to speak in opposition of the zoning request. Each side may allocate a 12-minute period among any number of speakers, provided that the presentation by all speakers for each side shall not exceed 12 minutes per side.

11.1. Planning and Zoning Meeting Minutes 19FEB26

11.2. William & Christy White: Requests a partial rezone from C-1 (Commercial) to RA (Residential/Agricultural) for property located at 0 S. Hwy 27, Trion, GA. 30753. Tax map and parcel number 0-486-026A.

- Christy White advised she owns 8.86 acres and wants to rezone for a single-family residence.
- Commissioner Hart inquired about the total number of acres that were owned.
- Ms. White responded 58.58 acres total.
- No opposition
- No further questions

11.3. Cora Sue Burse: Requests a rezone from A-1 (Agricultural) to RA (Residential/Agricultural) for property located at 0 S. Dicks Creek Road, LaFayette, GA. 30728. Tax map and parcel number 0-555-004.

- Cora Sue Burse has the remaining 6.2 acres that are unused and would like it to be moved from Agricultural to RA.
- Commissioner Hart asked Ms. Burse if there were any houses currently on the property; she replied that there were not.
- No opposition

- No further questions

11.4. Joel Nix: Requests a partial rezone from A-1 (Agricultural) to RA (Residential/Agricultural) for property located at 430 West Rogers Road, LaFayette, GA. 30728. Tax map and parcel number 0-483-046.

- A request was submitted by Joel Nix to split one acre from a 9.6-acre parcel to accommodate the future construction of a single-family residence.
- No opposition
- Commissioner Wilson verified this was for a single future residence.
- No further questions

11.5. Jay Brooks: Requests a variance to divide off less than five acres in an A-1 (Agricultural) zone for property located at 1468 W. Hwy 136, Rising Fawn, GA. 30738. Tax map & parcel number 0-229-020B

- Jay Brooks requested approval to divide his property into two separate one-acre lots, with the intent for his daughters to each build a single-family home.
- No Opposition
- No Questions

12. Decisions - Planning & Zoning

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Commissioner Hart made a motion to Approve.
Commissioner Askew seconded.
4 ayes, 0 nays. Rezone was approved.

12.2. Cora Sue Burse: Requests a rezone from A-1 (Agricultural) to RA (Residential/Agricultural) for property located at 0 S. Dicks Creek Road, LaFayette, GA. 30728. Tax map and parcel number 0-555-004. (Planning Commission recommended this rezone be Approved as submitted)
Commissioner Wilson made a motion to Approve.
Commissioner Blakemore seconded.
Commissioner Hart opened the discussion by denying the rezone request, citing its non-compliance with the comprehensive plan.
Questions between Commissioner Hart and Commissioner Wilson on property lines and rights-of-way.
No further questions
3 ayes, 1 nays. Rezone was approved.

12.3. Joel Nix: Requests a partial rezone from A-1 (Agricultural) to RA (Residential/Agricultural) for property located at 430 West Rogers Road, LaFayette, GA. 30728. Tax map and parcel number 0-483-046. (Planning Commission recommended this rezone be Approved as submitted)
Commissioner Blakemore made a motion to Approve.
Commissioner Hart seconded.
4 ayes, 0 nays. Partial rezone was approved.

12.4. Jay Brooks: Requests a variance to divide off less than five acres in an A-1 (Agricultural) zone for property located at 1468 W. Hwy 136, Rising Fawn, GA. 30738. Tax map & parcel number 0-229-020B. (Planning Commission recommended this avriance be Approved as submitted)
Commissioner Blakemore made a motion to approve the variance.
Commissioner Hart seconded.
4 ayes, 0 nays. The motion to approve the variance was approved.

13. Public Comment

- Ginger Barkham — A failure to enforce safety provisions was reported regarding Ordinance 0-02-21 at 444 East Longhollow Road. The issue, which was brought before the Commissioners, stemmed from the Planning & Codes Department not taking action on a reported violation concerning the ordinance's stipulations, land development, and Georgia state minimum fire safety standards related to the property's drive.
- Commissioner Hart has spoken with both Ms. Barkham and Director Pursley regarding this matter. He believes the Compliance Officer should meet with both individuals to investigate the issue and confirm the validity of Ms. Barkham's concerns.

14. Consent Agenda

14.1. R-018-26 To Amend the Equal Opportunity Employment Policy
Commissioner Blakemore made a motion to Approve.
Commissioner Hart seconded.
4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion was approved.

14.2. R-019-26 To Amend the Employee PTO Policy
Commissioner Blakemore made a motion to Approve.
Commissioner Hart seconded.
4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion was approved.

15. New Business

15.1. R-020-26 To Approve Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year 2025
Commissioner Wilson made a motion to Approve.

Commissioner Blakemore seconded.
4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion was approved.

15.2. R-021-26 To Award a Contract to WLA Studios for the Historic Resource Survey for Walker County Phase 2
Commissioner Wilson made a motion to Approve.
Commissioner Blakemore seconded.
4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion was approved.

15.3. R-022-26 To Award a Contract to Hasbun Construction, LLC for the Ivy Street Culvert Replacement
Commissioner Blakemore made a motion to Approve the minutes of the Regular Scheduled Meeting held on March 5, 2026 at 6:30 PM. Seconded by Commissioner Askew. 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion approved. Minutes approved.

15.4. R-023-26 To Award a Contract for Walker County Fleet & Public Works Facility Repairs
Commissioner Askew made a motion to Approve.
Commissioner Blakemore seconded.
Commissioner Hart asked about the funding source for this item, and CFO Roach stated it would be paid from the 2020 SPLOST Building Fund.
No further discussion
4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion was approved.

15.5. R-024-26 To Award a Contract for Right-of-Way Weed Control
Bobby Snider explained the vendor selection process, detailing the guidelines used for reviewing proposals.
Commissioner Hart made a motion to Approve.
Commissioner Askew seconded.
4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion was approved.

15.6. R-025-26 to Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Regarding Dispositon of Certain Real Property located in Rossville, GA
Commissioner Wilson made a motion to Approve.
Commissioner Blakemore seconded.
Commissioner Wilson elaborated that the property is being transferred to the NW GA Joint Development Authority to facilitate its sale to a local business. This action aims to promote further development in Rossville, thereby safeguarding local jobs and maintaining revenue for area residents.
Commissioner Askew commented that after 15 to 20 years of non-use, it is time for the assets to be utilized by local businesses.
No further discussion
4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion was approved.

16. Commissioner Comments

- Commissioner Blakemore expressed gratitude to everyone in attendance for their

involvement in local government and offered his availability via phone call, text, or email for assistance.

- Commissioner Askew expressed gratitude to County employees for their hard work. He also acknowledged the value of the staff's input and public participation in discussions, which helps align the County's work with community perspectives.
- Commissioner Hart reported on the progress of the Agriculture Center, noting that work is being finalized using 2020 SPLOST funds to complete construction. Additionally, he has collaborated with staff to define the scope of work for the secondary building intended for agricultural use.
- Commissioner Wilson shared positive news about Adventure Acres. This project is almost finished and a Grand Opening Date should be announced soon. The construction on Hinkle Fire Station is moving along, and a completion date should be available at the next meeting.
- Commissioner Wilson asked all present to keep the nation and current global events in their thoughts.

17. Executive Session

18. Adjourn

With no further business on the agenda, Chairwoman Teems adjourned the meeting at 7:18 P.M.

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Angela Teems- Date
Chairwoman/CEO
Walker County Georgia

Minutes prepared by: Walker County County Clerk, Lisa Richardson

Walker County Board of Commissioners Meeting Agenda Item Form

SECTION	DETAILS
MEETING TITLE	Board of Commissioners – Monthly Meeting
DATE OF MEETING	Mar 5th, 2026
SUBMITTED BY	Christian Roach - Finance
AGENDA ITEM TITLE	Financial Reports
TYPE OF ITEM	Informational
BACKGROUND & JUSTIFICATION	For the month ending December 31st, 2025 • Year to date revenues are $14,056,995.46 or 37.74% of budget • Year to date expenditures are $8,768,937.86 or 23.54% of budget • SPLOST and TSPLOST Reports are attached
ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED	Presentation
PRESENTER(S)	Christian Roach, CFO
ADDITIONAL NOTES	

Walker County
2025 Report on Projects Funded Through Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax
(2020 Referendum)
As of December 31, 2025

Project	Original Estimated Expenditures	Current Estimated Expenditures	Project Expenditures				Remaining Costs	Project Completed	Estimated Completion Date
			Total Prior Expenditures	Oct 2024 - Sept 2025	Oct 2025 - Dec 2025	Total Expenditures			
Capital investment equipment for additional Walker County E911 radio tower	$ 750,000	$ 750,000	$ 750,000	$ -	$ -	$ 750,000	$ -	Y	
Capital equipment for Emergency Management & First Responder radio communication & Computer Technology	$ 1,000,000	$ 1,000,000	$ 539,460	$ 369,986	$ -	$ 909,446	$ 90,554	N	9/30/2026
Emergency generators for facilities and critical systems	$ 850,000	$ 850,000	$ 101,840	$ 1,500	$ -	$ 103,340	$ 746,660	N	9/30/2026
Capital investment for equipment, technology, and facilities upgrades for E911	$ 425,000	$ 879,081	$ 323,232	$ 555,849	$ -	$ 879,081	$ -	Y	
Capital equipment for Law Enforcement Vehicles	$ 2,500,000	$ 2,500,000	$ 1,617,562	$ 414,532	$ -	$ 2,032,094	$ 467,906	N	9/30/2026
Capital equipment for Law Enforcement body & vehicle cameras	$ 400,000	$ 557,460	$ 557,460	$ -	$ -	$ 557,460	$ -	Y	
Emergency services equipment including vehicles & outfitting and fire station facilities improvements	$ 3,750,000	$ 5,151,192	$ 1,601,301	$ 705,910	$ 2,843,981	$ 5,151,192	$ -	Y	
Facility completion of the Hinkle fire station on Lookout Mtn	$ 300,000	$ 300,000	$ 10,675	$ 5,975	$ -	$ 16,650	$ 283,350	N	9/30/2026
Investment in public works equipment, roadside mowers and vehicles	$ 3,000,000	$ 3,000,000	$ 2,235,069	$ 668,476	$ -	$ 2,903,545	$ 96,455	N	9/30/2026
Capital investment for right-a-way improvements, road paving, bridge replacement/upgrades	$ 6,000,000	$ 6,000,000	$ 5,436,160	$ 466,640	$ 33,443	$ 5,936,244	$ 63,756	N	9/30/2026
Capital investment in equipment and facility improvements to LaFayette/Walker Senior Citizen Center	$ 200,000	$ 200,000	$ 10,797	$ -	$ -	$ 10,797	$ 189,203	N	9/30/2026
Capital investment in equipment and building addition/expansion to the Agriculture Center	$ 1,200,000	$ 1,200,000	$ 139,728	$ 121,800	$ 143,948	$ 405,477	$ 794,523	N	9/30/2026
Capital investment in technology advancements, books, and facility improvements for our (3) public libraries	$ 150,000	$ 150,000	$ 107,689	$ 5,905	$ -	$ 113,594	$ 36,406	N	9/30/2026
Capital improvements for the historic Marsh house	$ 90,000	$ 90,000	$ 11,756	$ 678	$ -	$ 12,434	$ 77,566	N	9/30/2026
Capital investment in recreational improvements for the Civic Center campus	$ 350,000	$ 423,472	$ 423,472	$ -	$ -	$ 423,472	$ -	Y	
Capital investment in additional fire hydrants	$ 250,000	$ 283,995	$ 265,616	$ 4,029	$ 14,350	$ 283,995	$ -	Y	
Capital improvements of county facilities including Courthouse and Courthouse Annex	$ 4,100,000	$ 4,100,000	$ 1,183,701	$ 1,323,762	$ 115,322	$ 2,622,785	$ 1,477,215	N	9/30/2026
Capital investment for computer systems and technology advancements	$ 325,000	$ 325,000	$ 118,666	$ 49,745	$ 14,276	$ 182,687	$ 142,313	N	9/30/2026
Capital equipment for Transportation Maintenance Facility	$ 175,000	$ 175,000	$ 48,274	$ -	$ -	$ 48,274	$ 126,726	N	9/30/2026
Capital investment in county vehicles	$ 700,000	$ 700,000	$ 58,035	$ 393,887	$ 13,000	$ 464,921	$ 235,079	N	9/30/2026
Capital investment in equipment and facility improvements to the Animal Shelter	$ 145,000	$ 145,000	$ 108,843	$ -	$ -	$ 108,843	$ 36,157	N	9/30/2026
Capital equipment, vehicles and facility improvements for county Landfill operations	$ 1,500,000	$ 1,500,000	$ 949,051	$ 490,835	$ -	$ 1,439,886	$ 60,115	N	9/30/2026
	$ 28,160,000	$ 30,280,200	$ 16,598,388	$ 5,579,509	$ 3,178,320	$ 25,356,216	$ 4,923,983		

Walker County
2025 Report on Projects Funded Through Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax
(2023 Referendum)
As of December 31, 2025

Project	Original Estimated Expenditures	Current Estimated Expenditures	Project Expenditures				Remaining Costs	Project Completed	Estimated Completion Date
			Total Prior Expenditures	Oct 2024 - Sept 2025	Oct 2025 - Dec 2025	Total Expenditures			
TSPLOST Road Projects	$ 33,750,000	$ 33,750,000	$ 4,594,098	$ 14,637,615	$ -	$ 19,231,713	$ 14,518,287	N	3/31/2029
	$ 33,750,000	$ 33,750,000	$ 4,594,098	$ 14,637,615	$ -	$ 19,231,713	$ 14,518,287		

Walker County
Planning Commission Meeting

February 19, 2026
6:00 P.M.
Walker County Civic Center

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JANUARY 15, 2026 MEETING

IV. MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE WALKER COUNTY JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

B. REZONE:

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2. **Cora Sue Burse:** Requests a rezone from A-1 (Agricultural) to RA (Residential/Agricultural) for property located at 0 S. Dicks Creek Road LaFayette, GA. 30728. Tax map & parcel number 0-555-004.

3. **Joel Nix:** Requests a partial rezone from A-1 (Agricultural) to RA (Residential/Agricultural) for property located at 430 West Rogers Road LaFayette, GA. 30728. Tax map & parcel number 0-483-046.

C. VARIANCE:

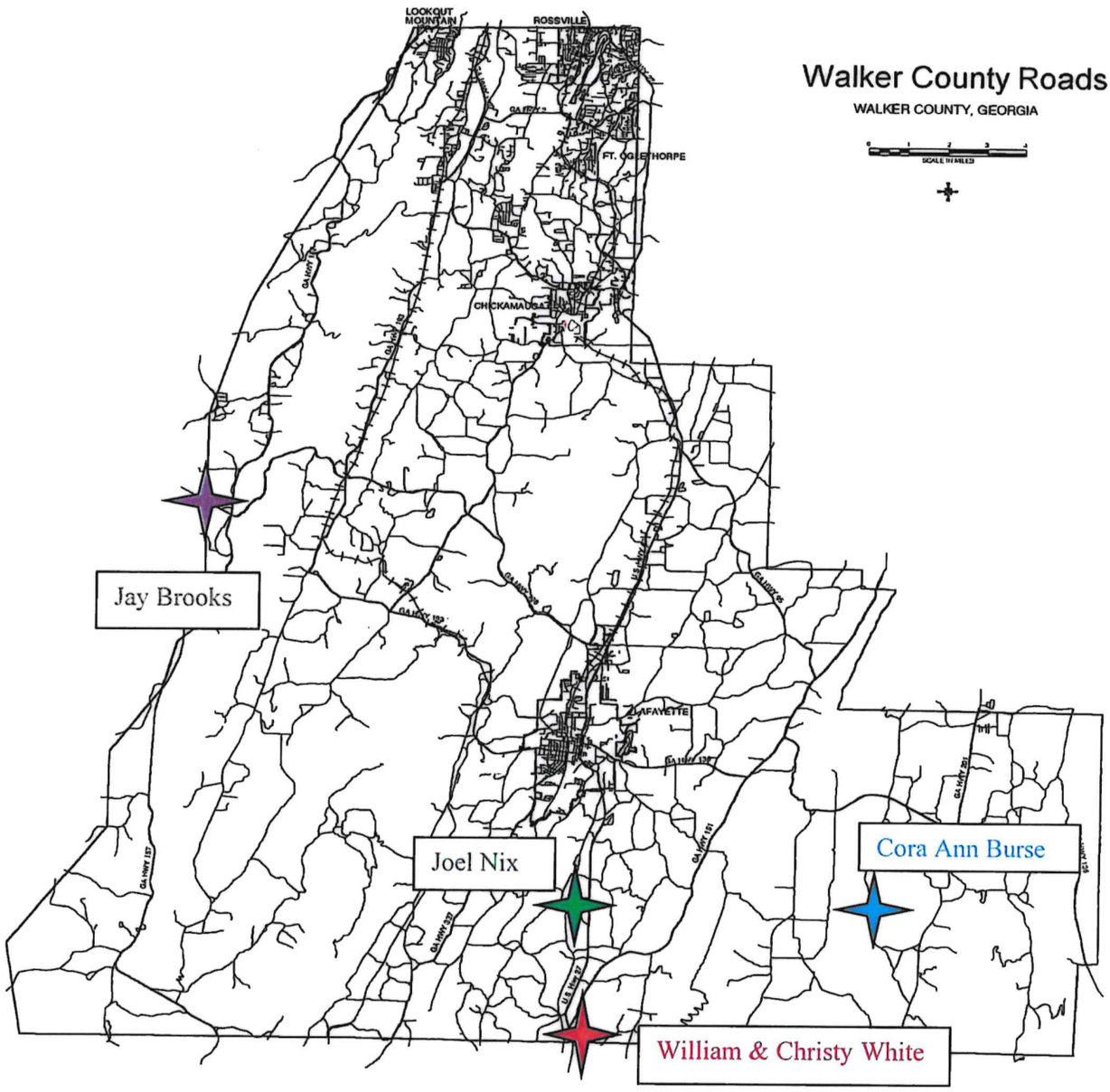
1. **Jay Brooks:** Requests a variance to divide off less than five acres in an A-1 (Agricultural) zone for property located at 14168 W. Hwy 136 Rising Fawn, GA. 30738. Tax map & parcel number 0-229-020B.

VI. MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:

VII. MOTION TO GO INTO NEW BUSINESS:

1. **William & Christy White**
2. **Cora Sue Burse**
3. **Joel Nix**
4. **Jay Brooks**

VIII: ADJOURNMENT:


Walker County Roads
WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
ROSSVILLE
FT. OGLETHORPE
CHICKAMAUGA
LAFAYETTE
Jay Brooks
Joel Nix
Cora Ann Burse
William & Christy White

Walker County Planning Commission
Minutes

January 15, 2026
Walker County Civic Center
6:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Planning Commission Members
Rob Walthour
Randy Pittman
John Morehouse
Stan Porter
Todd Holt
Will Ingram
Jon Hentz
Cindy Askew

Walker County Planning Staff
Jon Pursley, Planning Director
Kristy Parker, Planning Commission Secretary

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Pittman called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL:

III. ELECTION OF THE 2026 PLANNING COMMISSION OFFICERS:

Chairman Pittman made the nomination for Kristy Parker for Secretary and Will Ingram for Vice Chairman. Todd Holt made a motion to approve these nominations. Rob Walthour seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

IV. READING & APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 20, 2025 MINUTES:

Chairman Pittman asked if there was a motion to approve the November 20th minutes. John Morhouse made a motion to approve the minutes as is. Will Ingram seconded the motion to approve. The vote was unanimous. The motion to approve carried.

V. MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING:

Chairman Pittman asked if there was a motion to open the public hearing. Todd Holt made a motion to open the public hearing. John Morehouse seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion to open the public hearing carried.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING:

New Business:

1. G&W Metalworks: Chairman Pittman asked if anyone was present for G&W Metalworks. Frank Ward and Garrett Bivens came forward and stated they were asking for a rezone in order to build a second home on the property. Will Ingram asked what was currently on the property and they stated there was an old barn and house. Todd Holt asked if he lived on the property and he said no he lives up the road. Stan Porter asked if they would be selling the property and they said they would like to have it to rent out. Jon Hentz asked about the existing structure and overall goal for the property. Mr. Ward stated that they would be fixing up the old house and building a second. There was no one present in opposition to the rezone request.

2. Ralph Leming: Chairman Pittman asked if Mr. Leming was present. Chairman Pittman explained to the Planning Commission that the Board of Commissioners requested for him to come back before the Board to request this rezone. Mr. Leming explained that the rezone would only be for the 2.96 acres that would be divided off for family. There was no opposition to the rezone request.

3. Thomas Guthrie: Chairman Pittman asked if Mr. Guthrie was present. Chairman Pittman explained to the Planning Commission that the Board of Commissioners requested for him to come back before the Board to request this rezone. Mr. Guthrie explained that he was requesting the rezone on the 2.0 acres. Rob Walthour asked if this was where the house sits and Mr. Guthrie said yes. There was no opposition to the rezone request.

4. Joan Brown: Chairman Pittman asked if someone was present for Ms. Brown. Tyler Knauss came forward and stated he was the attorney and would be speaking on behalf of the buyer Mr. Patel, who was also present. Mr. Knauss stated that they were requesting the rezone in order to build a fuel station/truck stop/restaurant with no overnight stay. He went over the layout of the proposed site. Stan Porter asked if this location would sell alcohol. Mr. Knauss stated that probably if this was approved but they were only requesting the rezone at this time. Mr. Porter asked if this site would be for larger trucks and Mr. Knauss said yes. Cindy Askew stated that CN should have businesses that serve the community and this looks like more than that. Stan Porter asked if a traffic study had been done and Mr. Knauss stated that they did not because that is costly and they wanted to go through the rezone process first. Jon Pursley stated that they would be required to have D.O.T. approval before any work is done. Will Ingram asked if there would be any type of buffer done since the truck parking is next to a school. Mr. Knauss stated that a buffer could be done. Jon Hentz stated that he felt this was a terrible idea for this location. Todd Holt stated that if they took out the truck stop and just had a regular store and restaurant it would be a better fit for the area. Chairman Pittman asked the audience how many people were present that was in opposition to this rezone and about thirty people stood up. He explained that there would be twelve minutes for the group to come forward, and he asked that the adjoining property owners start first. Myron Richardson came forward and stated that he was not in favor of this rezone. He said that his house faces this property and he is concerned about the traffic and water runoff from the site. Jamie Debity came forward on behalf of Naomi Elementary School. He said that they are concerned about a truck stop being that close to a school and all the

sex trafficking that goes on these days. Doug Hegwood came forward on behalf of Naomi Baptist Church. He said they are concerned about the possible sales of alcohol, traffic, noise and water runoff. Muffet Brown came forward and stated that she is the property owner's daughter. She said that her mother has always paid her taxes and that she should be able to sell the property and that the area needed a good place that sells gas and that it is at the corner of two highways where the traffic is already there. Rick Morrison also stated he was not in favor of the rezone.

5. Alfredia Spence & Willie Shropshire: Chairman Pittman asked if anyone was present for this rezone request. There was no one there on behalf of this rezone.

6. Joseph Hawkins: Chairman Pittman asked if Mr. Hawkins was present. Sandra Powell came forward on behalf of Mr. Hawkins. She stated that he wanted to rezone the property so he could divide the property for financial needs. She stated that his property sits across from Cloudland Station subdivision. Penny Vaughn came forward and stated that she was not in favor of the rezone. She said that two other people in the area had requested rezones in the past and were turned down and she feels this property should stay agricultural. Jon Pursley explained that the zoning he has requested is a transitional zoning and that the other may have asked for a different zone. Katlyn Vaughn came forward and stated she was opposed to the rezone and traffic issues.

***At 6:59 Chairman Pittman called for a short break. At 7:11 Chairman Pittman called the meeting back in session. ***

7. See Rock City: Chairman Pittman asked if someone was present for See Rock City. Doug Chapin came forward with a video presentation. He talked about See Rock City wanting to rezone the property so they could install a gondola which would carry people from the bottom of Lookout Mountain to the top in order to help with parking and traffic issues. Mr. Chapin stated that at certain times of the year there could be as many as 3000 vehicles at Rock City. Chairman Pittman made a motion to extend the time past the twelve minutes and give both sides equal time. Stan Porter seconded the motion to extend the time. The vote was unanimous. Lacey Smith from the Chamber of Commerce came forward and talked about the proposed project bringing in more jobs. Miller Wellburn came forward and stated that he owns several properties in the Rock City area and he said he was in favor of the rezone because he feels it will help with the traffic issues and bring in more revenue. Todd Hold asked what new things would be built at the bottom and Mr. Chapin said a new barn and ticket booth. John Morehouse asked how many new parking spaces would be added at the bottom and Mr. Chapin said about 1200. Mr. Morehouse also asked what kind of noise the gondola's made and Mr. Chapin said they make very little noise. Kirby Yest with Rock City passed out paperwork on the project. Chairman Pittman asked if anyone in the crowd had anything to say. Ellie Hill said she was there on behalf of the Nichols that have a house beside See Rock City. She stated that the Nichols are not in favor of the rezone and don't understand why they want to rezone the whole fourteen acres. They are worried about what else they could do if it was all rezoned. She said that See Rock City is requesting that the City of Lookout Mountain rewrite their ordinance on some items and asked if the rezone could be put off until after that. She also asked if approved could there be conditions be added to protect the adjoining neighbors. Charlie Sholbert stated he was opposed to the rezone and worried about the traffic and noise. Jack Webb came forward and stated he was not in favor of the rezone and questions why they wanted the whole fourteen acres rezoned. He feels it will also bring down property values.

8. Linda Jones: Chairman Pittman asked if Ms. Jones was present. Linda Jones and her son Eric Dell came forward and explained that his father had passed away and that the house is more than she needs and he would like to move into her current house with his family and build her a smaller one. Stan Porter asked if the property would be divided and they said they were unsure at this time. Philip Cantrell came forward and said he was not in favor of the rezone and that he does not want any more deeds beside his property.

VII: MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:

Chairman Pittman asked if there was a motion to close the public hearing. Todd Holt made a motion to close the public hearing. John Morehouse seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion to close the public hearing carried.

Chairman Pittman called for a short break at 8:18. Chairman Pittman called the meeting back to order at 8:23.

VIII: MOTION TO OPEN NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Pittman asked if there was a motion to open the new business. Todd Holt made a motion to open new business. Rob Walthour seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion to open new business carried.

IX: NEW BUSINESS:

1. G&W Metalworks: Chairman Pittman asked if there was a motion to approve or deny the rezone request. John Morehouse made a motion to approve the rezone to RA. Stan Porter seconded the motion to approve. Will Ingram, John Morehouse, Todd Holt, Stan Porter, Rob Walthour and Jon Hentz voted in favor of the motion to approve with Cindy Askew opposed. The motion to approve the rezone carried.

2. Ralph Paul Leming: Chairman Pittman asked if there was a motion to approve or deny this rezone. Stan Porter made a motion to approve the rezone to RA. Will Ingram seconded the motion to approve. The vote to approve was unanimous. The motion to approve carried.

3. Thomas Guthrie: Chairman Pittman asked if there was a motion to approve or deny this rezone. Rob Walthour made a motion to approve the rezone to RA. Todd Holt seconded the motion to approve. The vote to approve was unanimous. The motion to approve carried.

4. Joan Brown: Chairman Pittman asked if there was a motion to approve or deny the rezone request. Jon Hentz made a motion to deny because he feels that area is not a good location for a truck stop. Stan Porter seconded the motion to deny the request. The vote to deny was unanimous. The motion to deny carried.

5. Alfredia Spence & Willie Shropshire: Chairman Pittman asked if there was a motion to approve or deny the rezone request. Stan Porter made a motion to approve the rezone request to R-2. There was no second on the motion to approve with no other motions made. Chairman Pittman said this will go to the Board of Commissioners with no recommendation.

6. Joseph Hawkins: Chairman Pittman asked if there was a motion to approve or deny the rezone request. John Morehouse made a motion to approve the rezone to RA. Jon Hentz seconded the motion to approve the rezone. Will Ingram, John Morehouse, Todd Holt, Stan Porter, Rob Walthour and Jon Hentz voted in favor of the motion to approve with Cindy Askew opposed. The motion to approve the rezone carried.

7. See Rock City: Chairman Pittman asked if there was a motion to approve or deny the rezone request. Stan Porter said that he had a question for Mr. Chapin before making a motion. Mr. Porter asked Mr. Chapin why did they not ask for a rezone on just the part of the property that the gondola would be placed on and Mr. Chapin stated they just asked for the whole parcel. Chairman Pittman expalined that the Board could approve with conditions. Stan Porter made a motion to approve the rezone to C-1 with the conditions that they would not extend the C-1 past See Rock City's footprint. Todd Holt seconded the motion to approve with conditions. The vote was unanimous. The motion to approve the rezone with conditions carried.

8. Linda Jones: Chairman Pittman asked if there was a motion to approve or deny the rezone request. Todd Holt made a motion to approve the rezone request to RA. Rob Walthour seconded the motion to approve. The vote was unanimous. The motion to approve carried.

X: <u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>

Chairman Pittman asked if there was a motion to adjorn. Todd Holt made a motion to adjorn. Rob Walthour seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion to adjoin carried.

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Date Submitted: Planning Commission Chairman

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Date Submitted: Planning Commission Secretary

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NOTICE
Upcoming Appointment of Walker County Board of Equalization
In accordance with Georgia laws (O.C.G.A. 48-5-311), the Walker County Grand jury shall appoint 1 alternate member of the Walker County Board of Equalization to fill a current vacancy when it convenes on **February 3, 2026.**
Any resident of Walker County having the following qualifications and interest in serving on the Board may nominate himself or herself for appointment by submitting a nomination form as indicated below:
Qualifications
1. Each person who is, in the judgement of the appointing grand jury, qualified and competent to serve as a grand juror, who is the owner of real property, and who is at least a high school graduate shall be qualified, competent, and compellable to serve as a member or alternate member of the board. No member of the governing authority of a county, municipality, or consolidated government; member of a county or independent board of education; member of the county board of tax assessors; employee of the county board of tax assessors; or county tax appraiser shall be competent to serve as a member or alternate member of the board of equalization.
2. Within the first year after a members initial appointment to the board of equalization, each member shall satisfactorily complete not less than 40 hours of instruction in appraisal and equalization processes and procedures, as prepared and required by the commissioner. The failure of any member to fulfill the requirements of this subparagraph shall render that member ineligible to serve on the board; and the vacancy created thereby shall be filled in the same manner as other vacancies on the board are filled.
3. No person shall be eligible to hear an appeal as a member of a board of equalization unless, prior to hearing such appeal, that person shall satisfactorily complete the 40 hours of instruction in appraisal and equalization processes and procedures required by law. Any person appointed to such board shall be required to complete annually a continuing education requirement of at least eight hours of instruction in appraisal and equalization procedures, as prepared and required by the commissioner.
The failure of any member to fulfill the requirements of this subparagraph shall render that member ineligible to serve on the board; and the vacancy created thereby shall be filled in the same manner as other vacancies on the board are filled.
Term of Office
Members and alternate members of the Board of Equalization serve a three year term of office. The person appointed by the Grand Jury for the term of office described herein shall fill a new term that will end
December 31, 2028.
Nomination Applications
Nomination application forms are available at the Office of Carter Brown, Clerk of Superior Court of Walker County, Room 206 in the Walker County Courthouse, or by e-mailing christy.tracy@gsccca.org. Applications must be received no later than **February 2, 2026.**
1:21;28,2026

8001 Juvenile/Youth/Family

Wm1757
gpn10
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WALKER COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
RICHARD KEITH HOWARD and DEBRA HOWARD,
Plaintiff,
v.
RICHARD JOSEPH HOWARD and LINDSEY HOWARD,
Defendant.
Civil Action No. SUCV2025000727
NEWSPAPER NOTICE
TO: LINDSEY HOWARD
Notice is hereby given to LINDSEY HOWARD that a Petition for Custody has been filed in the Superior Court of Walker County, Georgia by Richard Keith Howard and Debra Howard seeking a custody of the minor child, DRH. You are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon Shawn Bible, Plaintiffs attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 1423, Ringgold, GA 30736, an answer to the Petition within 60 days.
McKayla Tennant,
Clerk/Deputy Clerk
Superior Court of
Walker County, Georgia
1:14,21,28; 2:4, 2026

Wm1797
gpn10
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF WALKER COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN THE INTEREST OF: H.L.S.
Age: 15 DOB: 12/28/2009
A Child Under 18 Years of Age.
Female Case No. 146-25J-316
NOTICE OF SUMMONS
TO: ALEXIS GOFF AND ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHERS AND ALL OTHER PARTIES WHO CLAIM ANY PARENTAL OR CUSTODIAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD IDENTIFIED ABOVE BORN TO ALEXIS GOFF, MOTHER ON THE ABOVE DATE.
You are hereby notified that the Walker County Department of Family and Children Services has filed a petition in this Court which alleges that the above minor child is dependent and seeks custody of said child. The petition alleging dependency was filed on October 6, 2025, and an Order for Service by Publication was entered by the Court on January 8, 2026. You are hereby commanded to and required to appear before the Juvenile Court of Walker County, Georgia, on the 11th day of March, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., for a Final Dependency Hearing, for the purpose of answering the allegations of the petition alleging dependency and determining whether the prayers of said petition should be granted. The general nature of the allegations of the petition are that the child has been subjected to abuse and/or neglect and is in need of the protection of the Court.
The Walker County Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS) filed a case plan report that does not contain a plan for reunification services, and this summons requires the above-named child, his/her parent/guardian/legal custodian, the child's attorney, the child's guardian ad litem and other proper or necessary parties to personally appear at the Walker County Juvenile Court at the time and place set forth above. The child and each parent/guardian/legal custodian are entitled to have an attorney appointed to represent him or her in these proceedings, and the Court will appoint an attorney if the party is indigent. DFCS shall have the burden of demonstrating by clear and convincing evidence that a reunification plan is not appropriate considering the health and safety of the child adjudicated as a dependent child and such child's need for permanence.
A copy of the petition may be obtained from the Clerk of the Juvenile Court at the Courthouse in LaFayette, Georgia, during regular business hours. The Clerk's telephone number is 706-638-3044. The Clerk's mailing address is Juvenile Court Clerk, Post Office Box 601, LaFayette, Georgia, 30728.
You may request an application for Appointment of Counsel in person, by contacting the Juvenile Court at P.O. Box 601, LaFayette, GA 30728 or calling 706-638-3044,
Witnesseth The Honorable Steven M. Ellis, Judge of said Court, this 16 day of January, 2026.
Taylor Grapenthin,
Deputy Clerk of said Court
1:21,28,2:4,11,2026

8002 Local Legislation

Wm1796
gpn13
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INTRODUCE LOCAL LEGISLATION
Notice is given that there will be introduced at the 2026 regular session of the General Assembly of Georgia a bill to amend an Act providing for the election of the members of the Board of Education of Walker County, approved March 8, 1968 (Ga. L. 1968, p. 2235), as amended; and for other purposes.
1:21,28,2026

8003 Public Hearing

Wm1791
gpn16
PUBLIC NOTICE
WALKER COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 6:00P.M.
Walker County Civic Center
Rock Spring, GA 30739
The Walker County Planning Commission will meet and review the following requests:
New Business:
Rezone:
1. William & Christy White: Requests a partial rezone from C-1 (Commercial) to RA (Residential/Agricultural) for property located at 0 S. Hwy 27 Trion, GA. 30753. Tax map & parcel number 0-486-026A.
2. Cora Sue Burse: Requests a rezone from A-1 (Agricultural) to RA (Residential/Agricultural) for property located at 0 S. Dick Creek Road LaFayette, GA. 30728. Tax map & parcel number 0-555-004.
3. Joel Nix: Requests a partial rezone from A-1 (Agricultural) to RA (Residential/Agricultural) for property located at 430 West Rogers Road LaFayette, GA. 30728. Tax map & parcel number 0-483-046.
Variance:
1. Jay Brooks: Requests a variance to divide off less than five acres in an A-1 (Agricultural) zone for property located at 14168 W. Hwy 136 Rising Fawn, GA. 30738. Tax map & parcel number 0-229-020B.
The second public hearing on these requests will be heard by the Walker County Board of Commissioners on March 5, 2026 at 6:30 P.M. at the Walker County Courthouse Annex IV located at 201 S. Duke Street LaFayette, GA. 30728.
For further information please call Walker County Planning & Development at 706-638-4048.
1:21,2026

Wm4690
gpn16
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
The City of Fort Oglethorpe hereby gives notice that the Planning Advisory Board will hold a public hearing at Fort Oglethorpe City Hall, 500 City Hall Drive, Fort Oglethorpe, GA 30742, at 11a Thursday, February 5, 2026, to consider:
Gateway Sales LLC requests a zoning amendment for 72 Lillian Drive, Rossville, GA, 30741 (tax parcel #0011A092) to be rezoned from Catoosa County R-1 to City of Fort Oglethorpe R-5 for the construction of townhomes.
Gateway Sales LLC requests annexation of 72 Lillian Drive, Rossville, GA, 30741 (tax parcel #0011A092) from Catoosa County to the City of Fort Oglethorpe.
Joseph Bass requests a zoning amendment for 23 Pine Hill Drive, Rossville, GA, 30741 (tax parcel #0002F012) to be rezoned from R-2 to R-5 to construct a duplex.
Title World Inc. requests a zoning amendment for 2309 Lafayette Road, Fort Oglethorpe, GA 30742 (tax parcel #0003A101) to be rezoned from C-2 to C-2 with a Special Exception for a used car dealership.
GRK Investments requests a land subdivide for 100 Thomas Road, Fort Oglethorpe, GA 30742 (tax parcel #0003F00100A) to be subdivided into nine R-3 parcels.
CDK Construction requests a zoning amendment for 621 Dyer Bridge Road, Ringgold, GA 30736, (tax parcel #0013B0300A) to be rezoned from C-1 to C-1 with a Special Exception to allow for massage.
The City of Fort Oglethorpe requests Historic Overlay Compliance for 214 First Street, Fort Oglethorpe, GA 30742, (tax parcel #0003F030) for the construction of a sign.
Heather Hall with Bellissima Spa requests a zoning amendment for 4211 Cloud Springs Road, Ringgold GA, 30736 (tax parcel #0011B249001) to be rezoned from I-1to Planned Mixed Use for industrial and commercial with Bellissima Spa having a Special Exception for massage.
The Mayor and Council will hold a Public Hearing at Fort Oglethorpe City Hall, 500 City Hall Drive, Fort Oglethorpe, GA 30742, at 6p on Monday, February 9, 2026. The Mayor and Council shall hold a Second Reading and give final consideration for items three through eight at Fort Oglethorpe City Hall, 500 City Hall Drive, Fort Oglethorpe, GA 30742, at 6p on Monday, February 23, 2026. And the Third Reading and final consideration for items one and two on March 9, 2026, in City Hall at 6p.
1:21,2026

8020 Service/Construction Bids

Wm1784
gpn05
CITY OF LAFAYETTE
AIRPORT CONSULTING SERVICES ENGINEERING
BARWICK-LAFAYETTE AIRPORT
The City Of LaFayette requests Statements of Qualifications from qualified firms to engage in services of a consulting firm for professional design and construction services in connection with the Airport Capital Improvement Plan at the Barwick-LaFayette Airport.
The selected consultant would be expected to participate in the projects listed in the CIP.
Notices of Requests for Statements of Qualifications will only be provided to qualified consulting firms that are currently GDOT approved in Area Classes 2.09 Airport Design, 2.09b Airport Design - Electrical and 8.02 Airport Construction Administration and Observation. The CIP and required format and details for submitting the Statements of Qualifications may be obtained at Georgia Procurement Registry or by request to Vernon Barnett at vbarnett@lafga.org. This is NOT a request for a priced proposal. Statements must be sealed, delivered via mail or in person, and marked AIRPORT CONSULTING SERVICES RFQ 2026 ENGINEERING on the outside of the envelope. Statements of Qualifications must be received at the LaFayette City Hall, 207 South Duke St. Lafayette, GA 30728 by no later than 4:00 P.M. on February 11, 2026.
1:14,21,2026

Wm1785
gpn05
AIRPORT CONSULTING SERVICES PLANNING
BARWICK-LAFAYETTE AIRPORT
The City Of LaFayette, Georgia requests Statements of Qualifications from qualified firms to engage in services of a consulting firm for professional planning and environmental services in connection with the Airport Capital Improvement Plan at the Barwick-LaFayette Airport. The selected consultant would be expected to participate in the projects listed in the CIP.
Notices of Requests for Statements of Qualifications will only be provided to qualified consulting firms that are currently GDOT approved in Area Classes No. 1.08 Airport Master Planning and No. 2.09 Airport Design. The CIP and required format and details for submitting the Statements of Qualifications may be obtained at Georgia Procurement Registry or by request to Vernon Barnett at vbarnett@lafga.org. This is NOT a request for a priced proposal. Statements must be sealed, delivered via mail or in person, and marked AIRPORT CONSULTING SERVICES RFQ 2026 - PLANNING on the outside of the envelope. Statements of Qualifications must be received at the LaFayette City Hall, 207 South Duke St. LaFayette, GA 30728 by no later than 4:00 P.M. On February 11, 2026.
1:14,21,2026

Wm1788
gpn05
ADVERTISEMENT FOR REQUEST FOR BIDS:
Construction of new sidewalk for the Greenway park
The City of LaFayette, Georgia, (the City) is requesting bids for the construction of a new sidewalks at the Greenway Park, located on Culberson Ave, LaFayette, GA 30728.
Bids may be submitted to the office of David Hamilton, City Manager, at 207 South Duke Street, LaFayette, Georgia 30728.. Bids must be physically received on or before February 2, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.
Eastern Time. Bids received after this time will be deemed late and will not be considered by the City.
Bid specification sheets or requirements will be available beginning on January 14, 2026, and may be obtained from Clay Tracy, upon request. Requests should be submitted via electronic mail to ctracy@lafga.org .
The City of LaFayette reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive technicalities and informalities. The city also reserves the right to extend submission deadlines. For a full description of the scope of work requested or to schedule a site visit, please contact Clay Tracy, Project Manager at ctracy@lafga.org
1:14,21,2026

8025 Debtors and Creditors

Wm1753
gpn07
IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF WALKER
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF MARY JO MILLER SITTON, Deceased.
ESTATE NO. 20,547
NOTICE TO DEBTORS/CREDITORS GEORGIA, WALKER COUNTY.
All creditors of the Estate of MARY JO MILLER SITTON, late of said county, deceased, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to Summer MichelleEdmonson.
This 22 nd day of December, 2025.
Summer Michelle Edmondson
522 Turkey Run
Flintstone, GA 30725
12:31,2025;1:7,14,21,2026

Wm1771
gpn07
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF WALKER
IN RE: ESTATE OF WANDA F. WALLIN
ESTATE NO. 20,372
All creditors of the Estate of **WANDA F. WALLIN**, late of Walker County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
THIS 31st day of December 2025
Robin Oglesbyn
a/k/a/ Phyllis Robin Oglesby
Personal Representative of the Estate of Wanda F. Wallin, deceased.
605 Howard Leonard Road
Ringgold, GA 30736
1:7,14,21,28,2026

Wm1772
gpn07
NOTICE TO DEBTORS/CREDITORS GEORGIA, WALKER COUNTY
All creditors of the estate of **Douglas Cleveland Tolbert, Jr.**, late of said county, deceased, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me. This 7th day of January, 2026.
J. M. George
P. O. Box 653
Armuchee, GA 30105
1:7,14,21,28,2026

Wm1776
gpn07
NOTICE TO DEBTORS and CREDITORS
All creditors of the estate of **Victoria Anne Copeland,** deceased, late of Walker County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This 5th day of January, 2026.
Danny Ray Copeland,
218 Wheeler Ave,
Chickamauga, Georgia 30707.
1:14,21,28;2:4,2026

Wm1777
gpn07
NOTICE TO DEBTORS and CREDITORS
All creditors of the estate of **Paul Legree Finch, Jr.**, deceased, late of Walker County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This 29th day of December, 2025.
Scott Matthew Finch,
Executor
c/o Joseph H. Fowler, ESQ. ,
PO BOX 489,
Douglasville, Georgia 30133.
1:14,21,28;2:4,2026

Wm1778
gpn07
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
All creditors of the estate of **MELBA MARIE GLOVER**, decedent, late of WALKER County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the EXECUTOR of the Estate,
Wesley Jerome Millard,
45 Stone Lane,
Flintstone, GA 30725.
1:14,21,28;2:4,2026

Wm1779
gpn07
NOTICE TO DEBTORS and CREDITORS
All creditors of the estate of **Billy A. Stoker,** deceased, late of Walker County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This 7th day of January, 2026.
Patricia Clark,
3836 Highway 337,
Lafayette, Georgia 30728.
1:14,21,28;2:4,2026

Wm1780
gpn07
NOTICE TO DEBTORS and CREDITORS
All creditors of the estate of **Lavera B. Stoker,** deceased, late of Walker County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This 7th day of January, 2026.
Patricia Clark,
3836 Highway 337,
Lafayette, Georgia 30728.
1:14,21,28;2:4,2026

Wm1786
gpn07
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WALKER COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: Estate of Lexie Higdon, Deceased. Estate No: 20, 548
All creditors of the estate of **Lexie Higdon,** deceased, late of Walker County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to render an account of their demands.
This 6 th day of January, 2026.
Nancy Roberts,
Executrix of the Estate of Lexie Higdon
c/o Attorney John R. Wiggins
P.O. Box 790
Ringgold, Georgia 30736
(706)935-3971
1:14,21,28;2:4,2026

Wm1787
gpn07
NOTICE TO DEBTORS and CREDITORS
All creditors of the estate of **Randall Gregory Molnar,** deceased, late of Walker County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This 8th day of January, 2026.
Stefanie Elizalyn Moore,
2133 County Road 1079,
Greenville, TX 75401.
1:14,21,28;2:4,2026

Wm1789
gpn07
NOTICE TO DEBTORS and CREDITORS
All creditors of the estate of **Frances Keith Guffey,** deceased, late of Walker County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This 12th day of January, 2026.
Pamela K. Guffey,
3788 Happy Valley Rd,
Rossville, Georgia 30741.
1:21,28;2:4,11,2026

Wm1794
gpn07
NOTICE TO DEBTORS and CREDITORS
All creditors of the estate of **Betty Stokes Hicks,** deceased, late of Walker County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This 15th day of January, 2026.
Karen Loughridge,
2382 Lee School Rd,
Trion, Georgia 30753.
1:21,28,2:4,11,2026

Wm1795
gpn07
NOTICE TO DEBTORS and CREDITORS
All creditors of the estate of **William E. Broome, III**, deceased, late of Walker County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This 13th day of January, 2026.
Robert M. Franks,
702 McConnell Crossing,
Lafayette, Georgia 30728.
1:21,28,2:4,11,2026

8045 Sheriff's Levy

gpn19
WM3582
PUBLIC NOTICE
Items available for sale by The Walker County Sheriff's Office or Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force will be sold to the highest bidder online at www.govdeals.com.
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8056 Trade Name

Wm1775
gpn06
Walker County Superior Court
TRADE NAME REGISTRATION
Personally appeared the undersigned who on oath deposes and says that: Taramesha Tatro, 1205 Garretts Chapel Rd, Chickamauga, Georgia 30707, is doing business in Walker County, Georgia under the name of: Inspired by Taramesha, 1205 Garretts Chapel Rd, Chickamauga, Georgia 30707 and that the nature of the business to be carried on at such address is: Retail – Clothing Sales Online and at Markets.
1:14,21,2026

8075 Foreclosures

Wm1733
gpn11
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF WALKER
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
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WALKER COUNTY
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
AGENDA ITEM

Owner: **Willaim & Christy White**

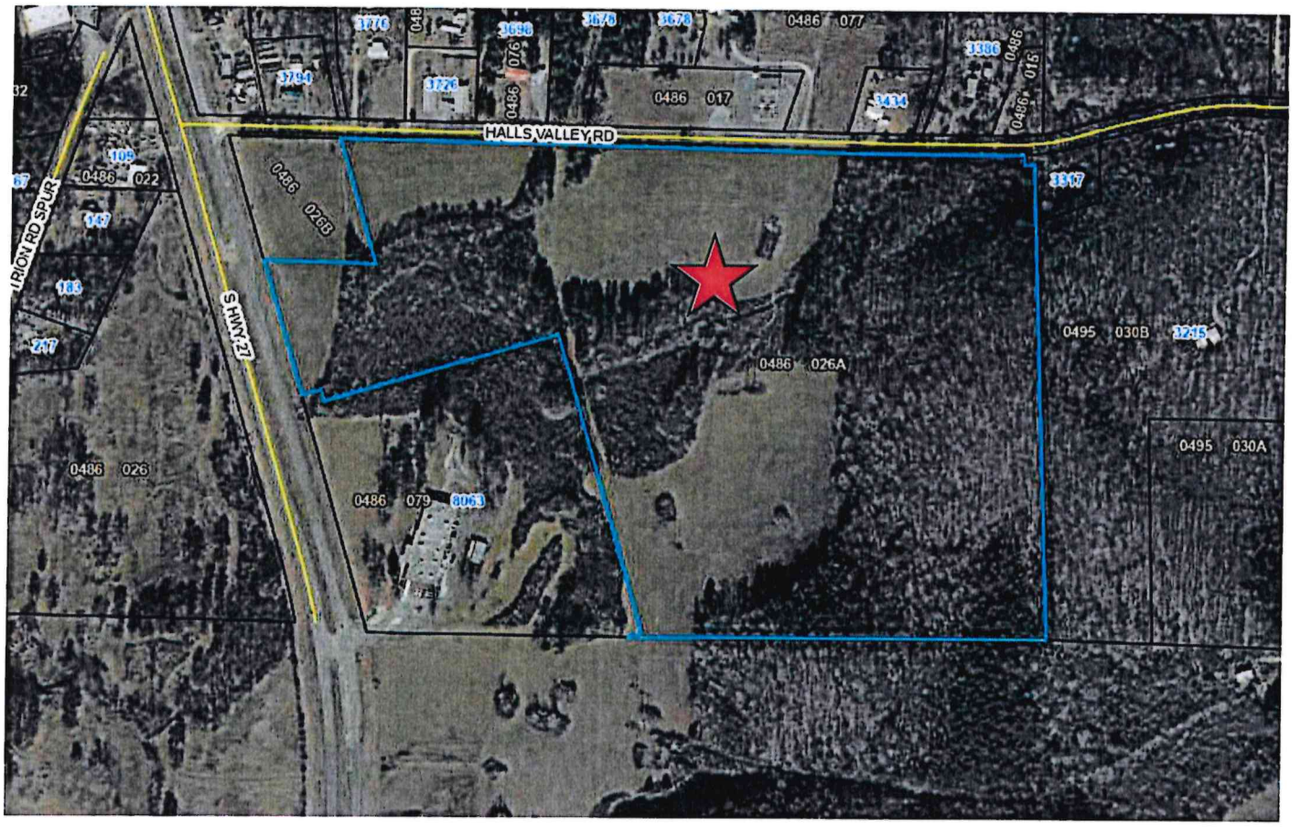
Petitioner: **same**

Location of Property: **0 S. Hwy 27 Trion, GA. 30753**

Tax map & parcel number 0-486-026A

	PC Meeting Date:	**2/19/2026**
	Present Zoning:	C-1 (Commercial)
APPLICANT'S INTENT:	Requesting to rezone 6.2 acres from C-1(Commercial) to RA (Residential/Agricultural) to build a house on.	
DETAILS OF REQUEST:	The Comprehensive Plan shows Rural Residential. This recommends 1-5 acres tracts.	

Projected Area:



Walker County Planning Office

Rezone, Conditional Use Variance & Variance Application

☐ Rezone ☐ Conditional Use Variance ☐ Variance

Current Zoning:	Requested Change:	
C1	RA	
Map & Parcel	Date:	Fee:
0486 026A		75.00

Applicant/Owner & Phone: William G White Jr. & Christy M. White

Street Name & Number: 0 S. Hwy 27 - Tract

Mailing Address: 2490 Burnt Hickory Rd

City, State, Zip Code: Marietta, Ga 30064

Request: Rezone Le.2 ex. to Residential to build a home

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

_____ ☐ APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

_____ ☐ APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

_____ ☐ TABLED

_____ ☐ DENIAL

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FINAL DECISION:

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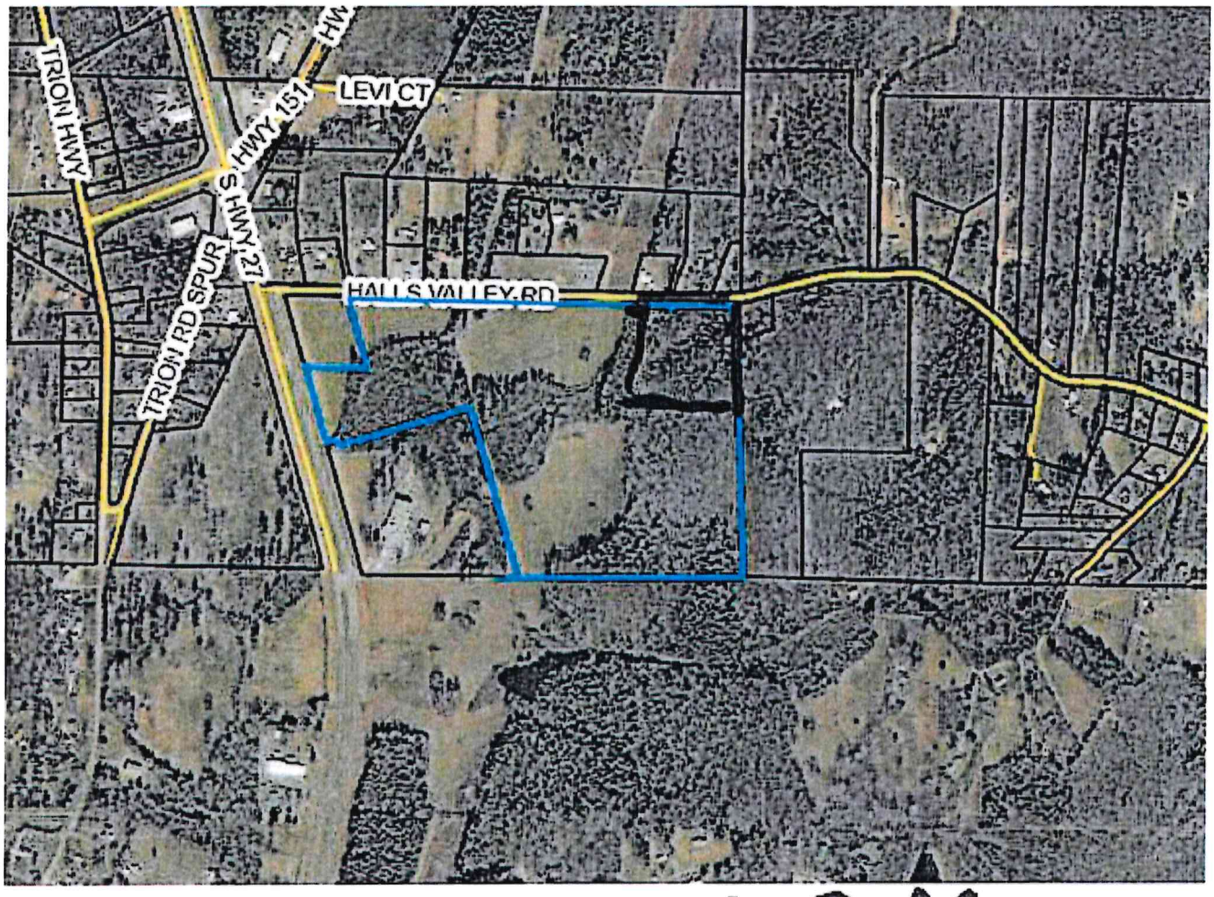
Signature of Applicant/Owner:

Christy White 12/29/25

APPLICANT/OWNER DATE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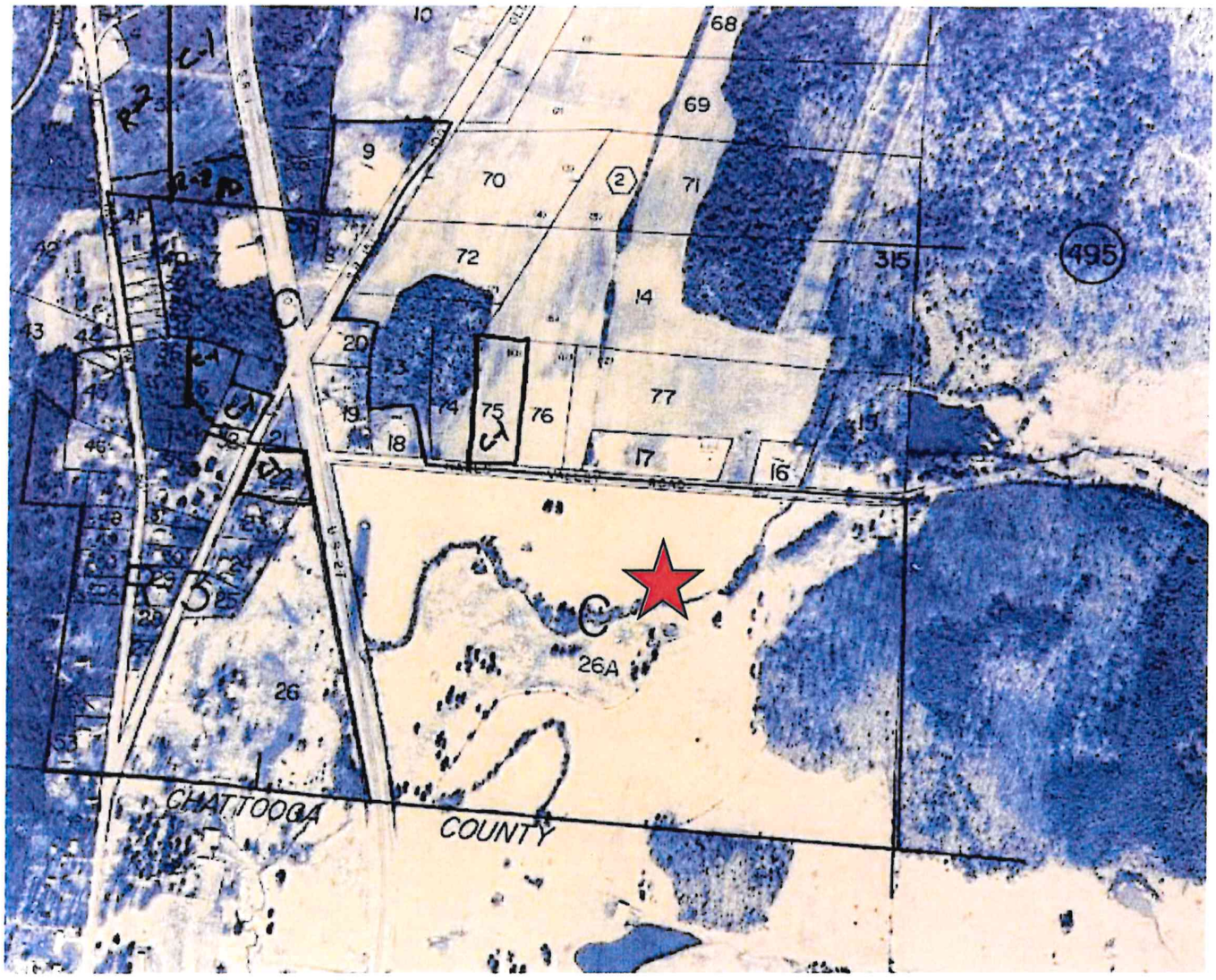
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6. Resurface and repair roads when needed.

Land uses:

- Residential
- Agriculture/Forestry
- Parks/Recreation/Conservation

Key Word Objectives: Conservation, Agriculture, Forestry, Single family residential, Low-density development, Conservation subdivision, Trails

CONSIDERATION OF ZONING CRITERIA

1. **Existing land uses and zoning of nearby property:** The zoning of the nearby property is currently zoned C-1 (Commercial) & R3 (Residential)

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:** No gain to the public

6. **Whether the subject property has reasonable economic use as currently zoned:** Yes

7. **The 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 White's since May 2024.

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. Surrounding parcels are either C-1 or R3

9. **Whether the proposed zoning will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property:** Not that we know of

10. **Whether the zoning proposal is in conformity with the policies and intent of the Comprehensive Plan:** The Future Land Use Map shows Rural Residential.

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 would not.

12. **Whether there are 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:** They will be rezoning only 6.2 acres.

WALKER COUNTY
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
AGENDA ITEM

Owner: **Cora Ann Burse**

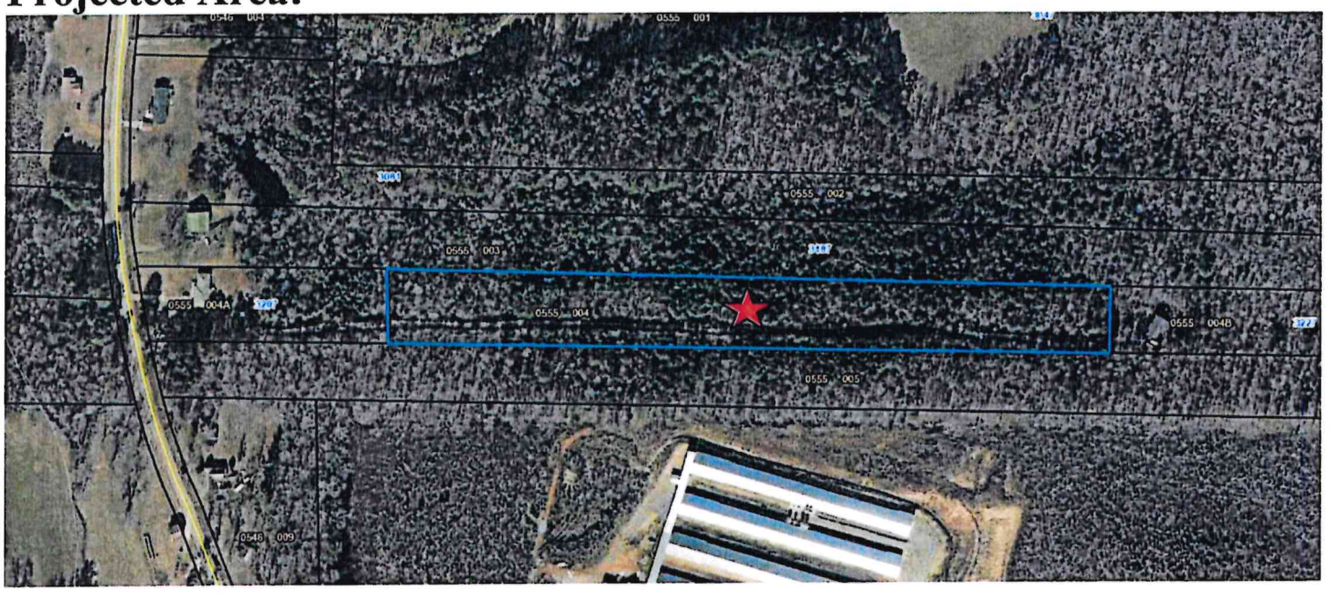
Petitioner: **same**

Location of Property: **0 S. Dick Creek Road LaFayette, GA. 30728**

Tax map & parcel number 0-555-004

	PC Meeting Date:	**2/19/2026**
	Present Zoning:	A-1 (Agricultural)
APPLICANT'S INTENT:	Requesting to rezone 6.2 acres from A-1(Agricultural) to RA (Residential/Agricultural) in order to divide the property from family.	
DETAILS OF REQUEST:	The Comprehensive Plan shows Agricultural/Forestry. This allows residential but to limit new developments.	

Projected Area:



Walker County Planning Office

Rezone, Conditional Use Variance & Variance Application

☒ Rezone ☐ Conditional Use Variance ☐ Variance

Current Zoning:	Requested Change:	
A-1	RA	
Map & Parcel	Date:	Fee:
0-555-004	1-7-26	75.00

Applicant/Owner & Phone: Cora Sue Burse

Street Name & Number: 0 - S. Dick Creek Rd - LaFayette

Mailing Address: 606 Clark St Apt. 22

City, State, Zip Code: Dalton GA 30720

Request: Re Zone To divide property

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

☒ APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

☐ APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FINAL DECISION:

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Signature of Applicant/Owner:

Cora S Burse 1-7-26

APPLICANT/OWNER DATE

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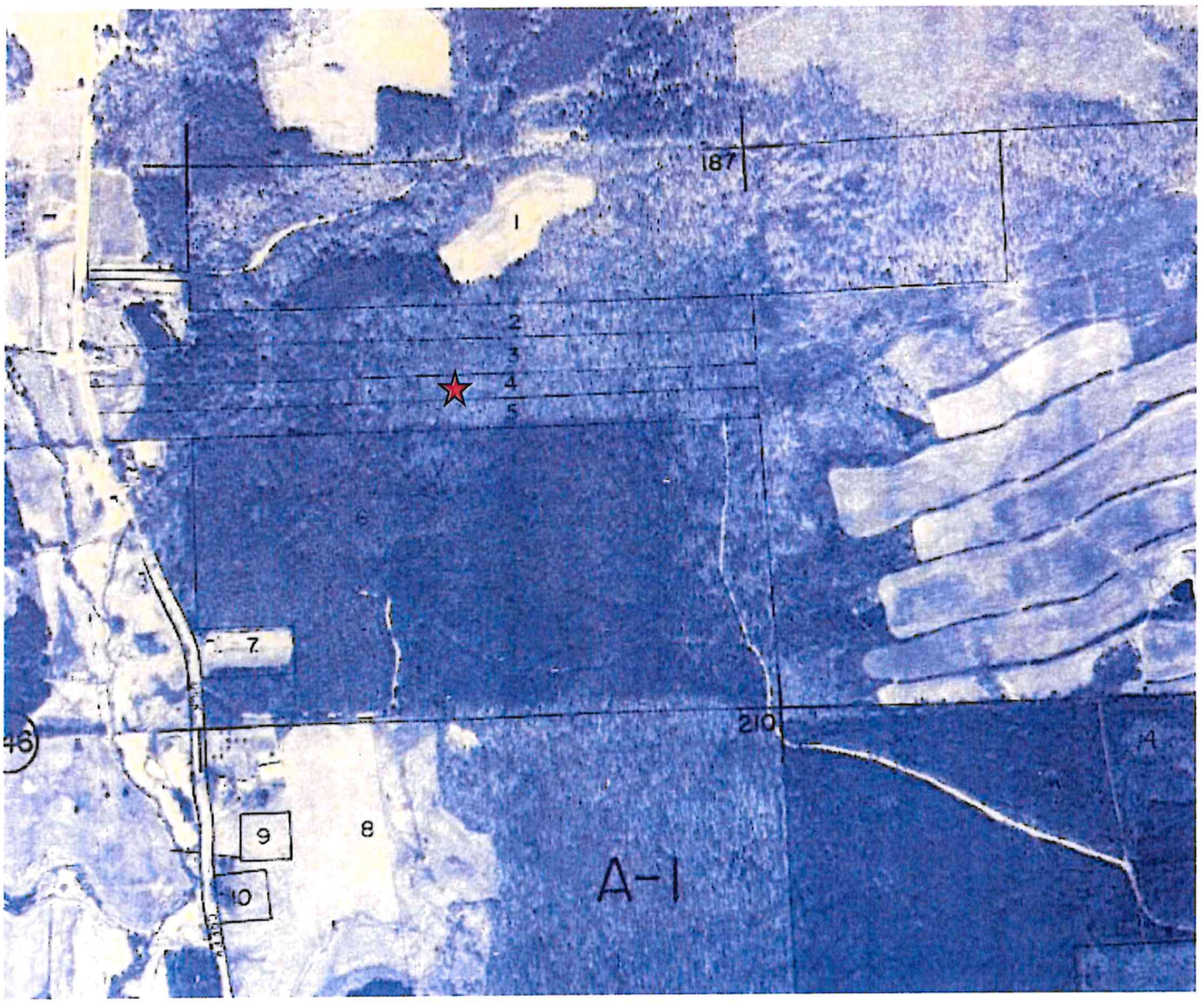

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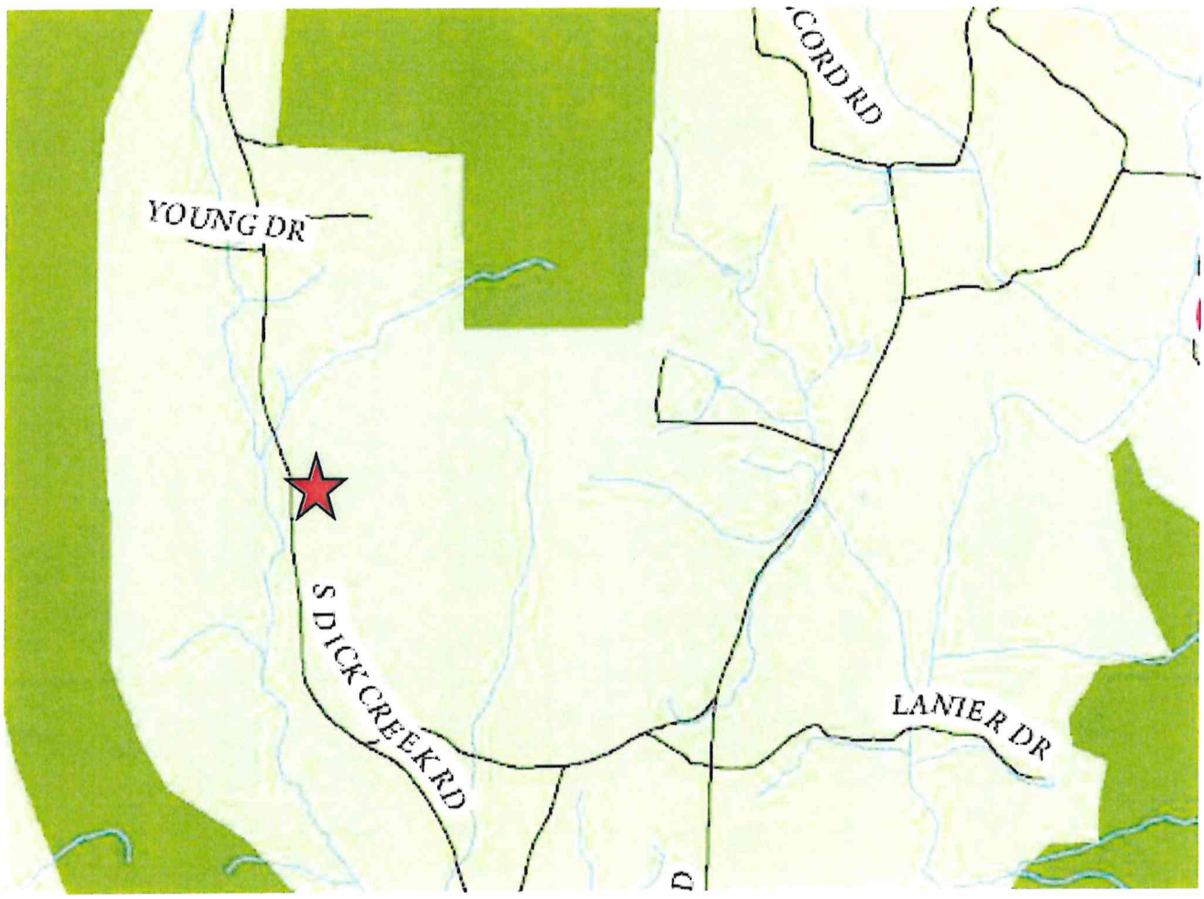

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- Downtown Mixed Use
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- Traditional Neighborhood

Agricultural/Forestry: Walker County

Figure 48. Hwy 193 near Nickajack Rd.

Description: Sparsely settled open areas containing farms, woods, and cultivation.

Suggested Development Strategy:

1. Limit new development
2. Protect farmland and open space
3. Promote use of conservation easements by landowners
4. Limit the number of residential subdivisions, requiring cluster or conservation subdivision design
5. Restrict commercial and residential development
6. Promote these areas for passive-use tourism/recreation
7. Widen roadways only when absolutely necessary
8. Carefully design roadway alterations to minimize visual impacts
9. Preserve agricultural lands for the next generation of farmers
10. Resurface and repair roads when and where necessary.

Land uses:

- Agriculture/Forestry
- Residential
- Parks/Recreation/Conservation

Key Word Objectives: Conservation, Agriculture, Forestry, Low-density development, Conservation subdivision, Trails, Open space preservation, Environmental protections, Sense of place

CONSIDERATION OF ZONING CRITERIA

1. **Existing land uses and zoning of nearby property:** The zoning of the nearby property is currently zoned A-1 (Agricultural)

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:** No gain to the public but would allow the property to be divided for the family to build on

6. **Whether the subject property has reasonable economic use as currently zoned:** Yes

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 Burse family since 1972.

8. **Whether the proposed zoning will be a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property:** All the surrounding property is zoned A-1

9. **Whether the proposed zoning will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property:** Not that we know of

10. **Whether the zoning proposal is in conformity with the policies and intent of the Comprehensive Plan:** The Future Land Use Map shows agricultural/forestry.

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 would not.

12. **Whether there are 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:** Even with all the surrounding property zoned A-1 there are many lots with less than five acres in the area. Some lots as small as ½ acres.

WALKER COUNTY
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
AGENDA ITEM

Owner: **Joel Nix**

Petitioner: **same**

Location of Property: **430 West Rogers Road LaFayette, GA. 30728**

Tax map & parcel number 0-483-046

	PC Meeting Date:	**2/19/2026**
	Present Zoning:	A-1 (Agricultural)
APPLICANT'S INTENT:	Requesting to rezone 1 acre from A-1 (Agricultural) to RA (Residential/Agricultural) to divide off from 9.60 acres.	
DETAILS OF REQUEST:	The Comprehensive Plan shows Rural Residential. This recommends 1-5 acres tracts.	

Projected Area:

Walker County Planning Office

Rezone, Conditional Use Variance & Variance Application

☒ Rezone ☐ Conditional Use Variance ☐ Variance

Current Zoning:	Requested Change:	
A-1	RA	
Map & Parcel	Date:	Fee:
0-483-046	1-12-25	75.00

423-681-9716

Applicant/Owner & Phone: Joel N.Y

Street Name & Number: 130 west Rogers Rd Lafayette

Mailing Address: 130 west Rogers Rd. Lafayette, GA, 30728

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Request: Divide off 1 Acre with road frontage to RA

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

_____ ☐ APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

_____ ☐ APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

_____ ☐ TABLED

_____ ☐ DENIAL

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FINAL DECISION:

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Signature of Applicant/Owner:

APPLICANT/OWNER _____ DATE 1/12/25

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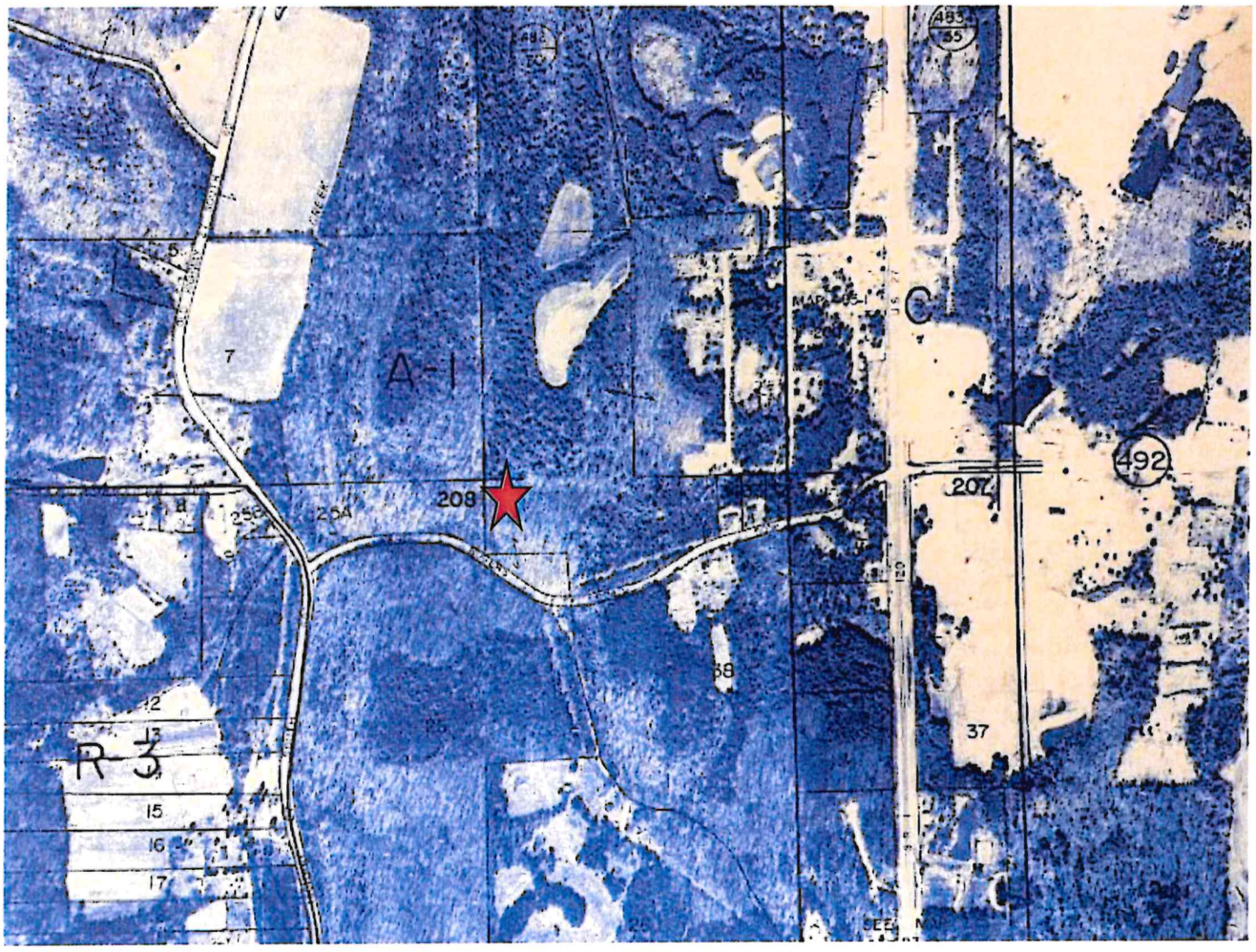

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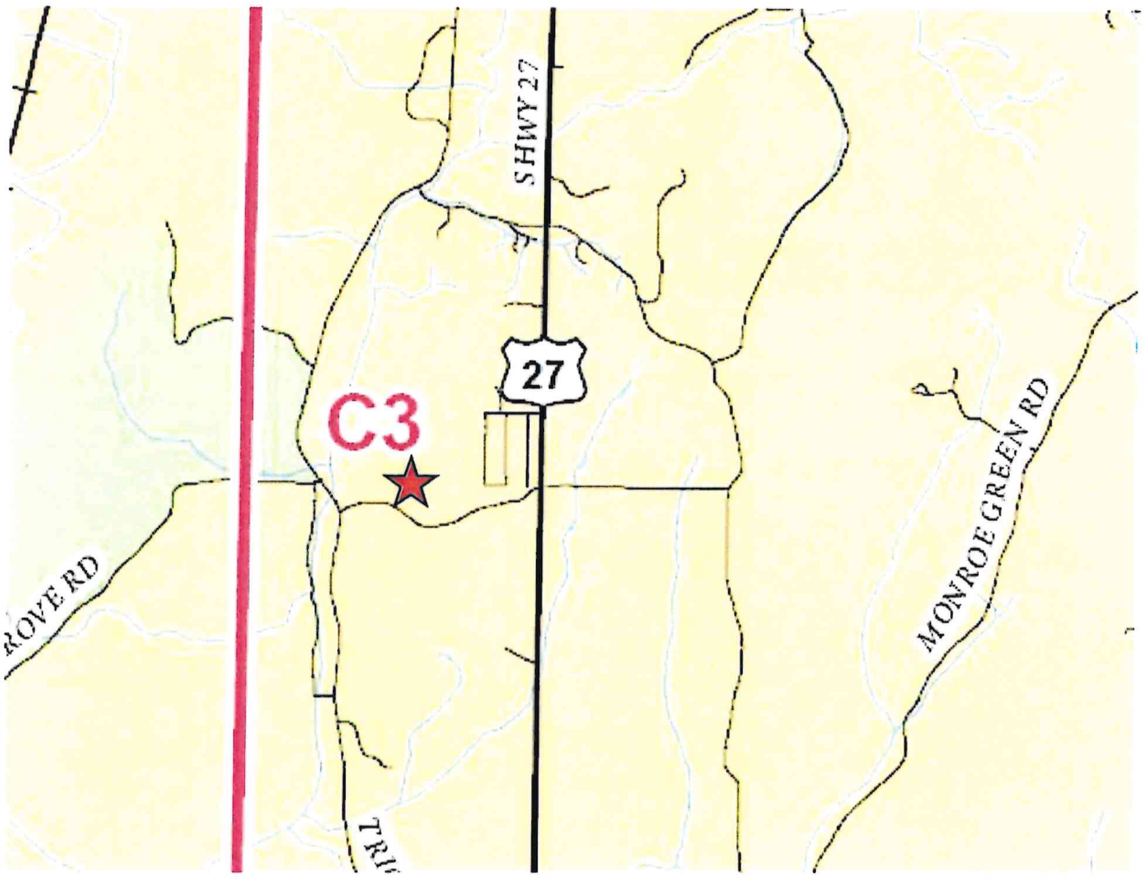

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Figure 51. Chamberlain Road, west of LaFayette

Rural Residential: LaFayette, Rossville, and Walker County

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2. Allow limited commercial activities.
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6. Resurface and repair roads when needed.

Land uses:

- Residential
- Agriculture/Forestry
- Parks/Recreation/Conservation

Key Word Objectives: Conservation, Agriculture, Forestry, Single family residential, Low-density development, Conservation subdivision, Trails

CONSIDERATION OF ZONING CRITERIA

1. **Existing land uses and zoning of nearby property:** The zoning of the nearby property is currently zoned R-3 (Residential) & A-1 (Agricultural)

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:** Would provide another buildable lot for the county.

6. **Whether the subject property has reasonable economic use as currently zoned:** Yes

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 Mr. Nix since February 2023.

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:** Not that we know of

10. **Whether the zoning proposal is in conformity with the policies and intent of the Comprehensive Plan:** The Future Land Use Map shows rural residential.

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 would not.

12. **Whether there are 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:** There are nearby lots that are less than five acres, and the Future land use shows rural residential.

WALKER COUNTY
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
AGENDA ITEM

Owner: **Jay Brooks**

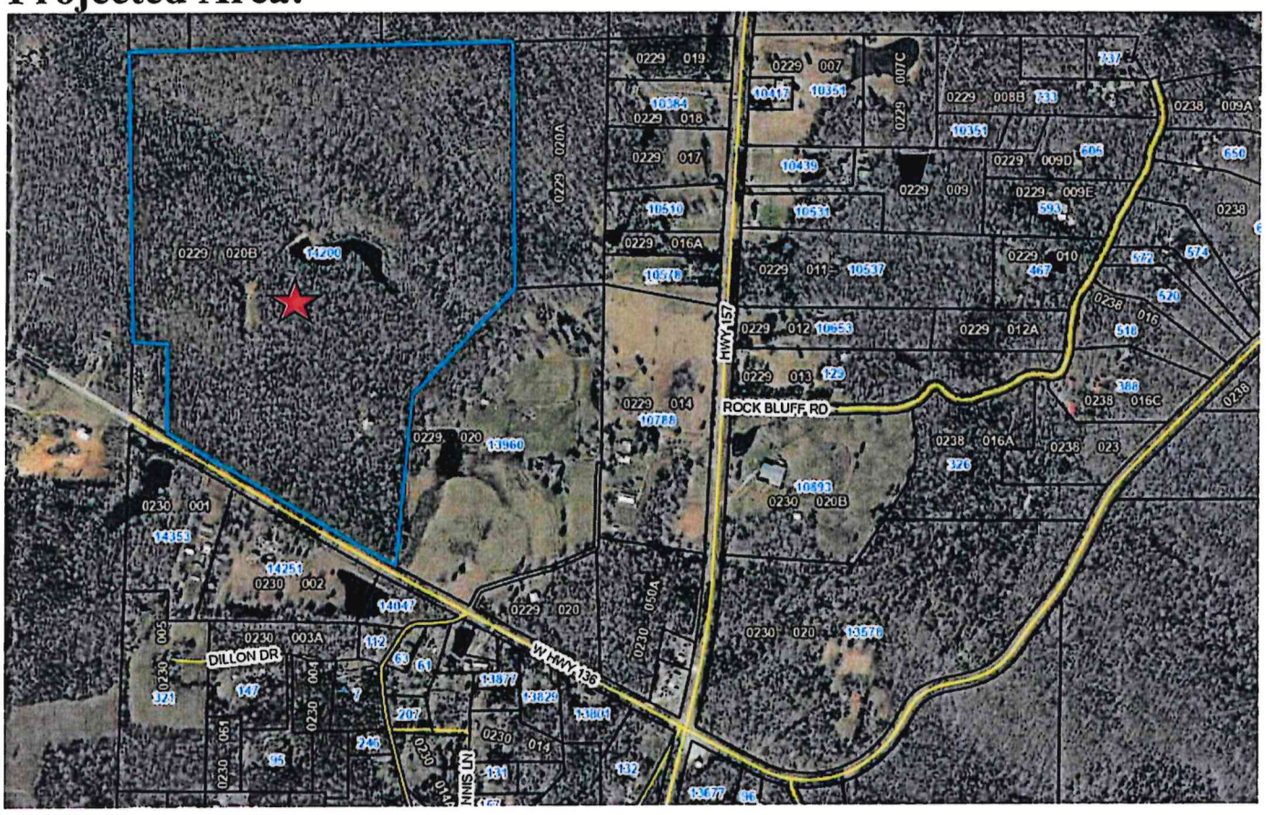
Petitioner: **same**

Location of Property: **14168 W. Hwy 136 Rising Fawn, GA. 30738**

Tax map & parcel number 0-229-020B

	PC Meeting Date:	**2/19/2026**
	Present Zoning:	A-1 (Agricultural)
APPLICANT'S INTENT:	Requesting a variance to divide off less than five acres in an A-1 (Agricultural) zone for family. The total acreage of the parcel is 109.67+/-	
DETAILS OF REQUEST:	The Comprehensive Plan shows Rural Residential. This recommends 1-5 acres tracts.	

Projected Area:



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Rezone, Conditional Use Variance & Variance Application

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Current Zoning:	Requested Change:	
A1	Variance	
Map & Parcel	Date:	Fee:
0229 02013	01-12-2026	150.00

Applicant/Owner & Phone: Jay Brooks

Street Name & Number: 14168 West Highway 136

Mailing Address: 14168 West Highway 136

City, State, Zip Code: Rising Fawn, GA 30738

Request: Variance on acreage to be parceled off for family members home.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

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Signature of Applicant/Owner:

Jay W. Brooks 1/12/26

APPLICANT/OWNER DATE

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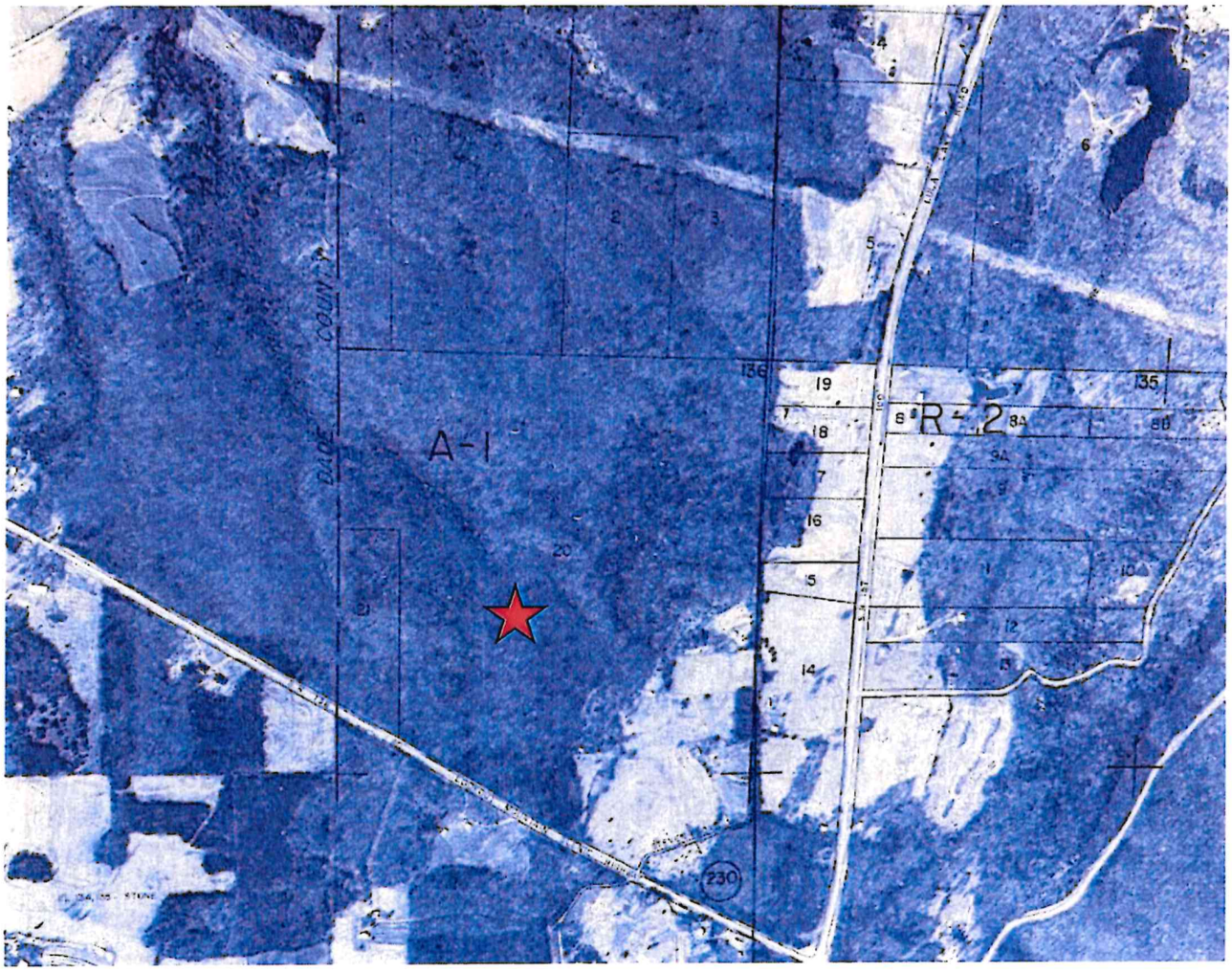

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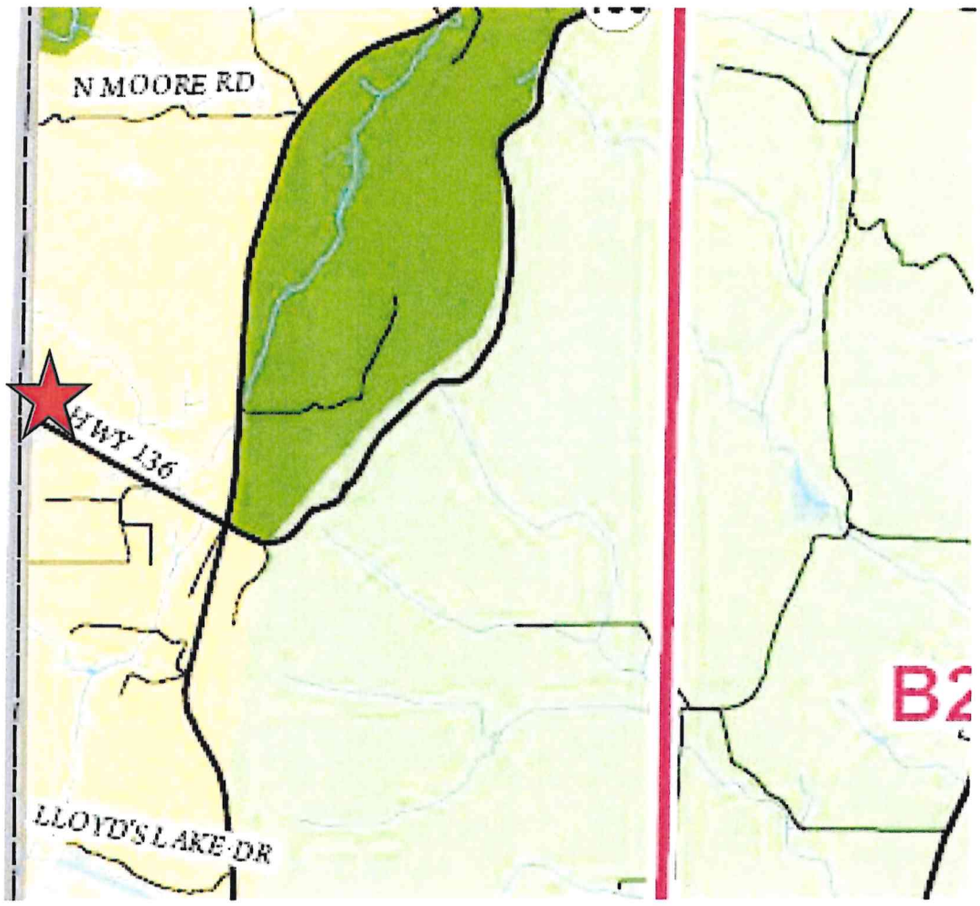

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Figure 51. Chamberlain Road, west of LaFayette

Rural Residential: LaFayette, Rossville, and Walker County

Description: *A rural, mostly undeveloped lands consisting of large lots, open space, pastoral views, low pedestrian orientation, and a high degree of residential building separation. Residential building separation is greater than what exist in County Suburban Charter area. These locations may face development pressure for lower density subdivisions of one unit per one+ acres. Agricultural and forestry operations are more likely to be found dispersed among large lot residential property.*

Suggested Development Strategy:

1. Permit and allow variances for conservation subdivisions designed to incorporate large amount of open space.
2. Allow limited commercial activities.
3. Preserve rural features and limit residential development to lot sizes of 1 to 5 acres (often designated as Residential-Agricultural or Agricultural Zoning Districts).
4. Whenever possible, connect to regional network of greenspace and trails available to pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-vehicular means of transportation.
5. Limit the rate of water and sewer infrastructure expansion in a practical, responsible matter.
6. Resurface and repair roads when needed.

Land uses:

- Residential
- Agriculture/Forestry
- Parks/Recreation/Conservation

Key Word Objectives: Conservation, Agriculture, Forestry, Single family residential, Low-density development, Conservation subdivision, Trails

CONSIDERATION OF ZONING CRITERIA

1. **Existing land uses and zoning of nearby property:** The zoning of the nearby property is currently zoned R-3 (Residential) & A-1 (Agricultural)

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:** No gain to the public because it will be for family

6. **Whether the subject property has reasonable economic use as currently zoned:** Yes

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 Mr. Brooks since November 2013.

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:** Not that we know of

10. **Whether the zoning proposal is in conformity with the policies and intent of the Comprehensive Plan:** The Future Land Use Map shows rural residential.

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 would not.

12. **Whether there are 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:** The future land use shows rural residential use and R-3 zoning is across Hwy 136

Walker County Planning Office

Rezone, Conditional Use Variance & Variance Application

☐ Rezone ☐ Conditional Use Variance ☐ Variance

Current Zoning:	Requested Change:	
C1	RA	
Map & Parcel	Date:	Fee:
0486 026A		75.00

Applicant/Owner & Phone: William G White Jr. & Christy M. White

Street Name & Number: 0 S. Hwy 27 - Tract

Mailing Address: 2490 Burnt Hickory Rd

City, State, Zip Code: Marietta, Ga 30064

Request: Rezone 6e.2 ac. to Residential to build a home

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

2-19-2026

- ☒ APPROVED AS SUBMITTED
- ☐ APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS
- ☐ TABLED
- ☐ DENIAL

Todd Holt made a motion to approve the rezone to RA. Stan Porter seconded the motion to approve. The vote was unanimous. The motion to approve the 8.86 acres to RA carried.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FINAL DECISION:

- ☐ APPROVED AS SUBMITTED
- ☐ APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS
- ☐ TABLED
- ☐ DENIAL

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Signature of Applicant/Owner:

Christy White 12/29/25

APPLICANT/OWNER DATE

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Rezone, Conditional Use Variance & Variance Application

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FINAL DECISION:

Gayle Teems

- ☑ APPROVED AS SUBMITTED
- ☐ APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS
- ☐ TABLED
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A-1	RA	
Map & Parcel	Date:	Fee:
0-555-004	1-7-26	75.00

Applicant/Owner & Phone: Cora Sue Burse

Street Name & Number: 0 - S. Dick Creek Rd - LaFayette

Mailing Address: 606 Clark St Apt. 22

City, State, Zip Code: Dalton GA 30720

Request: Rezone TO divide property

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

2-19-2026 ☒ APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

☐ APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

☐ TABLED

☐ DENIAL

Todd Holt seconded the motion to approve. The vote was four (Todd Holt, Stan Porter, Rob Walthour and Jon Hentz) in favor of the motion to approve and one (Cindy Askew) against the motion to approve. The motion to approve the rezone to RA passed.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FINAL DECISION:

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Signature of Applicant/Owner:

Cora S Burse 1-7-26

APPLICANT/OWNER DATE

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FINAL DECISION:

Angie Teems

☒ APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

☐ APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

☐ TABLED

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Cora S Burse 1-7-26

APPLICANT/OWNER DATE

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Current Zoning:	Requested Change:	
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Map & Parcel	Date:	Fee:
0-483-046	1-12-25	75.00

423-681-9716

Applicant/Owner & Phone: Joel N.Y

Street Name & Number: 430 west Rogers Rd lafayette

Mailing Address: 430 west Rogers Rd. lafayette, Ga, 30728

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Request: Divide off 1 Acre with Road frontage to RA

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

2-19-2026

☒ APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

☐ APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

☐ TABLED

☐ DENIAL

Todd Holt made a motion to approve the one acre rezone to RA. Stan Porter seconded the motion to approve. The vote to approve was unanimous. The motion to approve carried.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FINAL DECISION:

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Signature of Applicant/Owner:

APPLICANT/OWNER — DATE 1/12/26

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0-483-046	1-12-25	75.00

Applicant/Owner & Phone: Joel N.Y 423-681-9716

Street Name & Number: 130 west Rogers Rd Lafayette

Mailing Address: 130 west Rogers Rd. Lafayette, Ga, 30728

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Request: Divide off 1 Acre with road frontage to RA

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

2-19-2026

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Todd Holt made a motion to approve the one acre rezone to RA. Stan Porter seconded the motion to approve. The vote to approve was unanimous. The motion to approve carried.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FINAL DECISION:

Angie Teems

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APPLICANT/OWNER 1/12/26 DATE

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A1	Variance	
Map & Parcel	Date:	Fee:
0229 020B	01-12-2026	150.00

Applicant/Owner & Phone: Jay Brooks

Street Name & Number: 14168 West Highway 136

Mailing Address: 14168 West Highway 136

City, State, Zip Code: Rising Fawn, GA 30738

Request: Variance on acreage to be parceled off for family members home

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

2-19-2026

☒ APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

☐ APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

☐ TABLED

☐ DENIAL

Rob Walthour made a motion to approve the variance request. Todd Holt seconded the motion to approve. The vote to approve was unanimous. The motion to approve carried.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FINAL DECISION:

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Signature of Applicant/Owner:

J. W. Brooks 1/12/26

APPLICANT/OWNER DATE

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2-19-2026

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☐ DENIAL

Rob Walthour made a motion to approve the variance request. Todd Holt seconded the motion to approve. The vote to approve was unanimous. The motion to approve carried.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FINAL DECISION:

Ginger Reems

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Signature of Applicant/Owner:

J. W. Brooks 1/12/26

APPLICANT/OWNER DATE

Walker County Government
Office of the Commissioner
Human Resources Department

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT POLICY
(Exhibit A)

SUMMARY

Walker County Government is an Equal Opportunity Employer and has a longstanding policy to assure equal employment opportunity to its employees and applicants for employment on the basis of fitness and merit. Walker County Government does not discriminate against job applicants or employees based upon race, color, religion, national origin, disability, sex, age, genetic information, uniformed service status, sexual orientation, gender identity, transgendered status, pregnancy, childbirth, other related medical conditions, or any other legally protected category.

DEFINITIONS AND PROCEDURES

Walker County employees will follow this policy in recruitment, hiring, promotion into all classifications, compensation, benefits, transfers, assignments, tours of duty, shifts, treatment during employment, layoffs, returns from layoff, demotions, terminations, disciplinary actions, training, educational leave, social and recreational programs, and use of County facilities.

It is not the intent of this policy to permit or require the lowering of bona fide job requirements or qualification standards to give preference to any employee or applicant for employment. However, we will take positive affirmative measures in accordance with the prevailing federal and state law to recruit minorities, females, and persons with disabilities to all levels of County government, to assure adequate representation comparative to the general population of the County.

Walker County Government is committed to ensuring that all employees enjoy a work environment free from intimidation, harassment, and violence. Any employee under the jurisdiction of Walker County who fails to comply with this policy is subject to appropriate disciplinary action. If you have any concerns regarding Walker County Government's equal employment opportunity policies or your workplace environment, please report these concerns to Human Resources Director, 101 South Duke Street, LaFayette GA, 30728; phone number (706) 638-1437; email address: Hr@walkerga.us.

Our Affirmative Action Program includes procedures, analysis, goals, and timetables designed to assure the effective application of this policy. Elected Officials and senior management have overall responsibility and authority for the implementation of this policy, although implementation is a function for all employees. Human Resources Director serves as the EEO Coordinator.

RESOLUTION R-018-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE WALKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO AMEND AND ADOPT AN UPDATED EQUAL OPPORTUNITY (EEO) POLICY

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Walker County ("Board"), is the governing authority of Walker County and is responsible for establishing personnel policies that promote fair, equitable, and lawful employment practices; and

WHEREAS, Walker County maintains an Equal Opportunity Policy to ensure equal employment opportunity and prohibit discrimination, harassment, and retaliation in all aspects of County employment; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to amend the Equal Opportunity Policy to clarify and update the reporting procedures and designated points of contact for employees to report concerns, complaints, or violations under the policy; and

WHEREAS, updating reporting language promotes transparency, accountability, and accessibility while ensuring continued compliance with applicable federal and state employment laws; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds it to be in the best interest of Walker County to amend and re-adopt the Equal Opportunity Policy as updated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia, that:

1. The Walker County Equal Opportunity Policy is hereby amended and re-adopted with updated reporting procedures and amended verbiage as attached hereto as Exhibit A.
2. The updated policy shall supersede and replace any prior Equal Opportunity Policy previously adopted by the Board.
3. County administration and Human Resources staff are authorized and directed to implement, distribute, and maintain the updated policy and ensure it is made available to all County employees.
4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:

_____

LISA RICHARDSON, County Clerk

(SEAL)

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

_____

ANGELA TEEMS, Chairwoman/CEO

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

RESOLUTION R-018-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE WALKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO AMEND AND ADOPT AN UPDATED EQUAL OPPORTUNITY (EEO) POLICY

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Walker County ("Board"), is the governing authority of Walker County and is responsible for establishing personnel policies that promote fair, equitable, and lawful employment practices; and

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4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:

Lisa Richardson

LISA RICHARDSON, County Clerk

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

Angela Teems

ANGELA TEEMS, Chairwoman/CEO

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

RESOLUTION R-019-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE WALKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO AMEND THE COUNTY POLICY FOR EMPLOYEE PAID TIME OFF (PTO)

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

WHEREAS, the Board previously adopted a Paid Time Off Policy for employees of Walker County by Resolution No. R-049-25 on August 7, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined it is necessary to amend certain provisions of the PTO Policy regarding accrual rates, usage, and compensatory time to ensure fairness, compliance, and operational efficiency; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia that the Paid Time Off Policy, attached hereto marked "Exhibit A," and incorporated by reference is hereby adopted as amended and shall be implemented effective March 5, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED any prior Resolution or County policy addressing paid time off that conflicts with these amendments is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:

_____

LISA RICHARDSON, County Clerk

(SEAL)

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

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ANGELA TEEMS, Chairwoman/CEO

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

Walker County Government
Office of the Commissioner
Human Resources Department

PAID TIME OFF POLICY
Exhibit A

SUMMARY

It is the policy of Walker County Government (WCG) to provide various leave benefits for eligible employees. While this summary is extensive, it may not be all inclusive and other policies may carry more detail regarding certain types of leaves itemized here.

DEFINITIONS and PROCEDURES

ELIGIBILITY – Full-time hourly and salaried employees are eligible for paid time off as described in this policy. An employee is considered full-time if their normal and regular schedule is 32 or more working hours per week.

Salaried employees are not paid for hours worked, but for total contribution. If a salaried employee has provided a meaningful contribution but has not worked a full eight hours, it will be considered a day worked. Leave time will normally be charged in whole days (or eight hours).

New employees begin accruing leave benefits upon hire; however, they are not eligible to use Personal Time Off (PTO) until they have successfully completed a 90-day introductory period.

LEAVE BANK – Full-time hourly employees will track all earned leave time in 2 "banks." Those banks are Personal Time Off (PTO) and Compensatory Time earned.

Salaried employees do not earn overtime, nor do they accumulate compensatory time.

Payout of Banked Time at End of Employment -

Final paycheck may not be released until it is determined that the leave banks have been properly balanced and that all Walker County property, such as office equipment, clothing, tools and safety gear have been inventoried and accounted for by the employee's supervisor. In the event any property is unaccounted for, Walker County reserves the right to hold the Accrued Leave Check until the matter is reconciled.

Departments are not permitted to implement or maintain any Paid Time Off (PTO) policies that differ from or are not included in this policy

Walker County Government
Office of the Commissioner
Human Resources Department

PAID TIME OFF POLICY
Exhibit A

TYPES OF LEAVE

PAID HOLIDAYS – All Full-time employees are eligible to receive all county holidays each year.

Part-time, temporary, and seasonal employees, or employees on Leave Without Pay, Military Leave, FMLA, or Suspension Without Pay are not entitled to holiday pay.

Hourly employees will be paid 8 hours for the holiday regardless of normal shift length. If an hourly employee is required to work on the holiday, they will be paid for the hours worked and accrue 8 hours of holiday pay. Employees who opt to accrue and 'bank' their time instead of receiving payment must deposit it into their PTO bank. Holiday hours do not count toward overtime.

An employee must be present at work or have an excused or permitted absence on the regularly scheduled workdays immediately before or after a holiday absence in order to receive pay for the holiday.

Holidays that occur during paid PTO will be paid as holiday pay and not charged against PTO.

If the holiday occurs on Saturday, it will normally be observed on the Friday before. If it occurs on Sunday, it will normally be observed on the Monday after.

The 12 (Twelve) Paid Holidays are:

1. New Year's Day
2. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
3. Good Friday
4. Memorial Day
5. Juneteenth
6. Independence Day
7. Labor Day
8. Veteran's Day
9. Thanksgiving Day
10. The Friday after Thanksgiving
11. Christmas Eve
12. Christmas Day

Observance of Religious Holidays – An employee may submit a request to his or her department head at least 7 days in advance for Leave from work for observance of religious

PAID TIME OFF POLICY
Exhibit A

holidays not already provided as a paid holiday by WCG. Such requests will be given priority consideration and shall not be denied if the employee has PTO or Comp Time to cover the time away from work, the duties performed by the employee will not be urgently required, and his or her absence will not create an undue hardship if granted.

Advance Personal Time Off Accrual – At the beginning of each fiscal year, a week (40 hours) will be advanced to every eligible full-time employee. An employee must be out of their 90-day Introductory Period to be eligible to receive this advancement. After advancement, the remainder of the time accrued will follow years of service.

If an employee is voluntary or involuntary terminated for any reason before 3 months into the fiscal year, this advancement will be forfeited back to Walker County Government. This forfeiture may be deducted from the employee's current personal time off bank or compensatory time off bank.

Personal Time Off yearly accrual rate is as follows, after 40-hour advancement:

0 through 3 years of service – 80 hours, or 2 weeks per year, 6.66 hours a month

4 through 6 years of service – 100 hours, or 2.5 weeks per year, 8.33 hours a month

7 through 9 years of service – 120 hours or 3 weeks per year, 10 hours a month

10 through 12 years of service – 140 hours or 3.5 weeks per year, 11.66 hours a month

13 or more years of service – 160 hours or 4 weeks per year, 13.33 hour a month

Cap limits is as follows:

0 through 3 years of service – 200 hours

4 through 6 years of service – 240 hours

7 through 9 years of service – 280 hours

10 through 12 years of service – 320 hours

13 or more years of service – 360 hours

Any employee that falls under first responders (Fire Rescue, E-911, Sheriff's Office and Animal Control) will have 40 added to their cap from what is shown above for years of service.

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Change in earning rate occurs in the month following the employee's anniversary date. For example, if the employee was hired on June 3, the increase will be reflected on the second paycheck in the month of July.

If the employee terminates before the beginning of the second pay period, no PTO hours will be earned for that month.

Personal Time Off will be accrued each month and added to the employee's Personal Time Off Bank on the last day of each month. Unused time may be carried forward from year to year. At the beginning of each government year on October 1, an employee may not carry over leave exceeding their years-of-service cap.

This leave may be taken in hourly increments, but never in increments of less than one (1) hour. It may not be used to offset tardiness or unapproved extended breaks. If an employee leaves before the completion of their scheduled workday, they must apply any available Paid Time Off or Compensatory Time to account for the remaining scheduled hours not worked. Salaried employees must work a minimum of three (3) hours in a workday for the day to be considered a full day worked

COMPENSATORY TIME: Under certain prescribed conditions hourly employees may receive compensatory time off, at a rate of not less than one and one-half hours for each overtime hour worked, instead of overtime pay. The FLSA (Fair Labor Standards Acts) specifies that "... law enforcement, fire protection, and emergency response personnel and employees engaged in seasonal activities may accrue up to 480 hours of comp time; all other state and local government employees may accrue up to 240 hours. An employee must be permitted to use compensatory time on the date requested unless doing so would "unduly disrupt" the operations of the agency."

WCG requires that all overtime, whether paid in wages or banked as comp time, be pre-approved by the department head. It must be necessary for legitimate County business reasons.

When an employee reaches the bank limit as prescribed by the FLSA, they will not be allowed to bank any more time until it is used down.

BEREAVEMENT LEAVE – It is the policy of Walker County Government that all full-time employees are allowed paid bereavement as follows:

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Up to three working days' leave is granted to the employee for the following family members: spouse, child, stepchild, parent, stepparent, parent-in-law, sibling, step-sibling, relative for whom the employee is a caregiver.

One-day leave is granted for grandparent, step-grandparent, aunt, uncle, cousin, niece, nephew, grandchild, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law.

Department Heads may approve up to one day of bereavement leave for the passing of an individual outside the employee's immediate family. Any additional time off must be taken as Personal Time Off (PTO).

Four hours is granted to the employee for attending the funeral of a co-worker within the same department who died while still employed by WCG. Funeral attendance for former co-workers will be subject to the department head's discretion and charged to PTO.

At no time may a department be completely closed during regular business hours so the entire staff may attend a funeral without the prior consent of the Commissioner or Elected Official.

Human Resources may also request supporting documentation to justify the amount of time that has been requested, such as a funeral announcement.

JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS - Under Georgia law (O.C.G.A. § 34-1-3), employees must be excused from work to attend judicial proceedings in response to a subpoena, summons for jury duty, or other court order.

Per O.C.G.A. § 34-1-3, an employer may not discharge, discipline, or otherwise penalize an employee who has been summoned for jury duty. Additionally, Georgia law (O.C.G.A. § 16-10-93) prohibits anyone from dissuading witnesses from testifying by making threats, including threatening the witness' employment or the employment of the witness' relatives or associates.

An employee's total compensation cannot be penalized for time away from work to serve on jury duty. However, it is not required that the employee receive extra financial reward for serving on jury duty. Therefore, although employers cannot penalize employees, employers are authorized to offset employees' salaries or wages by the amount of funds the employees receive for jury service so that the combined amounts equal their gross salary or wages.

A copy of the summons, including time at court and signed by an officer of the court, and a copy of the check received for the required jury duty, must be submitted to Payroll to substantiate the reason for the absence and adjustment in pay.

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Employees dismissed early from jury duty or released from a subpoena with reasonable hours remaining in the workday are required to return to work for the completion of the workday. Failure to do so could result in the employee not being paid by the County for those remaining hours.

These requirements do not apply to employees who have been charged with a crime or subpoenaed to testify as a witness in a matter that does not pertain to their employment with WCG. Such individuals must comply with WCG's policy regarding advance notification for time off needed when needed for attendance at judicial proceedings. Use of PTO OR Comp Time will be used for the time missed. If no PTO or Comp Time is available, the employee's absence will be considered unpaid and may lead to disciplinary action, up to and including termination, depending on the circumstances.

VOTING – Georgia law (O.C.G.A. § 21-2-404) requires employers to give their employees up to 2 hours off to vote in any election for which they are registered and qualified. This law does not apply if the employee begins work more than 2 hours after the polls open or leaves work more than 2 hours before the polls close. WCG can specify the hours when an employee may be absent.

MILITARY LEAVE – Both the Federal Uniformed Services Employment and Reeducation Rights Act (USERRA) and Georgia law (O.C.G.A. § 38-2-280) protects the job rights of individuals who voluntarily or involuntarily leave employment positions to undertake military service or certain types of service in the National Disaster Medical System. Those rights may vary depending on circumstances. Any employee required to attend annual reserve training must notify their supervisor and Human Resources one month prior to the military leave and may use any earned PTO or Comp Time time before taking leave without pay. Employees entering extended active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States are placed on an unpaid Military Leave of Absence status. These employees will need to contact Human Resources as soon as possible.

MILITARY LEAVE ENTITLEMENTS – Eligible employees with a spouse, child, or parent on active duty or call to active duty status in the National Guard or Reserves in support of a contingency operation may use their 26 weeks of entitlement to address certain qualifying events. This special leave entitlement is provided under the FMLA and permits the employee to take up to 26 weeks of leave to care for a covered service member during a single 12-month period. Human Resources should be notified at least 30 days prior to the beginning of the military leave, unless the employee receives shorter notice of call-up. In this case, Human Resources should be notified as soon as possible. See the FMLA policy for more information.

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FMLA – An employee who has been employed for at least 12 months and worked at least 1250 hours during the 12 months period preceding the commencement of the leave may be eligible for a family medical leave absence.

Eligible employees may take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave during a 12 months period under certain circumstances, including the birth of the employee's child, the placement of a child with the employee for adoption or foster care, or when the employee is required to care for a parent, spouse, or child with a serious medical condition, or is unable to perform the functions of his or her position because of his or her own serious medical condition. A medical certificate from the medical provider is required showing a serious medical condition as defined by the Family Medical Leave Act. The employee should contact Human Resources 30 days before the leave is to begin, or as soon as possible, This is unpaid leave, and the employee will be required to use any available PTO or Comp Time for qualifying absences. Accrual of PTO will be frozen during this time. Holidays do not count and will not be paid during this time.

There is also provision for intermittent leave under the FMLA, for employees with chronic health conditions that are episodic or with flare-ups that do not require one continuous period of absence.

All FMLA benefits are coordinated through Human Resources. The employee should review the complete FMLA policy for full details and contact Human Resources as soon as they become aware of a possible need for FMLA leave.

PARENTAL - MATERNITY LEAVE – Parental and Maternity leave is afforded to employees pursuant to, and governed by, the provisions of the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and those provisions set forth in WCG's FMLA policy. Parental Leave is available for any eligible employee for the bonding with a newborn child, an adoptive child, or the placement of a foster child.

Maternity leave shall be granted to pregnant employees upon written request filed by the employee at least 10 regularly scheduled working days prior to the effective date (unless emergency conditions prohibit the filing of such prior notice, in which case, it shall be filed as soon as possible). Time for beginning maternity leave shall be when the employee, with approval of her doctor, deems she is no longer able to carry out the duties and responsibilities of her position. Time for termination of maternity leave shall be governed by the FMLA when applicable time provided thereunder has lapsed. An employee working in a position judged by the Elected Official or department head to be dangerous to the health of the employee or the unborn child shall be required to sign a statement of personal responsibility and furnish a doctor's certificate if the employee elects to continue working.

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An employee on parental or maternity leave must utilize any available paid leave and/or comp time during any period of maternity leave to run concurrent with the FMLA leave. Upon expiration of any paid leave, the remainder of FMLA leave, if any, shall be unpaid.

See the WCG FMLA Policy for more information.

BREASTFEEDING – The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Affordable Care Act") amended section 7 of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) provides reasonable break time for an employee to express breast milk for her nursing child for one year after the child's birth each time such an employee has need to express milk. WCG will make reasonable accommodation for employees to express milk. The room will be private and sanitary, located near a sink with running water for washing hands and rinsing out breast pump parts, and have an electrical outlet. If preferred, employees may use a private office or other comfortable location agreed upon in consultation with the supervisor and Human Resources. Breastfeeding employees are allowed to express milk during work hours using their normal breaks and meal times. For time that may be needed beyond the usual work break times, employees may choose to use PTO or Comp Time to make up the paid time, otherwise it is unpaid. Employees who wish to express milk during the work period shall keep supervisors informed of their needs so that appropriate accommodations can be made to satisfy the needs of both the employee and WCG. Each employee is responsible for proper storage of her milk using either the employer's refrigerator and clearly marking the container or a personal storage container. The employee is also responsible for keeping the milk expression area clean.

Pregnant employees are encouraged to contact Human Resources to coordinate this benefit before taking FMLA leave.

HAZARDOUS WEATHER or OTHER EMERGENCY CONDITIONS – Hourly employees will be compensated for the full duration of any County office closures caused by hazardous weather or other emergency situations. If questionable weather exists, but the County is open for business, employees should make their own independent safety determinations concerning travel to work. If the full-time hourly employee elects not to attend work due to safety concerns when the County is open for business, the employee's absence will be charged against any accrued PTO or Comp Time. If no PTO or Comp Time is available, the employee's absence will be considered unpaid and may lead to disciplinary action, up to and including termination, depending on the circumstances

Non-essential, salaried employees may be allowed to work from home and be paid for the day as appropriate and upon approval by the Elected Official or the County Chairperson.

Part-time employees are paid only for hours actually worked.

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Emergency Services employees are expected to monitor weather conditions and report as scheduled. Certain positions require mandatory coverage because they provide a critical County service such as Fire, Building Maintenance, and Public Works Departments. Department heads may wish to provide transportation to assure proper staffing of services.

All other departments may be called in to assist in the case of emergency and will be compensated in accordance with FLSA laws.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE – WCG currently has no formal policy or provision for any Leave not addressed in this policy. If an employee has a special need and requires a leave for education, medical necessity not covered by FMLA or ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act), or any other personal situation, he or she should contact Human Resources. The Human Resources Director will work with the employee and the department head to determine the best possible alternatives. A formal written request will then be submitted to the County Chairperson, or appropriate Elected Official, who will make a final determination regarding the employee's request.

RECORDKEEPING - Under the FLSA, WCG is required to keep certain records for each employee who is in the payroll system. These records include, but are not limited to, time cards, wage rate tables, work and time schedules, and records of additions to or deductions from wages. The department head is responsible for maintaining accurate data on forms provided by the Finance Department. For hourly employees, these forms will include hours worked, paid time off earned, balances carried forward, as well as the amount and category of leave used each pay period. For exempt employees, the form will report only paid time off earned, used and balances carried forward, as well as the amount and category of leave used each pay period. These payroll documents will be reviewed periodically with the employee who will either sign agreement or, in the event of a question, will be given an opportunity to meet with Payroll to resolve any issues.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Examples of behavior that is not permitted and will subject the individual to disciplinary action, up to and including immediate termination, include, but are not limited to: excessive tardiness; excessive absenteeism; unexcused absences; absences when the employee does not have accrued PTO to accommodate the absence; failure to follow established reporting procedures in any way.

RESOLUTION R-019-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE WALKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO AMEND THE COUNTY POLICY FOR EMPLOYEE PAID TIME OFF (PTO)

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

WHEREAS, the Board previously adopted a Paid Time Off Policy for employees of Walker County by Resolution No. R-049-25 on August 7, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined it is necessary to amend certain provisions of the PTO Policy regarding accrual rates, usage, and compensatory time to ensure fairness, compliance, and operational efficiency; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia that the Paid Time Off Policy, attached hereto marked "Exhibit A," and incorporated by reference is hereby adopted as amended and shall be implemented effective March 5, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED any prior Resolution or County policy addressing paid time off that conflicts with these amendments is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:

Lisa Richardson

LISA RICHARDSON, County Clerk

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

Angela Teems

ANGELA TEEMS, Chairwoman/CEO

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

RESOLUTION R-020-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE WALKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO MAKE BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Walker County ("Board"), the governing body of the county charged with managing the fiscal affairs of the county, did appropriate the funds necessary to operate all of the various departments and to meet the expenses of the government for Fiscal Year 2025 by approving said budget resolution (R-031-24) by a majority vote of the members on September 12, 2024; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that necessary adjustments are required, and it is therefore necessary to publish, state and approve all final budget amendments as recommended by the Chief Financial Officer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Walker County hereby approves the budget amendments to the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget as set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:

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LISA RICHARDSON, County Clerk

(SEAL)

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

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ANGELA TEEMS, Chairwoman/CEO

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

EXHIBIT A
FY 2025 Final Budget Amendment
General Fund

Dept/Function	Department	Amended Budget	Actual	Final Budget	Amendment	Variance
N/A	Taxes	30,605,346	31,362,126	31,362,100	756,754	26
N/A	Intergovernmental	474,000	1,129,229	1,129,200	655,200	29
N/A	Charges for Services	1,223,600	1,474,421	1,474,400	250,800	21
N/A	Other	101,000	331,619	331,600	230,600	19
N/A	Contributions	-	63,281	63,200	63,200	81
N/A	Transfers In	-	599,471	599,400	599,400	71
N/A	Budgeted Fund Balance	120,093	-	600,000	479,907	(600,000)
	Revenues / Other Financing Sources	**32,524,039**	**34,960,147**	**35,559,900**	**3,035,861**	**(599,753)**
1110	Governing Body	809,200	1,259,957	1,260,000	450,800	43
1400	Elections	497,460	524,740	524,800	27,340	60
1512	Accounting	579,329	626,166	626,200	46,871	34
1535	Data Processing	1,231,350	1,407,154	1,407,200	175,850	46
1540	Human Resources	140,875	152,146	152,200	11,325	54
1550	Tax Assessor	1,712,701	1,762,475	1,762,500	49,799	25
1555	Risk Management	630,000	662,105	662,200	32,200	95
1565	General Government Buildings and Plant	2,300,150	1,932,623	1,932,700	(367,450)	77
2150	Superior Court	255,275	286,175	286,200	30,925	25
2180	Clerk of Courts	951,100	1,111,612	1,111,700	160,600	88
2300	State Court	373,550	409,661	409,700	36,150	39
2400	Magistrate Court	491,912	522,498	522,500	30,588	2
2600	Juvenile Court	542,150	608,244	608,300	66,150	56
3215	Codes Enforcement	537,850	433,220	433,300	(104,550)	80
3310	Sheriff	8,132,837	8,651,938	8,652,000	519,163	62
3326	Jail Operations	3,532,739	3,993,276	3,993,300	460,561	24
3700	Coroner / Medical Examiner	147,273	183,134	183,200	35,927	66
3915	Animal Services	970,050	1,139,371	1,139,400	169,350	29
3920	Emergency Management	81,075	145,521	145,600	64,525	79
3635	Medical Services	350,000	250,000	250,000	(100,000)	-
4210	Highways and Streets	2,986,740	3,272,228	3,272,300	285,560	72
4900	Maintenance and Shop	856,325	535,581	535,600	(320,725)	19
5440	Welfare Payments to Others	70,000	86,771	86,800	16,800	29
5460	DFACS Building and Plant	56,055	251,896	251,900	195,845	4
5510	Meals on Wheels	49,200	57,713	57,800	8,600	87
5530	Civic Center	224,450	302,390	302,400	77,950	10
6184	Community Center	-	19,966	20,000	20,000	34

6510	Library Administration	360,000	396,406	396,500	36,500	94
7410	Planning and Zoning	163,950	184,328	184,400	20,450	72
9000	Transfers Out	1,303,088	2,829,647	2,201,845	898,757	(627,802)
	Expenditures / Other Financing Uses	**30,336,684**	**33,998,942**	**33,372,545**	**3,035,861**	**(626,397)**
	Net Amendment				0	
Fire and Rescue Fund						
		Amended		Final		
Dept/Function	Department	Budget	Actual	Budget	Amendment	Variance
N/A	Transfers In	-	1,120,524	793,000	793,000	327,524
	Revenues / Other Financing Sources	**-**	**1,120,524**	**793,000**	**793,000**	**327,524**
3520	Fire	6,305,000	7,097,066	7,098,000	793,000	934
	Expenditures / Other Financing Uses	**6,305,000**	**7,097,066**	**7,098,000**	**793,000**	**934**
	Net Amendment				0	
ARPA Fund						
		Amended		Final		
Dept/Function	Department	Budget	Actual	Budget	Amendment	Variance
N/A	Intergovernmental	9,577,991	6,886,688	6,886,000	(2,691,991)	688
N/A	Interest	-	92,438	4,000	4,000	88,438
N/A	Contributions	5,637,293	15,000	15,000	(5,622,293)	-
N/A	Transfer In	3,050,000	272,741	272,000	(2,778,000)	741
N/A	Budgeted Fund Balance	2,051,789	-	-	(2,051,789)	-
	Revenues / Other Financing Sources	**20,317,073**	**7,266,867**	**7,177,000**	**(13,140,073)**	**89,867**
2000	Judicial	242,487	127,255	128,000	(114,487)	745
3000	Public Safety	-	144,505	145,000	145,000	495
4000	Public Works	17,374,586	5,056,357	5,057,000	(12,317,586)	643
6000	Culture and Recreation	2,700,000	1,732,605	1,733,000	(967,000)	395
N/A	Transfers Out	-	113,707	114,000	114,000	293
	Expenditures / Other Financing Uses	**20,317,073**	**7,174,429**	**7,177,000**	**(13,140,073)**	**2,571**
	Net Amendment				0	

Development Authority Fund						
		Amended		Final		
Dept/Function	Department	Budget	Actual	Budget	Amendment	Variance
N/A	Intergovernmental	1,595,972	2,178,114	2,020,850	424,878	157,264
	Revenues / Other Financing Sources	**1,595,972**	**2,178,114**	**2,020,850**	**424,878**	**157,264**
7520	Housing and Development	1,613,572	2,038,429	2,038,450	424,878	21
	Expenditures / Other Financing Uses	**1,613,572**	**2,038,429**	**2,038,450**	**424,878**	**21**
	Net Amendment				0	

E911 Fund						
		Amended		Final		
Dept/Function	Department	Budget	Actual	Budget	Amendment	Variance
N/A	Transfers In	344,300	499,048	509,700	165,400	(10,652)
	Revenues / Other Financing Sources	**344,300**	**499,048**	**509,700**	**165,400**	**(10,652)**
3000	Public Safety	1,597,000	1,762,394	1,762,400	165,400	6
	Expenditures / Other Financing Uses	**1,597,000**	**1,762,394**	**1,762,400**	**165,400**	**6**
	Net Amendment				0	

Special Court Fund						
		Amended		Final		
Dept/Function	Department	Budget	Actual	Budget	Amendment	Variance
N/A	Intergovernmental	524,900	555,914	719,200	194,300	(163,286)
	Revenues / Other Financing Sources	**524,900**	**555,914**	**719,200**	**194,300**	**(163,286)**
2000	Judicial	660,000	854,251	854,300	194,300	49
	Expenditures / Other Financing Uses	**660,000**	**854,251**	**854,300**	**194,300**	**49**
	Net Amendment				0	

Multiple Grant Fund						
		Amended		Final		

Dept/Function	Department	Budget	Actual	Budget	Amendment	Variance
N/A	Intergovernmental	1,178,968	2,323,375	2,192,032	1,013,064	131,343
N/A	Budgeted Fund Balance	45,000	-	-	(45,000)	-
	Revenues / Other Financing Sources	**1,223,968**	**2,323,375**	**2,192,032**	**968,064**	**131,343**
1000	General Government	400,000	868,179	869,000	469,000	821
2000	Judicial	173,000	310,301	311,000	138,000	699
3000	Public Safety	198,154	268,698	269,000	70,846	302
4000	Public Works	50,000	-	-	(50,000)	-
6000	Culture and Recreation	913,282	3,500	3,500	(909,782)	-
7000	Housing and Development	-	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	-
	Expenditures / Other Financing Uses	**1,734,436**	**2,700,678**	**2,702,500**	**968,064**	**1,822**
	Net Amendment				0	

EXHIBIT A

Walker County Board of Commissioners Meeting Agenda Item Form

SECTION	DETAILS
MEETING TITLE	Board of Commissioners – Monthly Meeting
DATE OF MEETING	Mar 5th, 2026
SUBMITTED BY	Christian Roach - Finance
AGENDA ITEM TITLE	Budget Amendment FY25
TYPE OF ITEM	Decision to Amend the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget
BACKGROUND & JUSTIFICATION	Budget amendment: Increase/(Decrease)

Fund:	Revenue:	Expenditures:
General Fund	$2,555,954	$3,035,861
E911	$165,400	$165,400
Fire and Rescue	$793,000	$793,000
ARPA	($13,140,073)	($13,140,073)
Dev Auth	$424,878	$424,878
Special Court	$194,300	$194,300
Multi Grant	$968,064	$968,064

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED	Presentation
PRESENTER(S)	Christian Roach, CFO
ADDITIONAL NOTES	

RESOLUTION R-020-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE WALKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO MAKE BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Walker County ("Board"), the governing body of the county charged with managing the fiscal affairs of the county, did appropriate the funds necessary to operate all of the various departments and to meet the expenses of the government for Fiscal Year 2025 by approving said budget resolution (R-031-24) by a majority vote of the members on September 12, 2024; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that necessary adjustments are required, and it is therefore necessary to publish, state and approve all final budget amendments as recommended by the Chief Financial Officer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Walker County hereby approves the budget amendments to the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget as set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:

Lisa Richardson

LISA RICHARDSON, County Clerk

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

Angela Teems

ANGELA TEEMS, Chairwoman/CEO

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

RESOLUTION R-021-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE WALKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PHASE TWO OF THE HISTORICAL RESOURCES SURVEY

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

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs Historic Preservation Division awarded a grant to the Walker County Historic Preservation Commission ("Commission"), a committee of the Board, to conduct a historical resources survey; and

WHEREAS, one of the functions of the Commission is to maintain an inventory of all property within the County designated as historic or having the potential for designation as historic; and

WHEREAS, the County issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) on January 22, 2026 through the Georgia Procurement Registry, the County government website, and in the Walker County Messenger, the County's legal organ; and

WHEREAS, funding for the historical resources survey project will be financed in part with funds from the National Park Service through a 2025 Historic Preservation Fund Grant administered by the Georgia Historic Preservation Division, along with matching funds in the amount of $15,000.00 from the County as previously approved in Resolution R-012-25.

WHEREAS, the County received eight proposals to perform the necessary work; and

WHEREAS, the Walker County Historic Preservation Commission recommends that the County award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible proposer, WLA Studio;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia that the contract for Phase Two of the Historical Resources Survey is hereby awarded to WLA Studio in an amount not to exceed $37,542.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board authorizes the Chairwoman to sign and execute all necessary documents to implement and perform the purposes of this historical resources survey.

SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

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LISA RICHARDSON, County Clerk

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ANGELA TEEMS, Chairwoman/CEO

(SEAL)

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

Walker County Government
Bid Tabulation
2026-02 Historic Resources Survey
2/10/2026

BIDDER	BID RECEIVED	PROPOSED BUDGET
Oneida LG2 Environmental Solutions	2/9/26 @ 8:50am	$41,667.67
JMT	2/9/26 @ 1:14pm	$41,450.72
Terracon	2/9/26 @ 2:09pm	$41,666.67
WLA Studio	2/9/26 @ 2:09pm	$37,542.00
ELOS Environmental	2/9/26 @ 2:10pm	$41,640.00
Chronicle Heritage	2/9/26 @ 2:10pm	$40,903.20
Loggia Preservation	2/9/26 @ 2:10pm	$40,775.00
Eocene Environmental Group	2/9/26 @ 3:56pm	$40,000.00

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, this is a true and correct copy of the tabulation of bids which were opened at 101 Duke Street, LaFayette, GA 30728 at 11:00 a.m. local time on February 10, 2026 for the captioned project.

Joe Legge
Director of Communications and Community Development
Walker County, GA

LOCAL POLITICAL COLUMNIST ▮ LEN CALDERONE

The future of Social Security

Well, it's a new year and Social Security is giving us retirees a whole 2.8% increase in our SSA payments. The increase will be an average of $56, based on SSA payments of $2,015. This is based on the CPI (Consumer Price Index). The CPI is the most widely used measure of inflation. It provides an indication of general price trends, but it's not a perfect reflection of every individual's "real" cost of living. Factors like personal spending habits, where you live, and what types of goods and services you prioritize can mean your experienced increase in basic costs might be greater than what the CPI suggests.

The CPI, traditionally, assumes consumers buy a fixed basket of goods. When the price of one good rises, consumers often substitute it for a cheaper alternative (e.g., buying chicken instead of beef, or a store brand instead of a name brand). While the CPI has made some adjustments to account for this, it doesn't always fully capture these shifts, which can lead to an overstatement of the true cost of maintaining a certain standard of living.

Now comes the kicker. Medicare will increase $17.90 a month with a Part B annual deductible of 10.12%. This means that the true SSA increase for next year will only be $38.10.

The rate of increase, which I favor, is the True Living Cost (TLC) Index, which has been found to be higher than the CPI over an extended period. The Ludwig Institute for Shared Economic Prosperity (LISEP) calculates the True Living Cost Index, which tracks the cost of a "minimal bundle" of necessities for low- and middle-income households.

LISEP found that since 2001, the TLC Index rose nearly 1.3 times faster than the CPI (83.8% compared to the CPI's 65.3%). The key difference is the basket of goods and services used and their weighting. The TLC Index often shows a higher cost-of-living increase for lower-income households because the TLC is more reflective of the health insurance premiums that make up many medical costs for most households, unlike the CPI's focus on prices paid by insurance companies.

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The TLC uses actual rental prices, whereas the CPI allocates less to rent and relies heavily on homeowners' estimates of their home value. TLC focuses on the cost of necessities for low- and moderate-income families, such as gas and used cars for transportation, while the CPI includes luxury items like new cars and airline fees.

Here is a fact that most people do not know. The money you contributed to Social Security doesn't give you an unchangeable contractual right to a specific payment amount under the law, but it does make you eligible for a statutory entitlement under the law as it exists today.

If you meet the eligibility requirements as defined in the current Social Security Act, you have a legal right to receive the benefits as set forth in the current law. The Social Security Administration cannot arbitrarily deny you benefits if you qualify.

BUT, Congress Can Change the Rules. In a U.S. Supreme Court ruling, Flemming v. Nestor, the Court simply affirmed Congress's right to change those statutory rules for the future, which is why the retirement age, benefit formulas, and conditions for eligibility have been changed over the years.

This leads us to an issue that Congress faces. That is Social Security reform. SSA has given a warning of impending insolvency, projected to be a reality in about eight years. This would be a financial calamity to low-income Americans, as SSA might have to cut payments up to 21%.

Why is this happening? The main source of SSA revenue is the payroll tax, which has fallen short of the benefits being paid. The way that SSA was set up was that the working class would pay into SSA and that money would go to the retirees. The concept was good when it initially started. Today, more people are retired than the people working and paying into SSA. This will become even more of a deficit as AI takes more jobs, causing even less revenue for the SSA.

Life expectancies are increasing, meaning seniors are getting SSA payments for a longer time. The ratio of workers to recipients was 42 to 1 back in the 1940's, and now that ratio is 2.7 to 1. The final cause of the revenue shortage is that a greater portion of taxable wages are escaping payroll taxation.

In the future, Congress needs to guarantee better payment increases to ensure the program stays true to keeping seniors out of poverty. It needs to ensure that benefits will continue without cuts. Congress must also allow seniors to earn more in retirement without taxing that income.

Currently, Social Security payroll tax (FICA) is only collected on earnings up to $168,600. FICA needs to be increased or eliminated entirely, subjecting all earnings to the payroll tax. This would generate significant revenue, as only the highest earners would be affected.

The combined Social Security payroll tax rate for employers and employees is currently 12.4%. Congress needs to gradually increase the tax rate over several decades until the funding shortfall is closed. This spreads the burden across all covered workers. The payroll tax should be paid by state and local government workers who are currently not covered by the program. SSA should tax a greater portion of Social Security benefits for people with high total retirement incomes. Under current law, up to 85% of benefits are taxable for high earners.

The life expectancy in 1935 was about 64. Today, it is approximately 80. The retirement age should be increased from 65 to 70. It has been at 65 for over 90 years and we are living much longer today.

With the increase of robots in the workforce, they should be taxed as though they were human workers. The company that deploys the robot would be required to pay a tax equal to the Social Security, Medicare, and Income Taxes that the displaced human worker would have paid.

It's time for action by Congress with less political discussion.

Len Calderone is a constitutional conservative who lives in Rossville. He can be reached at lencalderone1942@gmail.com.

LOCAL COLUMNIST ▮ JJ LEWIS

The lasting measure of leadership

Sometimes political and government leadership in Georgia blurs the line between responsive governance and the steady responsibilities of stewardship. This trend is becoming more apparent at both the state and local levels. In the pursuit of flexibility, competitiveness, and pragmatism, policies have evolved, but so too have the underlying standards that guide them.

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What is often framed as modern governance can begin to feel less anchored, shaped not only by changing conditions but also by growing external pressures that quietly influence decision-making. Over time, decision-making shifts from independent judgment rooted in principles to managing image, expectations, and avoiding political risk.

At the state, and now even the local levels, political leadership operates under steady external pressure from corporate interests, lobbying networks, and campaign realities. Peer pressure from outside influences or even other politicians and parties reinforces this, rewarding alignment and punishing dissent. This is the current reality shaping government and political leadership.

This is not a policy or economic problem; it is a leadership problem. Decisions are made, initiatives announced, and deals celebrated as proof of effectiveness. But movement alone does not define leadership. Direction does and direction requires something solid anchoring decision-making beneath the surface.

PRINCIPLES, NOT MOTION

Sometimes, leadership is often confused with motion. Every serious leader knows the difference between adjusting tactics and abandoning principles. One strengthens leadership while the other erodes it. Leadership is not the frequency of movement, but whether decisions and actions remain anchored. Change without an anchor is drift, and drift always ends badly.

Political and governmental leadership requires adaptation, not rigidity. Revising opinions as conditions change is a mark of competence. Opinions change, but principles do not. Tactics and methods are visible decisions; principles are the standards leaders must refuse to surrender.

In his first inaugural address, Thomas Jefferson stated, "Every difference of opinion is not a difference of principle. We have called by different names brethren of the same principle." Meaning that disagreement over methods or policies should not require the abandonment of foundational values. Leaders lose legitimacy when principles are set aside for convenience over conviction. Changing opinions in ways that abandon core principles crosses a line, becoming hypocrisy and an erosion of the soul.

STATE AND LOCAL CONSEQUENCES

Across Georgia's state and local governments, the all-familiar tax carve-outs, corporate immunities, and regulatory exemptions are routinely framed as progress. In reality, they reflect leadership making decisions without principle, shifting costs onto working people as standards disappear. When leaders call this opinion change while narrowing who the rules apply to, they are not adjusting course. They are cutting their roots.

At the state level, the problem is structural. Long-term tax exemptions and incentives continue to flow without performance standards, promoted under the banner of growth, while local governments are left to fund the infrastructure and services that follow. Politicians shield corporations and powerful interests from consequence under the mask of reform. Legislation and policy are approved at the state level, but the financial burden and consequences fall on local governments and working people. This is not constitutional governance, but authority exercised without principle.

The leadership breakdown at the local level is both personal and immediate. Decisions span a wide range of areas, including abatements, fees, zoning, exceptions, and infrastructure, and they carry real consequences. Those consequences can be positive or negative, and the decisions themselves are not inherently wrong. When decisions are made quietly and pushed through without transparency, public trust is severed. The leadership disconnect happens when choices are made without principles, standards, or meaningful accountability.

LEADERSHIP WITHOUT ROOTS

People are not angry because policies change; they are angry because standards disappear. Working people can accept change, but they reject dishonesty and rigged systems that protect insiders. They can also live with uncertainty and disagreement. They do so every day. What they cannot live with is a system that asks for trust while demonstrating no effective standards. That realization is not political. It erodes trust and destroys legitimacy.

The French writer Victor Hugo once wrote, "Change your opinions, keep your principles; change your leaves, keep intact your roots." The strength of this insight is that it separates what is meant to change from what must not. Leadership is revealed less by what is seen than by what is done.

Over time, people learn what truly matters by watching what is defended and what is allowed to shift. When standards move, trust disappears and eventually breaks. Leadership rooted in principles and values remains the standard today and still matters. The transcendent roots of integrity and character do not wither with time. Leadership without roots may last for a while, but it cannot grow, and it ultimately withers away.

JJ Lewis is an independent consultant and contractor who works with businesses, nonprofits, government agencies, and the educational arena in a variety of roles. A graduate of Tennessee Temple University, he lives in Rossville with his wife and family. He can be reached at theijvision@gmail.com.

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NOTICE OF 2026 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

Public notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Walker County will hold regular meetings on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Walker County Courthouse Annex IV building, located at 201 S. Duke Street in LaFayette, beginning with the March 5th meeting. When a meeting date conflicts with a holiday, the regular meeting will be held on the second Thursday of the month.

The Board approved this schedule by Resolution on January 8, 2026.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS RESCHEDULED ZONING HEARINGS

The City of Chickamauga Planning Commission shall hold a **First Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, 6:00 p.m.**, at the Chickamauga Civic Center, Lee Clarkson Rd., Chickamauga, GA. The purpose for the Public Hearing is to review the Application of Steven B. Wallin to rezone the following property:

Pamela Wallin, Owner
Lot 3, Pearl St., Chickamauga, GA
Tax Map/Parcel 3001 059

Current Zoning: R-1 (Single-Family Residential District)
Proposed Zoning: R-3 (Two-Family Residential District)
Proposed Use: To build a duplex.

The City of Chickamauga Mayor and City Council shall hold a **Second and Final Public Hearing on Monday, March 2, 2026, 6:00 p.m.**, at the Chickamauga Civic Center, Lee Clarkson Road, Chickamauga, GA. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to review the Application of Steven B. Wallin to rezone the property as mentioned above.

All interested parties are welcome to attend the public hearings.

Walker County Historic Resources Survey Request for Proposals – RFP 2026-02

Walker County, Georgia is requesting proposals from consultants to conduct an intensive historic resources survey of approximately 257 parcels in the southeastern portion of unincorporated Walker County. The project will be financed in part with funds from the National Park Service, through a Historic Preservation Fund Grant, administered by the Georgia Historic Preservation Division.

Proposals will be received at the office of Joe Legge, Walker County Government, 101 S Duke St., LaFayette, GA 30728 until 11:00 a.m. local time on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 and then publicly opened and read aloud at said location.

Copies of the RFP, including contractor registration and requirements, may be obtained in the offices of Walker County Government, 101 S Duke St., LaFayette, GA 30728 or online at walkercountyga.gov/public-notices.

Walker County Government reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals, to waive formalities, technicalities or irregularities and to re-advertise if necessary.

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

The above governments share a Joint Comprehensive Plan. Under planning rules promulgated by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs effective on October 1, 2018, it is time for a full five-year update of the Plan document. This first public hearing is intended to explain the process for the plan preparation and the opportunities for public participation in the development of the updated plan. These affected governments intend to appoint citizens to participate as part of a Coordinating/Stakeholder Committee to work with planners for the plan preparation. In addition, broad citizen participation at every meeting related to the plan preparation is desirable and recommended.

The plan document, estimated for completion in draft form by December 1, 2026 will ultimately be submitted for review to the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Plan approval by February 28, 2027 will allow the affected governments to extend their Qualified Local Government status, and each will therefore be eligible for State loans, grants, or permits for another five years.

This public hearing will be held in the Walker County Civic Center, 10052 N. Highway 27, Rock Spring, GA 30739 at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 19, 2026 as part of the Planning Commission meeting.

PUBLIC NOTICE CHANGE OF POLLING LOCATION – LAFAYETTE PRECINCT

Notice is hereby given that the polling location for the LaFayette Precinct is changing.

Previous Polling Location:
LaFayette Senior Center
636 S. Main St.
LaFayette, GA 30728

New Polling Location:
****New** Walker County Elections Office**
311 S. Main St.
LaFayette, GA 30728

All voters assigned to the LaFayette Precinct will vote at the ****New** Walker County Elections Office** for all future elections unless otherwise notified.

The next election will be the **Special Election on March 10.**
Election Day voting hours are 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Early voting will begin February 16, from **9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**, at the New Walker County Elections Office.

For additional information, please contact the **Walker County Elections Office at 706-638-4349**.

This notice will run for **two consecutive weeks** in accordance with state law.

WALKER COUNTY HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY PROPOSAL

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL RFP-2026-002
WALKER COUNTY
101 SOUTH DUKE STREET LAFAYETTE,
GEORGIA 30728

FEBRUARY 10, 2026

RESPONDING FIRM:
WLA Studio
675 Pulaski Street, Suite 1000
Athens, GA 30601
Contact: Keyes Williamson, Principal
706-543-5459 ext. 227 • keyes@wlandstudio.com

Photo courtesy of the US Geological Survey

www.wlandstudio.com

February 10, 2026

John Culpepper
Walker County Commissioners Office
101 South Duke Street
LaFayette, GA 30728

Dear Mr. Culpepper and Selection Committee:

WLA Studio is pleased to submit the following Proposal for consideration in the Historic Resource Survey for Walker County. WLA Studio has completed numerous of Historic Resources Surveys for municipal clients across the Southeast for over 40 years. We have currently completed Historic Resources Surveys in the cities of Monroe, Rome, and Douglas, Georgia.

We have served as a consultant to the National Park Services for over 15 years providing historic preservation services throughout the United States. We have nominated numerous historic districts and individual historic buildings to the National Register of Historic Places.

In 2025, the Georgia Chapter of ASLA named WLA Studio the Firm of the Year. Our project at Mitchelville Freedom Park, in Hilton Head, SC, received the Social Impact Award.

We believe our experience and expertise applying the National Register Criteria for Evaluation for buildings constructed in Georgia and throughout the southeast makes us the most prepared firm to accomplish this project.

The following proposal includes the requested information as outlined in your RFP. We have the staff available to perform this project, and because of our experience, we can complete it within the schedule allotted. Our staff meet the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards for History and Architectural History. We are able to meet the requirements outlined by the State Historic Preservation Office for the completion of this project.

WLA Studio appreciates the opportunity to share our qualifications for this assignment. Please let us know if additional information is desired or if there are any questions about this submittal. We look forward to the opportunity to work with Walker County.

Most Respectfully,

Keyes Williamson
Principal
706.543.5459 ext. 227
keyes@wlandstudio.com

Historic Resources Survey
Walker County, Georgia

APPROACH AND WORK PLAN	Principal	Architectural Historian / Project Manager	Sr. Historic Preservationist	HP Field Assistant
Project Initiation / Kick-Off Meeting				
Project Start-Up				
Background Materials from County, not limited to:				
Existing Survey Information				
Existing Mapping / County Base Maps / Tax Parcel Maps / Aerial Maps				
National Register / Local District Nomination Forms and Maps				
Review Data Provided				
Preview of Survey Area				
Indentify Prior Resources in Survey Area in GNAHRGIS				
Meeting with County				
Discuss Scope, Methodology, Schedule & Products				
Share Goals and Objectives of Project with WLA				
Identification of Key Contacts				
Public Meeting #1 @ Project Initiation				
Fieldwork / Research				
Intensive Level Field Survey				
Field Survey Forms				
Date of Construction, Number of Stories, Architectural Style / Type				
Construction Material, Current Use, Condition, Neighborhood Name				
Photographs				
Map ID				
Progress Meeting with County's Project Manager				
Local Research for Survey Area / Report				
DCA Research				
GNAHRGIS Entry				
Phone / Email Updates with County's Project Manager				
Online Data Entry				
Photographs				
Formatting				
Upload DCA ArchSite				
Historic Resources Survey Report (1st Draft)				
Draft Report				
Executive Summary (Information Provided by County)				
Project Description (Information Provided by County)				
Summary of Previous Preservation Projects (Information Provided by County)				
Survey Methodology and Results				
Developmental History				
Architectural Analysis				
National Register Eligibility / Local Designation / Proposed Boundary Changes				
Recommendations for Additional Actions				
Mapping				
QA/QC				
Submit to County & DCA				
Historic Resources Survey Report (2nd Draft)				
Receive Comments (County's Project Manager to Consolidate County & DCA Comments)				
Revise Draft Report				
QA/QC				
Submit to County & DCA for Review				
Historic Resources Survey Report (Final Report)				
Receive Comments (County's Project Manager to Consolidate County & DCA Comments)				
Revise Draft Report				
QA/QC				
Submit Final Report to County & DCA				
Public Meeting #2 @ Project Closure to Present Survey Findings / Recommendations				

Historic Resources Survey
Walker County, Georgia

FEE PROPOSAL

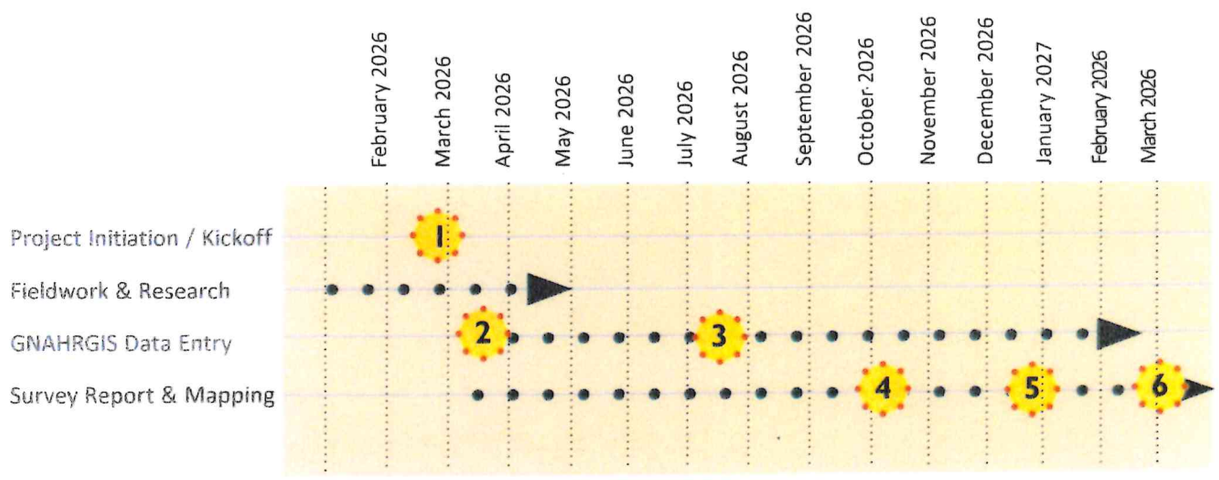
Labor	*$35,487*
Expenses	*$2,055*
LUMP SUM FEE	***$37,542***

ESTIMATED EXPENSE SUMMARY

Item	*No.*	*Unit Rate*	*Total Cost*
Product Submittals			
Electronic Reports			$0.00
1st Draft Report to HPD			$0.00
Set of 1st Draft Maps to HPD			$0.00
2nd Draft Report to HPD			$0.00
Final Report			$0.00
Set of Final Maps - USB	2		$0.00
Final Report - USB	2	$5.00	$10.00
Travel			
RT mileage (330 miles @ $.725/mile)	2	$239.25	$478.50
Hotel	6	$125.00	$750.00
HPD Research (50 miles @ $.725/mile)	1	$36.25	$36.25
Per Diem ($68 per day)	10	$68.00	$680.00
Miscellaneous Expenses			
Photocopies/Research	1	$50.00	$50.00
FedEx/Mailings/Support	1	$50.00	$50.00
		Expenses Total	***$2,054.75***

*** This fee is for the estimated 257 resources**

SCHEDULE



Key Meeting/Submittal:

1. Kickoff Meeting - Late Feb. 2026
2. 25% Data Entered - 03.15-03.30.2026
3. 75% Data Entered - 07.15.2026
4. First Draft Survey Report - 10.15.2026
5. Second Draft Survey Report - 12.31.2026
6. Final Survey Report - 03.15.2027

RESOLUTION R-021-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE WALKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PHASE TWO OF THE HISTORICAL RESOURCES SURVEY

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

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs Historic Preservation Division awarded a grant to the Walker County Historic Preservation Commission ("Commission"), a committee of the Board, to conduct a historical resources survey; and

WHEREAS, one of the functions of the Commission is to maintain an inventory of all property within the County designated as historic or having the potential for designation as historic; and

WHEREAS, the County issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) on January 22, 2026 through the Georgia Procurement Registry, the County government website, and in the Walker County Messenger, the County's legal organ; and

WHEREAS, funding for the historical resources survey project will be financed in part with funds from the National Park Service through a 2025 Historic Preservation Fund Grant administered by the Georgia Historic Preservation Division, along with matching funds in the amount of $15,000.00 from the County as previously approved in Resolution R-012-25.

WHEREAS, the County received eight proposals to perform the necessary work; and

WHEREAS, the Walker County Historic Preservation Commission recommends that the County award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible proposer, WLA Studio;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia that the contract for Phase Two of the Historical Resources Survey is hereby awarded to WLA Studio in an amount not to exceed $37,542.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board authorizes the Chairwoman to sign and execute all necessary documents to implement and perform the purposes of this historical resources survey.

SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:

Lisa Richardson

LISA RICHARDSON, County Clerk

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

Angela Teems

ANGELA TEEMS, Chairwoman/CEO

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

RESOLUTION R-022-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE WALKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE IVY STREET CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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

WHEREAS, there is a present need for the replacement of failed existing stormwater infrastructure located in front of a commercial parcel at the intersection of Ivy Street and Highway 27; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2023, Walker County voters approved a Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) to address transportation related projects in the county; and

WHEREAS, the County issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for furnishing of all materials, labor, tools, equipment, and appurtenances necessary for the Ivy Street Culvert Replacement project; and

WHEREAS, the County advertised the RFP on January 22, 2026 through the Georgia Procurement Registry and county government website, and in the January 28, 2026 and February 11, 2026 editions of the Walker County Messenger, the county's legal organ; and

WHEREAS, the County received three proposals and after reviewing the bid documents and accompanying information, the county's project consultant, CTI Engineers, found that Hasbun Construction, LLC of Alpharetta, Georgia, submitted the lowest responsive bid in the amount of $420,163.91;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia that the contract for the Ivy Street Culvert Replacement project is hereby awarded to Hasbun Construction, LLC in the amount of $420,163.91 and shall be funded from the 2024 TSPLOST.

SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:

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LISA RICHARDSON, County Clerk

(SEAL)

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

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ANGELA TEEMS, Chairwoman/CEO

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

CTIENGINEERS

1122 Riverfront Parkway
Chattanooga, TN 37402
423-267-7613
www.ctiengr.com

February 20, 2026

Mr. Carlen Bowers, Public Works Director
Walker County, Georgia
91 Industrial Drive
Chickamauga, GA 30707

Subject: Bid Tabulation
Ivy Street Culvert Replacement
CTI Project No. G25019

Mr. Bowers,

Enclosed is the tabulation of bids received for the subject project on Thursday, February 19, 2026. All bidders are experienced in projects with similar conditions and complexities.

After reviewing the bid documents and accompanying information, we find that Hasbun Construction, LLC of Alpharetta, Georgia, has submitted the lowest responsive bid in the amount of $420,163.91.

CTI recommends awarding the contract to Hasbun Construction for the following reasons:

- Hasbun Construction submitted the lowest responsive bid.
- They have extensive experience with projects of similar complexity.
- CTI has worked with Hasbun Construction in the past and found their performance to be satisfactory.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

Philip R. Schofield, P.E.
Senior Project Manager

Enclosure

BID TABULATION

IVY STREET CULVERT REPLACEMENT

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

Bid Opening	**Bidder:**	**Hasbun Construction, LLC** 6110 McFarland Station Dr. Unit 806 Alpharetta, GA 30004	**Wright Brothers Construction Company, Inc.** 1500 Lauderdale Memorial Highway Charleston, TN 37310	**APAC Atlantic DBA Talley Construction** 1751 McFarland Avenue Rossville, GA 30741
Time: 2:00 PM (Eastern) Date: February 19, 2026 Place: Walker County, Georgia 101 S. Duke Street LaFayette, GA 30728	**Bid Bond:**	Great Midwest Insurance Company 800 Gessner, Ste. 600 Houston, TX 77024	Liberty Mutual Insurance Company 175 Berkeley Street Boston, MA 02116	Federal Insurance Company 202B Hall's Mill Road Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889
BID SUMMARY				
TOTAL BASE BID		**$ 420,163.91**	**$ 683,915.00**	**$ 772,640.44**

I hereby certify that the above is a true and accurate tabulation of bids received at 2:00 pm local time on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at Walker County, GA, 101 S. Duke Street, LaFayette, GA 30728 for the construction of the Ivy Street Culvert Replacement project.

By_____

Philip R. Schofield, P.E.,
Senior Project Manager
Georgia License No. 030578
CTI Engineers, Inc.
1122 Riverfront Parkway
Chattanooga, TN 37402

BASE BID									
WALKER COUNTY, GA IVY STREET CULVERT REPLACEMENT			Bidder:	Hasbun Construction, LLC		Wright Brothers Construction Company, Inc.		Talley Construction	
Item No.	Description	Unit	Est. No. of Units	Unit Price	Item Total	Unit Price	Item Total	Unit Price	Item Total
00 66 13	**Performance and Payment Bonds** (Maximum 2% of Bid)	LS	1	$ 8,000.00	$ 8,000.00	$ 5,640.00	$ 5,640.00	$ 8,260.00	$ 8,260.00
00 72 00	**General Conditions,** Including Project Management, Site Safety, Maintenance, and Supervision	LS	1	$ 74,366.50	$ 74,366.50	$ 152,300.00	$ 152,300.00	$ 76,160.85	$ 76,160.85
01 11 00	**Mobilization** (Maximum 2.5% of Bid), Including Shop Drawings and Submittals, Locating and Excavating (Pot-holing) the Existing Utilities, Project Layout and Staking, and General Conditions	LS	1	$ 9,360.00	$ 9,360.00	$ 17,000.00	$ 17,000.00	$ 7,080.00	$ 7,080.00
01 22 00a	**Traffic Control Devices for Traffic Control and Road Closure** in Accordance with MUTCD and GDOT Requirements, Including Coordination with the City of Rossville, Georgia and Walker County Road Department.	LS	1	$ 7,381.66	$ 7,381.66	$ 35,000.00	$ 35,000.00	$ 11,800.00	$ 11,800.00
03 30 00	**Concrete**								
03 30 00a	**Class A (4,000 psi) Formed and Poured Concrete-In-Place for Box Culvert Aprons, and Headwalls,** Including Excavation, Bedding, Form Work, Steel Reinforcement, Grouting, Finish Rubbing, and Site Restoration, Complete In Place as Shown in Detail on the Plans and as Directed by the Engineer.	CY	125	$ 1,226.54	$ 153,317.50	$ 2,050.00	$ 256,250.00	$ 2,125.59	$ 265,698.75
03 30 00b	**Class B Concrete (3,000 PSI)** for Utility Crossings and Other Areas Not Specified or as Directed by Engineer	CY	10	$ 440.00	$ 4,400.00	$ 520.00	$ 5,200.00	$ 656.18	$ 6,561.80
03 30 00c	**Flowable Fill,** Including Concrete Mix and Placement at Culvert and as Directed by Engineer	CY	20	$ 357.50	$ 7,150.00	$ 340.00	$ 6,800.00	$ 257.71	$ 5,154.20
03 30 00d	**Class A (4,000 psi) 6-inch Thick Concrete for Driveway Aprons and Driveway Repairs,** Including Excavation, Bedding, Form Work, Reinforcement Steel, Concrete Mix, Pour and Finish Rubbing, Complete In Place as Shown in Detail on the Plans and as Directed by the Engineer.	SF	700	$ 21.64	$ 15,148.00	$ 21.40	$ 14,980.00	$ 25.19	$ 17,633.00
31 00 00	**Earthwork**								
31 20 00a	**Demolition of Existing Asphalt and Concrete Pavement,** Including Saw-cutting, Excavation and Disposal of Both Concrete and Asphalt	LS	1	$ 13,367.99	$ 13,367.99	$ 5,300.00	$ 5,300.00	$ 21,018.67	$ 21,018.67

WALKER COUNTY, GA IVY STREET CULVERT REPLACEMENT			Bidder:	Hasbun Construction, LLC		Wright Brothers Construction Company, Inc.		Talley Construction	
Item No.	Description	Unit	Est. No. of Units	Unit Price	Item Total	Unit Price	Item Total	Unit Price	Item Total
31 20 00b	**Demolition and Removal of Existing RCP Drainage Pipe,** Including Excavation and Disposal of Pipe Sections and Catch Basins	LS	1	$ 4,418.89	$ 4,418.89	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00	$ 5,036.74	$ 5,036.74
31 20 00c	**Demolition and Removal of Existing Elliptical CMP Drainage Pipe,** Including Excavation and Disposal of Pipe Sections and End Sections	LS	1	$ 6,432.86	$ 6,432.86	$ 3,800.00	$ 3,800.00	$ 5,390.74	$ 5,390.74
31 20 00d	**Demolition and Removal of Existing Concrete Box Culvert, Headwalls, Endwalls, and Spillways,** Including Excavation and Disposal of Concrete Debris	LS	1	$ 9,505.51	$ 9,505.51	$ 19,500.00	$ 19,500.00	$ 12,162.78	$ 12,162.78
31 20 00e	**Site and Ditch Grading Complete,** Including Elevation Control, Site Layout, Construction Staking, Subgrade Preparation, and Fine Grading to Finish Grades as Shown on Drawings.	LS	1	$ 9,490.00	$ 9,490.00	$ 27,000.00	$ 27,000.00	$ 130,680.75	$ 130,680.75
31 20 00f	**Under Cutting, in Areas of Unsuitable Soil,** Including Excavation and Disposal of Unsuitable Material	CY	40	$ 40.27	$ 1,610.80	$ 46.00	$ 1,840.00	$ 76.35	$ 3,054.00
31 20 00g	**Crushed Stone in Under Cut Areas**, Including Stone, Filter Fabric, and Stone Placement	Tons	50	$ 74.99	$ 3,749.50	$ 65.00	$ 3,250.00	$ 110.24	$ 5,512.00
31 20 00h	**Compacted Crushed Base Stone for Roadway**, Including Stone Placement, Compaction, and Fine Grading for Roads, Driveways, and Transitions to Existing Driveways	Tons	80	$ 81.24	$ 6,499.20	$ 65.00	$ 5,200.00	$ 162.11	$ 12,968.80
31 20 00i	**Crushed Stone Backfill** in Trench for Streets, Parking Lots, and Asphalt or Concrete Driveways from Top of Bedding to Finished Grade	Tons	150	$ 82.01	$ 12,301.50	$ 65.00	$ 9,750.00	$ 123.79	$ 18,568.50
31 20 00j	**Crushed Stone Bedding** in Excess of that Required for Standard Bedding and Haunching	Tons	50	$ 82.01	$ 4,100.50	$ 65.00	$ 3,250.00	$ 65.12	$ 3,256.00
31 25 00	**Erosion Control and Slope Protection**								
31 25 00a	**Straw Wattles / Tubes,** Including Overlap and Staking	LF	60	$ 7.20	$ 432.00	$ 7.75	$ 465.00	$ 17.37	$ 1,042.20
31 25 00b	**Concrete Washout Structure (CW),** Including Installation, Maintenance, and Removal	EA	1	$ 200.00	$ 200.00	$ 800.00	$ 800.00	$ 6,419.96	$ 6,419.96
31 25 00c	**Filter Fabric,** Including Trench Anchorage, Staples, and Materials, Complete-in-Place Under all Rip Rap Areas	SY	200	$ 7.37	$ 1,474.00	$ 4.50	$ 900.00	$ 3.87	$ 774.00
31 25 00d	**Dewatering of Excavation and Flow Control,** Including Dewatering Structures, Sand Bag Diversions, Pumping, Filtering Bags, Etc.	LS	1	$ 8,905.00	$ 8,905.00	$ 25,000.00	$ 25,000.00	$ 37,521.77	$ 37,521.77

WALKER COUNTY, GA IVY STREET CULVERT REPLACEMENT			Bidder:	Hasbun Construction, LLC		Wright Brothers Construction Company, Inc.		Talley Construction	
Item No.	Description	Unit	Est. No. of Units	Unit Price	Item Total	Unit Price	Item Total	Unit Price	Item Total
31 37 00	**Rip Rap Stone for Channel Stabilization, Dewatering, and Outlet Protection**								
31 37 00a	**6" - 12" Rip Rap Stone (Type 3),** Complete-in-Place Where Shown on Plans for Ditch Construction, Outlet Protection, Slope Protection, Check Dams, and as Directed by the Engineer. Includes Excavation, Filter Fabric Installation, and Stone Placement	Tons	20	$ 94.64	$ 1,892.80	$ 85.00	$ 1,700.00	$ 170.61	$ 3,412.20
31 37 00b	**No. 3 Surge Stone**, Complete in Place Where Shown of Plans and as Directed by Engineer, Including Filter Fabric	Tons	40	$ 94.64	$ 3,785.60	$ 85.00	$ 3,400.00	$ 165.67	$ 6,626.80
32 10 00	**New and Replacement Paving**								
32 10 00a	**19mm Asphaltic Concrete Base,** Including 3" Thick Asphaltic Concrete with Bituminous Material, H Lime, and Prime Coat	Tons	60	$ 308.00	$ 18,480.00	$ 385.00	$ 23,100.00	$ 413.00	$ 24,780.00
32 10 00b	**Heavy Duty Asphalt Pavement Replacement for Streets, Parking Lots, and Driveways, Trench Width,** with 2" of 9.5mm GDOT mix, Including Saw-Cutting	Tons	50	$ 275.00	$ 13,750.00	$ 500.00	$ 25,000.00	$ 466.10	$ 23,305.00
32 92 19	**Topsoil, Seeding, and Mulching**								
32 92 19a	**Permanent Seeding And Mulch (Ds3),** Including Topsoil Placement, Seed Fertilizer, Limestone, and Mulch	SF	200	$ 1.95	$ 390.00	$ 4.50	$ 900.00	$ 4.72	$ 944.00
32 92 19b	**Grass Sod for Yard Stabilization,** Including Staples or Anchorage for Fescue or Bermuda Sod, Where Shown, Required, or as Directed by Engineer	Pallets	1	$ 864.50	$ 864.50	$ 1,700.00	$ 1,700.00	$ 1,770.00	$ 1,770.00
32 92 19c	**Topsoil,** Sifted Friable Loam Material Free of Stiff Clay, Hard Clods, Rocks, and Other Debris such as Cement, Asphalt, and Wood with a pH range From 5.5 to 7.0, or Approved by Engineer.	CY	20	$ 74.08	$ 1,481.60	$ 95.00	$ 1,900.00	$ 380.52	$ 7,610.40
33 40 00	**Storm Sewerage**								
33 40 00a	**4' x 4' Concrete Drop Inlet (GDOT Standard Detail 1019B, Type V2),** Including Excavation, Stone Bedding, Cast Iron Frame and Grate, Complete-in-Place	EA	1	$ 4,030.00	$ 4,030.00	$ 8,500.00	$ 8,500.00	$ 5,502.49	$ 5,502.49
33 40 00b	**24-inch Diameter Reinforced Concrete Pipe (RCP),** Including Excavation, Stone Bedding, Stone Backfill, and Disposal of Soil and Debris; Complete-in-Place.	LF	24	$ 133.25	$ 3,198.00	$ 195.00	$ 4,680.00	$ 394.22	$ 9,461.28
33 40 00c	**Cast-in-Place Inlets (GDOT Standard Detail 1019A),** Including Form Work, Reinforcement Steel, Cast Iron Frame and Grate Set to Finish Grade, and Grouting	EA	3	$ 780.00	$ 2,340.00	$ 2,270.00	$ 6,810.00	$ 6,800.61	$ 20,401.83

WALKER COUNTY, GA IVY STREET CULVERT REPLACEMENT				Bidder:	Hasbun Construction, LLC		Wright Brothers Construction Company, Inc.		Talley Construction	
Item No.	**Description**	**Unit**	**Est. No. of Units**		**Unit Price**	**Item Total**	**Unit Price**	**Item Total**	**Unit Price**	**Item Total**
34 00 00	**Signs and Striping**									
34 00 00a	**Replace or Relocate and Re-Set Traffic Signs,** Including Coordination with the Walker County Road Department and Others, Providing Temporary Signage, and Installation of Signs upon Completion	LS	1		$ 3,720.00	$ 3,720.00	$ 2,500.00	$ 2,500.00	$ 1,170.93	$ 1,170.93
34 00 00b	**5-Inch White or Yellow Thermoplastic Solid Traffic Stripe** for Roads.	LS	1		$ 4,620.00	$ 4,620.00	$ 2,500.00	$ 2,500.00	$ 5,900.00	$ 5,900.00
				TOTAL BASE BID:	**$**	**420,163.91**	**$**	**683,915.00**	**$**	**772,640.44**

RESOLUTION R-022-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE WALKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE IVY STREET CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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

WHEREAS, there is a present need for the replacement of failed existing stormwater infrastructure located in front of a commercial parcel at the intersection of Ivy Street and Highway 27; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2023, Walker County voters approved a Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) to address transportation related projects in the county; and

WHEREAS, the County issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for furnishing of all materials, labor, tools, equipment, and appurtenances necessary for the Ivy Street Culvert Replacement project; and

WHEREAS, the County advertised the RFP on January 22, 2026 through the Georgia Procurement Registry and county government website, and in the January 28, 2026 and February 11, 2026 editions of the Walker County Messenger, the county's legal organ; and

WHEREAS, the County received three proposals and after reviewing the bid documents and accompanying information, the county's project consultant, CTI Engineers, found that Hasbun Construction, LLC of Alpharetta, Georgia, submitted the lowest responsive bid in the amount of $420,163.91;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia that the contract for the Ivy Street Culvert Replacement project is hereby awarded to Hasbun Construction, LLC in the amount of $420,163.91 and shall be funded from the 2024 TSPLOST.

SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:

Lisa Richardson

LISA RICHARDSON, County Clerk

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

Angela Teems

ANGELA TEEMS, Chairwoman/CEO

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

RESOLUTION R-023-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE WALKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR WALKER COUNTY FLEET AND PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE REPAIRS

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

WHEREAS, there is a present need for maintenance and repair work at the Walker County Fleet and Road Department Facilities; and

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2020, Walker County voters approved $4,100,000.00 for improvements at County facilities as part of the 2020 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST); and

WHEREAS, the County issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for furnishing all labor, materials, tools and equipment necessary to complete the scope of work for the Walker County Fleet & Public Works facilities renovation project; and

WHEREAS, the County advertised the RFP on January 28, 2026 through the Georgia Procurement Registry and County's government website, and in the February 4, 2026 edition of the Walker County Messenger, the County's legal organ; and

WHEREAS, the County received four proposals and, after review and evaluation of the proposals and accompanying information, determined that HL Management Service LLC d/b/a HL Construction of Cleveland, Tennessee, submitted the lowest and most responsive proposal in the amount of $50,408.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia that the contract for repairs at the Walker County Fleet and Public Works Department facilities is hereby awarded to HL Management Service LLC d/b/a HL Construction in the amount of $50,408.00, to be funded from the 2020 SPLOST General Building Account.

SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

_____

LISA RICHARDSON, County Clerk

_____

ANGELA TEEMS, Chairwoman/CEO

(SEAL)

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

FORMAL PROPOSAL: **Locate this page at the front when assembling documents for your proposal. Contractor may attach an itemized estimate of products/services behind this page.**

For furnishing all labor, materials, tools and equipment necessary to complete the scope outlined for Walker County Fleet & Road Department Office Renovation

PROPOSAL SCHEDULE				
RFP #2026-04 Walker County Fleet & Road Department Office Renovation				
No.	**Item Description**	**Labor Cost**	**Materials**	**Total**
01	OFFICE 1	$ 4,426.00	$ 3,622.00	$ 8,048.00
02	OFFICE 2	$ 7,061.00	$ 5,778.00	$ 12,839.00
03	HALLWAY 1	$ 5,407.00	$ 4,425.00	$ 9,832.00
04	HALLWAY 2	$ 5995.00	$ 4,905.00	$ 10,900.00
05	BATHROOM	$ 1,654.00	$ 2,481.00	$ 4,135.00
06	KITCHEN	$ 2,798.00	$ 1,856.00	$ 4,654.00
TOTAL:		$ 50,408.00 Fifty thousand four hundred eight dollars and zero cents.		

RFP #2026-04
Walker County Fleet & Road Department Office Renovation

CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSE:

Date of Proposal: 2/19/26

The undersigned agrees, if this bid/proposal is accepted within sixty (60) days after the date of the opening, to furnish all supplies or services in strict accordance with provisions of this RFP at the price in the Proposal Schedule.

Prices are to remain firm for sixty (60) calendar days after the date of the opening.

I certify that this bid/proposal is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm or person submitting a bid/proposal for the same supplies or services and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I understand that collusive bidding is a violation of state and federal law and can result in fines, prison sentences, and civil damage awards. I agree to abide by all conditions of this bid/proposal and certify that I am authorized to sign this proposal for the vendor.

Signature: _____ Title: Managing Member

Printed name: Heath Littrell

Walker County Government
Bid Tabulation
2026-04 Fleet and Road Office Renovation
2/19/2026

BIDDER	BID RECEIVED	01 - OFFICE 1	02 - OFFICE 2	03 - HALLWAY 1	04 - HALLWAY 2	05 - BATHROOM	06 - KITCHEN	TOTAL
Riley Contracting	2/11 @ 11:27am	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	$75,000.00
Jeffers Build LLC	2/16 @ 3:26pm	$11,700.00	$20,700.00	$14,231.24	$15,600.00	$6,384.38	$6,384.38	$75,000.00
HBN Construction	2/19 @ 12:39pm	$18,416.88	$21,171.05	$11,514.62	$16,580.68	$8,043.91	$8,306.28	$84,033.42
HL Construction	2/19 @ 12:56pm	$8,048.00	$12,839.00	$9,832.00	$10,900.00	$4,135.00	$4,654.00	$50,408.00

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, this is a true and correct copy of the tabulation of bids which were opened at 101 Duke Street, LaFayette, GA 30728 at 1:00 p.m. local time on February 19, 2026 for the captioned project.

Joe Legge
Director of Communications and Community Development
Walker County, GA

Walker County Government
Bid Opening
2026-04 Fleet and Road Office Renovation
1:00 p.m. on February 19, 2026

NAME	COMPANY NAME or CITIZEN	E-MAIL
Mariaela Rivera	HBN Construction LLC	mariaela@hbnconstruction.com
Stacy Tidon	Walker Co.	S.Tidon@walkergov.us
Joe Legge	Walker County	

RESOLUTION R-023-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE WALKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR WALKER COUNTY FLEET AND PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE REPAIRS

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

WHEREAS, there is a present need for maintenance and repair work at the Walker County Fleet and Road Department Facilities; and

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2020, Walker County voters approved $4,100,000.00 for improvements at County facilities as part of the 2020 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST); and

WHEREAS, the County issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for furnishing all labor, materials, tools and equipment necessary to complete the scope of work for the Walker County Fleet & Public Works facilities renovation project; and

WHEREAS, the County advertised the RFP on January 28, 2026 through the Georgia Procurement Registry and County's government website, and in the February 4, 2026 edition of the Walker County Messenger, the County's legal organ; and

WHEREAS, the County received four proposals and, after review and evaluation of the proposals and accompanying information, determined that HL Management Service LLC d/b/a HL Construction of Cleveland, Tennessee, submitted the lowest and most responsive proposal in the amount of $50,408.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia that the contract for repairs at the Walker County Fleet and Public Works Department facilities is hereby awarded to HL Management Service LLC d/b/a HL Construction in the amount of $50,408.00, to be funded from the 2020 SPLOST General Building Account.

SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:

Lisa Richardson

LISA RICHARDSON, County Clerk

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

Angela Teems

ANGELA TEEMS, Chairwoman/CEO

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

RESOLUTION R-024-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE WALKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR RIGHT OF WAY WEED CONTROL

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

WHEREAS, the Board desires to contract weed control services along some county-maintained roads; and

WHEREAS, the County issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to provide all necessary services and materials for roadside weed control on up to 487 miles of county right or way; and

WHEREAS, the County advertised the RFP on February 2, 2026 through the Georgia Procurement Registry and county government website, and in the February 4, 2026 edition of the Walker County Messenger, the county's legal organ; and

WHEREAS, the County received 8 proposals and after reviewing the bid documents and accompanying information, DeAngela Contracting submitted the lowest responsive bid in the amount of $39,008.70;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia that the contract for Right of Way Weed Control is hereby awarded to DeAngela Contracting in the amount of $39,008.70 and shall be funded from the _____.

SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:

_____

LISA RICHARDSON, County Clerk

(SEAL)

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

_____

ANGELA TEEMS, Chairwoman/CEO

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

Walker County Government
Bid Tabulation
2026-05 Walker County Weed Control
3/4/2026

BIDDER	BID RECEIVED	1st CYCLE	2nd CYCLE	3rd CYCLE	TOTAL
Chempro Services (Gulf Breeze, FL)	2/16 @ 12:50pm	$45,897.00	$45,897.00	$27,330.22	$119,124.22
Helena Agri-Enterprises (Inman, SC)	2/26 @ 11:06am	$26,828.47	$26,828.47	$13,414.24	$67,071.18
Edko LLC (Bossier City, LA)	3/3 @ 1:06pm	$29,220.00	$29,220.00	$29,220.00	$87,660.00
American Eagle (Kingsland, GA)	3/3 @ 2:09pm	$70,907.27	$68,913.17	$66,914.21	$206,734.65
DeAngela Contracting (Hazleton, PA)	3/3 @ 3:14pm	$13,002.90	$13,002.90	$13,002.90	$39,008.70
Opterra Solutions (Lexington, SC)	3/4 @ 8:03am	$59,920.78	$74,900.98	$74,900.98	$209,722.74
Danella Infrastructure (Plymouth Meetng, PA)	3/4 @ 8:56am	$39,751.72	$43,634.61	$46,127.44	$129,513.77
Unlimited Lawncare (Acworth, GA)	3/4 @ 9:27am	$500,000.00	$500,000.00	$500,000.00	$1,500,000.00

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, this is a true and correct copy of the tabulation of bids which were opened at 101 Duke Street, LaFayette, GA 30728 at 10:00 a.m. local time on March 4, 2026 for the captioned project.

Joe Legge
Director of Communications and Community Development
Walker County, GA

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PROPOSAL SCHEDULE: **Locate this page at the front when assembling documents for your proposal.**

For furnishing all labor, materials & equipment necessary to perform the following services:

PROPOSAL SCHEDULE			
RFP #2026-05 Walker County Right of Way Weed Control			
No.	**Item Description**	**Amount**	**Month Performed**
01	1st cycle – Johnsongrass suppression along county right of ways (486.3658 miles)	$26.70 * 487 = $13,002.90	April
02	2nd cycle – Johnsongrass suppression along county right of ways (486.3658 miles)	$26.70 * 487 = $13,002.90	June
03	3rd cycle – Johnsongrass suppression along county right of ways (486.3658 miles)	$26.70 * 487 = $13,002.90	August
	TOTAL:	$ 39,008.70	

Walker County Government
Bid Opening
2026-05 Walker County Weed Control
10:00 a.m. on March 4, 2026

NAME	COMPANY NAME or CITIZEN	E-MAIL
Joe Legge	Walker County	
Jeremy Bishop	Unlimited Lawn Care	Jeremyb@unlimitedlawncare.com
Bobby D. Smith	Walker County	

RESOLUTION R-024-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE WALKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR RIGHT OF WAY WEED CONTROL

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

WHEREAS, the Board desires to contract weed control services along some county-maintained roads; and

WHEREAS, the County issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to provide all necessary services and materials for roadside weed control on up to 487 miles of county right or way; and

WHEREAS, the County advertised the RFP on February 2, 2026 through the Georgia Procurement Registry and county government website, and in the February 4, 2026 edition of the Walker County Messenger, the county's legal organ; and

WHEREAS, the County received 8 proposals and after reviewing the bid documents and accompanying information, DeAngela Contracting submitted the lowest responsive bid in the amount of $39,008.70;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia that the contract for Right of Way Weed Control is hereby awarded to DeAngela Contracting in the amount of $39,008.70 and shall be funded from the _____.

SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:

Lisa Richardson

LISA RICHARDSON, County Clerk

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

Angela Teems

ANGELA TEEMS, Chairwoman/CEO

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

RESOLUTION R-025-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WALKER COUNTY TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE NORTHWEST GEORGIA JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REGARDING DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN ROSSVILLE, GA

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 36-9-2 provides that each "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, O.C.G.A § 36-9-3 restricts the manner in which counties may dispose of real property; but, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-9-3(a)(3)(A), such restrictions do not apply to "the sale, transfer, or conveyance to any other body politic"; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Georgia Joint Development Authority (the "Authority"), was created pursuant to the Development Authorities Law (O.C.G.A. § 36-62-1 et seq.) (the "Act"). Specifically the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 36-62-5.1 by Resolution Creating a Joint Development Authority adopted by Catoosa County, Chattooga County, Dade County, and Walker County in late 2008, with initial board members being appointed beginning on January 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is authorized by general law "To acquire, by purchase, gift, or construction, any real or personal property desired to be acquired as part of any project" and "To sell, lease, exchange, transfer, assign, pledge, mortgage, dispose of, or grant options for any real or personal property or interest therein for any such purposes (see O.C.G.A. § 36-62-6); and

WHEREAS, Walker County (the "County") is the owner of two tax parcels totaling approximately three (3) acres located in Land Lot 8, 4th Section, 9th District, Walker County, Georgia, and designated as Walker County Tax Parcel Numbers ("TPN") 2007 002 and TPN 2002 003 and which is a part of that certain property conveyed to the County by deed dated December 12, 2007, recorded in the real property records of the Walker County Superior Court Clerk at Deed Book 1533, Page 250, and which is more particularly described therein as "Tract B" (the Property");

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 36-9-3(a)(3)(A) authorizes the conveyance of county property to another body politic without the necessity of a sealed bid or auction process; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to convey the Property to the Authority for the Authority to use in a "Project" as defined under the Act, in part, as the property, real and/or personal, acquired or held by the Authority for the assistance, promotion, establishment or development of a new industry or industries, or the assistance, promotion or expansion of existing industry, trade or commerce in the County (see O.C.G.A. § 36-62-2).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Walker County Board of Commissioners, and it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. The above recitals are hereby incorporated as if fully stated herein.

2. The Board hereby agrees to the conveyance of the Property to the Northwest Georgia Joint Development Authority in furtherance of a Project under the terms and conditions included in that certain Memorandum of Understanding attached hereto as Exhibit A.

3. The Chair is authorized to execute the Memorandum of Understanding which may thereafter be presented and delivered over to the Northwest Georgia Joint Development Authority for its review and consideration and, if accepted, its adoption.

4. Once the deed for the Property is recorded, the Northwest Georgia Joint Development Authority will market and sell the Property to a willing buyer in furtherance of a Project,

to include liquidation of the Property for a minimum sale price, established based on current Tax Assessor's valuation, of $140,811.00.

5. All net proceeds recognized from the sale of the Property shall be delivered from the Northwest Georgia Joint Development Authority to the County within five (5) business days following the date of the Northwest Georgia Development Authority's closing on the sale of the Property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Resolution R-009-26, adopted by the Walker County Board of Commissioners on January 8, 2026, is hereby rescinded and repealed in its entirety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution is adopted in substitution thereof and shall supersede and replace Resolution R-009-26 and shall govern the subject matter addressed herein from the date of its adoption.

SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ , 2026.

ATTEST:

_____

LISA RICHARDSON, County Clerk

(SEAL)

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

_____

ANGELA TEEMS, Chairwoman

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

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
REGARDING DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY
LOCATED IN ROSSVILLE, GEORGIA

This Memorandum of Understanding (the "Agreement") is made and entered into as of the ___day of _____, 2025 ("Effective Date"), by and between **WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA**, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia (hereinafter "County"), and the **NORTHWEST GEORGIA JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**, an instrumentality of the State of Georgia and a public corporation (the "Authority"), collectively referred to herein as the "Parties".

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 36-9-2 provides that each "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, O.C.G.A. § 36-9-3 restricts the manner in which counties may dispose of real property; but, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-9-3(a)(3)(A), such restrictions do not apply to "the sale, transfer, or conveyance to any other body politic"; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Georgia Joint Development Authority (the "Authority"), was created pursuant to the Development Authorities Law (O.C.G.A. § 36-62-1 et seq.) (the "Act"). Specifically, the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 36-62-5.1 by Resolution Creating a Joint Development Authority adopted by Catoosa County, Chattooga County, Dade County, and Walker County in late 2008, with initial board members being appointed beginning on January 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is authorized by general law "To acquire, by purchase, gift, or construction, any real or personal property desired to be acquired as part of any project" and "To sell, lease, exchange, transfer, assign, pledge, mortgage, dispose of, or grant options for any real or personal property or interest therein for any such purposes (see O.C.G.A. § 36-62-6); and

WHEREAS, the Authority is authorized by general law "To acquire, by purchase, gift, or construction, any real or personal property desired to be acquired as part of any project" and "To sell, lease, exchange, transfer, assign, pledge, mortgage, dispose of, or grant options for any real or personal property or interest therein for any such purposes (*See* O.C.G.A. § 36-62-6); and

WHEREAS, the County is the owner of certain Property (as defined herein) and desires to convey the Property to the Authority for the Authority to use in a "Project" as defined under the Act, in part, as the property, real and/or personal, acquired or held by the Authority for the assistance, promotion, establishment or development of a new industry or industries, or the assistance, promotion or expansion of existing industry, trade or commerce in the County (*See* O.C.G.A. § 36-62-2).

NOW, **THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the mutual promises, the public purposes, and the acknowledgments and agreements contained herein, together with other good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties do mutually agree as follows:

1. THE PROPERTY

The subject property is approximately 2.78 acres located in Land Lot 8, 4th Section, 9th District, Walker County, Georgia, and designated as Walker County Tax Parcel Numbers ("TPN") 2007 002 (1.17 ac.) and TPN 2007 003 (1.61 ac.) and which is a part of that certain property conveyed to the County by deed dated December 12, 2007, recorded in the real property records of the Walker County Superior Court Clerk at Deed Book 1533, Page 250, and being a part of "Tract B" more particularly described therein (the "Property").

2. CONVEYANCE BY THE COUNTY; AUTHORITY PROJECT

The County agrees to convey the Property to the Authority for the Authority to use in furtherance of a project (the "Project"). At closing between the Parties, the sole document to be executed, delivered, and accepted shall be a limited warranty deed substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A." The closing will occur on a reasonable date mutually convenient for the Parties.

3. AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIONS

The Authority warrants that it is knowledgeable of, and shall adhere to, those general and local laws applicable to it and the disposition of real estate by a public body politic. To wit, the Authority has knowledge of its own enabling legislation, those pertinent portions of the Georgia Constitution, those ethical considerations of the County Ordinances, the Code of Ethics for Government Service (O.C.G.A. § 45-10-1) and the general laws defining the powers, duties, standards and limitations applicable to Development Authorities at O.C.G.A. § 36-62-1, et seq., and shall conduct all activities contemplated by and under this Agreement in full compliance with all such standards and obligations, and any other applicable legal requirements.

4. PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

a. Liquidation. The Authority will market and sell the Property to a willing buyer in an arm's length transaction for the highest and best cash offer which shall be deemed the fair market value thereof. The minimum sale price for the Property, established based on current Tax Assessor's valuation of the subject tracts, shall be $140,811.00.

b. Capital Return to County. The Authority shall use best efforts to complete the Project in a timely and efficient manner. Once liquidated, all proceeds recognized from the sale of the Property shall be delivered from the Authority to the County within two (2) business days following the date of the Authority's closing on the sale of the Property.

5. MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONAL TERMS

a. Good Faith. The Parties shall work together in good faith to implement this Agreement and facilitate the development and sale of the Property. The Parties shall consider in good faith any potential changes to this Agreement that may be reasonable in light of changes to market conditions.

b. Agreement Not Merged at Conveyance. This Agreement will not be superseded, cancelled, or otherwise merged into the deed from the County to the Authority.

c. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the complete agreement between the Parties and supersedes any and all other agreements, either oral or in writing, between the Parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement. No other agreement, statement or promise relating to the subject matter of this Agreement not contained in this Agreement shall be valid or binding. This Agreement may be modified or amended only by a written document signed by representatives of both Parties with appropriate authorization.

d. Authority to Contract. The individual executing this Agreement on behalf of each Party covenants and declares that he/she has obtained all necessary approvals of its board of commissioners, board of directors, or similar authorities to simultaneously execute and bind the Party to the terms of this Agreement.

e. Assignment. Each Party covenants and agrees not to assign or transfer any interest in, nor delegate any duties of this Agreement, without the prior express written consent of the other Party.

f. Successors and Assigns. Subject to the provision of this Agreement regarding assignment, this Agreement shall be binding on the heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns of the respective Parties.

g. Applicable Law. The Parties shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, rules and regulations. If any action at law or in equity is brought to enforce or interpret the provisions of this Agreement, the rules, regulations, statutes and laws of the State of Georgia will control. Any action or suit related to this Agreement shall be brought in the Superior Court of Walker County, or the applicable federal court for Walker County.

h. Notices. All notices, requests, demands, writings, or correspondence, as required by this Agreement, shall be in writing and shall be deemed received, and shall be effective, when: (1) personally delivered, or (2) on the third day after the postmark date when mailed by certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, or (3) upon actual delivery when sent via national overnight commercial carrier to the party at the addresses given below, or at a substitute address previously furnished to the other party by written notice in accordance herewith:

NOTICE TO THE COUNTY shall be sent to:

Walker County Board of Commissioners
Attn: Board Chair
101 S. Duke Street
LaFayette, Georgia 30728
Email: countychair@walkerga.us

NOTICE TO THE AUTHORITY shall be sent to:

Northwest Georgia Joint Development Authority
Attn: Ashleigh Givens,
Director of Marketing/Project Manager
10052 N. Hwy 27
Rock Springs, Georgia 30739
Email: ashleigh@northwestgeorgia.us

i. Waiver of Agreement. No failure by a Party to enforce any right or power granted under this Agreement, or to insist upon strict compliance by the opposite Party with this Agreement, and no custom or practice of a Party at variance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall constitute a general waiver of any future breach or default or affect the opposite Party's right to demand exact and strict compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

j. No Third-Party Rights. This Agreement shall be exclusively for the benefit of the Parties hereto and shall not provide any third parties with any remedy, claim, liability, reimbursement, cause of action or other right.

k. Sovereign Immunity. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to be a waiver of either Party's sovereign immunity or any individual's qualified good faith or official immunities.

(signature page follows)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County and Authority have set their hands and seals as of the Effective Date first provided above.

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

By: _____
Angie Teems, Chair

[COUNTY SEAL]

ATTEST:

_____
Lisa Richardson, County Clerk

NORTHWEST GEORGIA JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

By: _____
Chip Catlett, Chair

[AUTHORITY SEAL]

ATTEST:

_____
Michael Signiski, Secretary

EXHIBIT A

After recording, please return to:
Northwest Georgia Joint
Development Authority
Attn: Ashleigh Givens,
Director of Marketing/Project
10052 N. Hwy 27
Rock Spring, Georgia 30739

Re: Tax Parcel 2007 002
Tax Parcel 2007 003

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF WALKER

LIMITED WARRANTY DEED

THIS INDENTURE, made this _____ day of _____, 2025, between the **WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA**, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, hereinafter referred to as "Grantor", and the **NORTHWEST GEORGIA JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**, an instrumentality of the State of Georgia and a public corporation, hereafter called "Grantee."

WITNESSETH that Grantor, for and in consideration of TEN DOLLARS ($10.00) AND OTHER GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, in hand paid at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold, and conveyed, and by these presents does grant, bargain, and convey unto Grantee that certain tract(s) or parcel(s) of land lying and being in Land Lot 8, 4th Section, 9th District, Walker County, Georgia, totaling approximately 2.78 acres, more or less, and being more particularly described on Deed Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference thereto (the "Property"), subject only to the matters that are of record.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Property to Grantee, with all and singular the rights, members and appurtenances thereof, to the same being, belonging, or in anywise appertaining, to the only proper use, benefit and behoof of the said Grantee, its heirs, successors, and assigns, forever in FEE SIMPLE.

AND THE SAID GRANTOR will warrant and forever defend the right and title of the above-described property unto Grantee and Grantee against the claims of all persons claiming by, though, or under Grantor, but not otherwise, subject only to the Permitted Exceptions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor has executed this Deed under Seal on the date above written.

GRANTOR:

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of:

By: _____
Angie Teems, Chairman

_____
Witness

ATTEST:

_____
Notary Public
My Commission expires:

By: _____
Lisa Richardson, County Clerk

[NOTARY SEAL]

[COUNTY SEAL]

Deed Exhibit A

Legal Description of Record

Tract 1 (TPN 2007 002):

[to be determined]

Tract 2 (TPN 2007 003):

[to be determined]

RESOLUTION R-025-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WALKER COUNTY TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE NORTHWEST GEORGIA JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REGARDING DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN ROSSVILLE, GA

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 36-9-2 provides that each "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

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WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 36-9-3(a)(3)(A) authorizes the conveyance of county property to another body politic without the necessity of a sealed bid or auction process; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to convey the Property to the Authority for the Authority to use in a "Project" as defined under the Act, in part, as the property, real and/or personal, acquired or held by the Authority for the assistance, promotion, establishment or development of a new industry or industries, or the assistance, promotion or expansion of existing industry, trade or commerce in the County (see O.C.G.A. § 36-62-2).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Walker County Board of Commissioners, and it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. The above recitals are hereby incorporated as if fully stated herein.

2. The Board hereby agrees to the conveyance of the Property to the Northwest Georgia Joint Development Authority in furtherance of a Project under the terms and conditions included in that certain Memorandum of Understanding attached hereto as Exhibit A.

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SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:

Lisa Richardson

LISA RICHARDSON, County Clerk

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

Angela Teems

ANGELA TEEMS, Chairwoman

The foregoing Resolution received a motion for Approval from Commissioner Wilson, second by Commissioner Blakemore, and upon the question the vote is 4 ayes, Ø nays to Approve the Resolution.