

AGENDA
WALKER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WALKER COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX III, 201 S MAIN STREET
LAFAYETTE, GEORGIA 30728

The following constitutes the agenda for the regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia to be held on June 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING

- **Invocation & Pledges given by Chairman Whitfield**
- **Chairman Whitfield will Call to Order the Regular Meeting**
- **Clerk establishes a Quorum is present**
- **Approve Agenda** (Agenda amended at the meeting to add a lease agreement with Valley Mechanical, Inc.)
- **Approve Minutes**
Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Scheduled Meeting Held on May 26, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Informational**
Emily Sadler, Director, Walker County Animal Shelter
- **Public Comment**
- **New Business**
Resolution R-025-22 to Call for a Special Referendum Election to Permit Walker County, Georgia to Issue Licenses for the Package Sale of Distilled Spirits within the Unincorporated Limits of Walker County

Resolution R-026-22 to Appoint a Member of the Rossville Public Library Board

Resolution R-027-22 to Appoint a Member of the LaFayette-Walker County Library Board

Lease agreement between Walker County Government and Valley Mechanical, Inc. *(Item was added to the agenda at the meeting)*

Departmental Statistics for May 2022
- **Commissioner Comments**
- **Executive Session**
- **Adjourn**

***NEXT MEETING - June 23, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**



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

Minutes of the Regular Scheduled Meeting
June 9, 2022

I. Call to Order:

Chairman Shannon Whitfield called to order the Regular Scheduled Board of Commissioners Meeting held at Annex III, 201 S. Main Street, LaFayette, Georgia at 7:00 p.m. on June 9, 2022.

II. Attendees:

The following were present: Chairman Whitfield, Commissioner Robert Blakemore, Commissioner Mark Askew, Commissioner Brian Hart, Commissioner Robert Stultz, Legal and Policy Director David Gottlieb, Landfill Manager Paine Gily, Public Relations Director Joe Leggee, Economic Development Director Stephanie Watkins, Chief of Police Mitchell Moore and County Clerk Rebecca Wooden. Other guests signed in at the meeting as well. Please see the attached sign in sheet.

III. Approval of Agenda:

Chairman Whitfield made a motion to amend the agenda by adding a Lease Agreement with Valley Mechanical. Seconded by Commissioner Askew, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion was approved.

IV. Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Hart made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Scheduled Meeting held May 26, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Stultz, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion was approved.

V. Informational:

- I. Emily Sadler, Walker County Animal Shelter Director, presented the Board and the public with a slideshow presentation. She reviewed her staff and an overview of the types of animals that have been at the shelter. She gave the hours of operations for the public and told a little about what goes on during the closed hours. She reviewed the department's statistics over the past few years. She reviewed the goals of the shelter and the adoption and rescue process. She said the shelter gets a lot of donations and they are greatly appreciated. She said the shelter received a vaccination grant and has been able to have three successful vaccination clinics this year. Cortney Andes, Animal Shelter Manager, gave an overview of her experiences over the past four years working at the shelter. Krista Alexander, Animal Shelter Customer Service Representative, shared some of her interactions with the citizens since coming on board seven months ago. Chloe Clift, Animal Shelter Kennel Tech, said she was very proud of the low euthenazia rate at the shelter. Commissioner Stultz asked for an update on the kennel cough outbreak. Sadler explained how they were treating it and said all animals are doing better and should be back to normal by the end of next week. Commissioner Askew thanked the staff for their presentations. Commissioner Blakemore asked about the relationship with the Animal Control Staff and Director. Sadler explained the process of dispatching out to the Animal Control.

VI. Public Comment:

- I. Erin Reelbe said she has worked with shelters and rescues for many years. She asked about citizen volunteers for animals needing fosters at the shelter. She expressed concerns about home visits for adoptions. MaryKate McCaffrey with Floyd Felines and Friends explained her experiences with rescues in Floyd County and how Walker County Animal Shelter is doing a great job with the animals in the county. Sharon Rowin asked about foster programs within the county. Sadler explained the extensive process of fostering and that fosters are an extension of the Shelter, operating under its license, and said a foster program is not currently offered in the county. Commissioner Askew asked if the Shelter works with local rescues and what is the difference in a foster?. Sadler listed some of the local rescues they work with. Janice Williams expressed concerns with past incidents with the Shelter. Melvin Moody discussed the history of East Warren Road being adopted in 2016 and the problems with the road condition. He asked for a resolution on this issue by the next meeting on June 23, 2022. Jim Pope spoke about the County Manager position that was discussed at the previous meeting and the current duties of the Chairman of the Board. Julie Whitton said she works with Walker County Shelter and Control.

She gave details of prior experiences with helping Walker County Shelter animals and said that Sadler does a wonderful job. Jeff Mitchell, Director of Floyd County Animal Shelter and Control, said he has worked with the Walker County Animal Shelter for many years and they do an exceptional job. A lady who didn't state her name, explained she has talked with Sadler and the Shelter does a great job. She explained how she is planning to start a nonprofit transportation group for animals at Shelters.

VII. New Business:

- I. Chairman Whitfield read Resolution R-025-22 to call for a special referendum election to permit Walker County, Georgia to issue licenses for the package sale of distilled spirits within the unincorporated limits of Walker County. Commissioner Blakemore made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Stultz, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- II. Chairman Whitfield read Resolution R-026-22 to appoint a member of the Rossville Public Library Board. Chairman Whitfield made a motion to appoint Lorie Connell, seconded by Commissioner Blakemore, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- III. Chairman Whitfield read Resolution R-027-22 to appoint a member of the LaFayette-Walker County Library Board. Chairman Whitfield made a motion to appoint Kaye Thurman, seconded by Commissioner Hart, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- IV. Chairman Whitfield read the lease agreement between Walker County, Georgia and Valley Mechanical Inc. He said Valley Mechanical has been a long time business in Walker County. He said they will be using part of the old Coats American operations. He said they will use the property for storage. Legal and Policy Director David Gottlieb pointed out a typo that would be corrected if passed. Commissioner Blakemore made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Hart, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- V. Chairman Whitfield read the departmental statistics for May 2022.

VIII. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Blakemore thanked everyone for coming out and encouraged them to reach out with any concerns or questions.

Commissioner Askew thanked everyone for their support and coming out tonight. He gave information on the Walker County Farmers Market and encouraged everyone to go out and support so they can keep the Market open. He encouraged everyone to take advantage of any local produce that is available to help keep local ag going.

Commissioner Hart congratulated the Safety Committee on the grant they just received. He gave information on the American Legion Women's event coming up.

Commissioner Stultz thanked everyone for coming out and thanked all of the county employees for their hard work. He gave information on the Kids Fishing Rodeo coming up on Saturday in Rossville. He gave information on the Tails and Trails event coming up too.

Chairman Whitfield gave more details on the Kids Fishing Rodeo. He said there are free fishing poles available at the event and encouraged everyone to come out. He said the Farmers Market is wonderful and encouraged everyone to go out and support. He congratulated the City of LaFayette for putting on a great event, the Honeybee Festival.

IX. Executive Session:

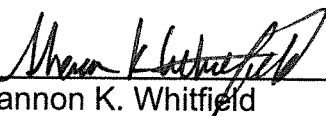
Chairman Whitfield made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel, real estate, and cybersecurity. Seconded by Commissioner Stultz, 4 ayes and 0 nays. The Executive Session began at 9:09 p.m. Chairman Whitfield called the regular scheduled meeting back to order at 10:40 p.m. and stated there was no action to be taken from the Executive Session.

X. Post Executive Session:

Chairman Whitfield stated there were a few people that came to speak that were not aware of when they needed to speak. He said the Board is going to make an exception and let them speak now. Lee Frye expressed concern and asked about making a petition against Resolution R-025-22. Chairman Whitfield said it could be denied when it goes on the ballot in November. Commissioner Askew said the final decision on the Resolution will come from the people when it is voted on in November. Eddie Frye asked if there was a petition against Resolution R-025-22 of 1,000 people could it be taken off of the ballot.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Hart made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Askew seconded the motion, motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m.



Shannon K. Whitfield
Chairman/CEO
Walker County Georgia

06-23-2022

Date

Minutes prepared by: Walker County Board Clerk, Whitney Summey

Regular Scheduled Commissioners Meeting

Walker County Annex III

June 9, 2022

7:00 PM

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

Regular Scheduled Commissioners Meeting

June 9, 2022

7:00 PM

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Cortney Anders Smith	Animal Shelter
Krista Alexander	Animal Shelter
Rachael Barbee	
LIBBY YOUNG	Mineral Bl. GA
Jan Eaton	Blue Ridge GA
Dustin Clift	
Chloe Clift	
Emily Sadler	Animal Shelter
BILL BROWNE	ROCK SPRING
PAINE GILY	LANDFILL
Erica / Melvin Moody / Austine Moody	
Kan R. Colley	
Laura Dwsley	LaFayette

Sign In Sheet

Regular Scheduled Commissioners Meeting

June 9, 2022

7:00 PM

Name

Address

Jim Pope

La Fayette, GA

M Moore

WCPD

Ernie Beckman

38 Monroe Green Road

Edward S. F. L.

1007 Foster Mill Dr

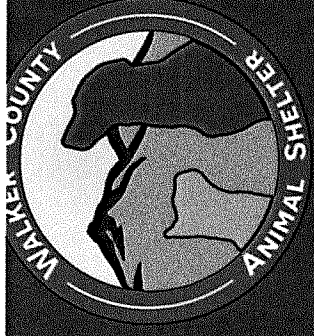
Stephen Watson

Rock Spring

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Bobby V. Smith



WALKER COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER



WHO ARE WE?

Employees:

Emily Sadler - Director

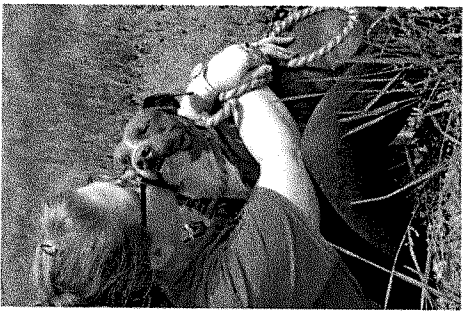
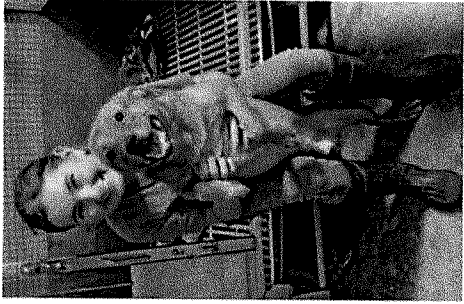
Cortney Andes - Smith - Manager

Krista Alexander - Customer Service

Chloe Clift - Kennel Tech II

Brittany Jordy - Kennel Tech I

Jeremy Hayes - Kennel Tech I



Operations:

We are open to the public:

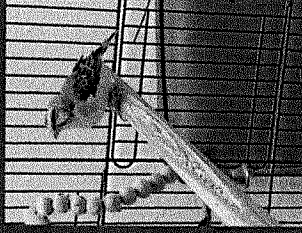
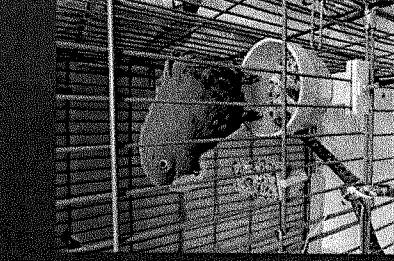
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Saturday from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

- Thursday - closed for vetting to spay/neuter animals
- We encourage appointments to better manage time with potential adopters
- We do not turn people away who walk-in
- We also work with people on an as needed basis to come in after hours or on days we are closed to the public in order to accommodate their schedules.

Operations (continued):

Unlike many other shelters, we intake small animals, birds and livestock.



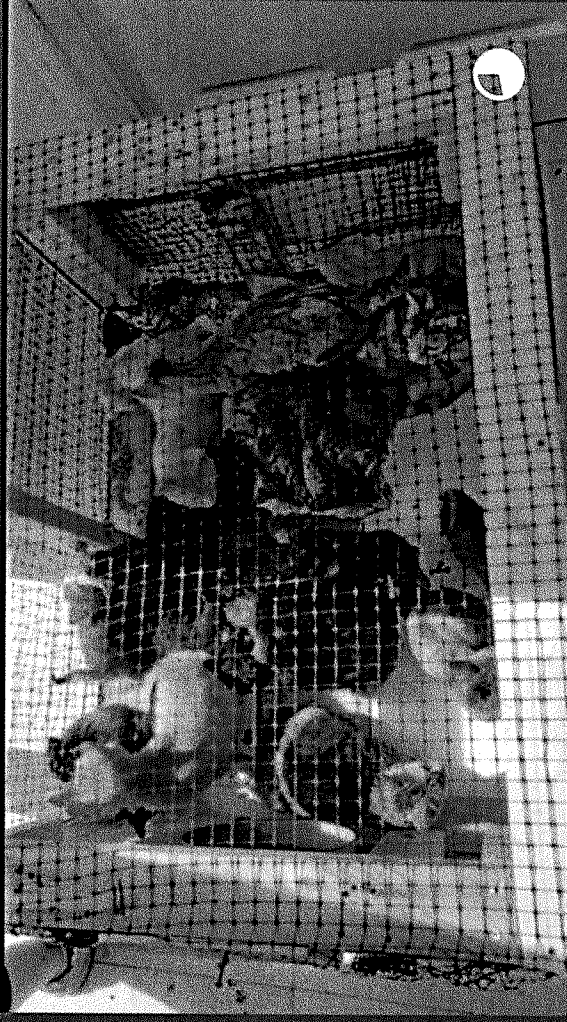
Operations (continued):

We have worked diligently to reduce the stress on animals during their stay at the shelter by limiting the kennel areas to just shelter staff.

- Dogs become overstimulated and stressed when unfamiliar people walk through
- Dogs do not present well in the kennel environment
- We house quarantined dogs for bites/rabies holds, court holds, neglect, etc.
- Limiting the kennel area reduces public risk
- Meet and greets are conducted with a shelter team member in the lobby or play yard, whichever a potential adopter prefers

Operations (continued):

We do require appointments for the surrender of owned animals. This is another way to combat euthanasia of adoptable companion animals. Without appointments based on capacity, it would be impossible not to euthanize hundreds of animals a month.



Previous Years Shelter Statistics:

2015 - Intake of dogs: 1652 Euthanized: 644
 Intake of cats: 1334 Euthanized: 871

2016 - Intake of dogs: 1301 Euthanized: 436
 Intake of cats: 1004 Euthanized: 630

2017 - Intake of dogs: 1628 Euthanized: 336
 Intake of cats: 979 Euthanized: 396

2019 Shelter Statistics:

July 2019 - December 2019:

- Intake: 697
- Returns from adoption: 10
- Adoptions: 154
- Euthanized: 23
- Return to Owner: 58
- Transferred to Rescues: 423

Live Outcome: 635 = 89.9%

2020 Shelter Statistics:

- Intake: 1,594
- Returns from adoption: 7
- Adoptions: 103
- Euthanized: 31
- Return to Owner: 122
- Transferred to Rescues: 1308

Live Outcome: 1,533 = 95.8%

2021 Shelter Statistics:

- Intake: 2,044
- Returns from adoption: 4
- Adoptions: 149
- Euthanized: 40
- Return to Owner: 260
- Transferred to Rescues: 1542

Live Outcome: 1,951 = 95.3%

2022 Shelter Statistics:

January 2022 - May 2022:

- Intake: 790
- Returns from adoption: 10
- Adoptions: 141
- Euthanized: 32
- Return to Owner: 127
- Transferred to Rescues: 503

Live Outcome: 771 = 96.4%

Euthanasia:

Euthanasia is the kindest option for some animals that enter our shelter. At times, we have to euthanize animals that are injured beyond repair and suffering or animals that have behavioral issues.

- Euthanasia rates at Walker County Animal Shelter have been below 5% since 2020.
- The shelter has purchased 5 bottles of euthanasia solution (Fatal Plus) since October 2019. Past records indicate the shelter purchased 200 bottles of euthanasia solution (Fatal Plus) from February 2011 - September 2017.

Shelter goals:

- To be proactive and get the homeless and unwanted animal population under control
- Focus on spay/neuter of public animals
- Assist owners in keeping pets in their home
- Educate the public on positive pet ownership
- Find homes for the animals in our shelter through adoption and rescue

From Incoming to Outgoing:

When an animal enters the shelter, our team begins assessment immediately.

If the animal is healthy, it receives appropriate vaccines, a deworming regimen and is rid of fleas/ticks and bathed, if necessary.

If the animal has health concerns, we communicate with our veterinarian regarding medical treatment. If we are unable to treat the issue in the shelter, we work to secure rescue for medical treatment. There are times we receive injured or critically ill animals that we have to transfer out as quick as possible.

Animals are medically treated, as necessary, throughout their stay in our shelter. Our team works diligently to recognize clinical signs or symptoms of common illness that can quickly spread throughout a shelter environment, such as parvo or panleuk. We disinfect daily, however in a shelter environment, illness is seen due to the high intake of animals from all environments with little to no vetting prior to arrival.

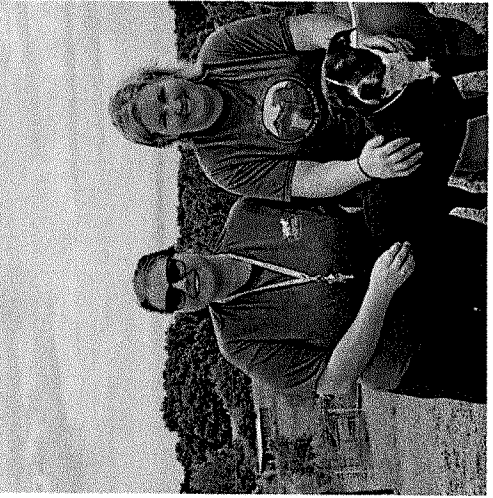
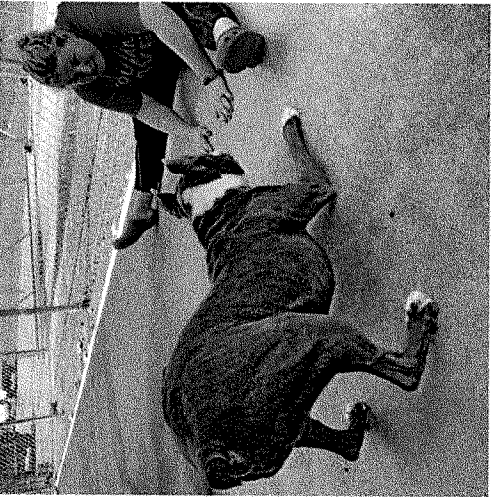
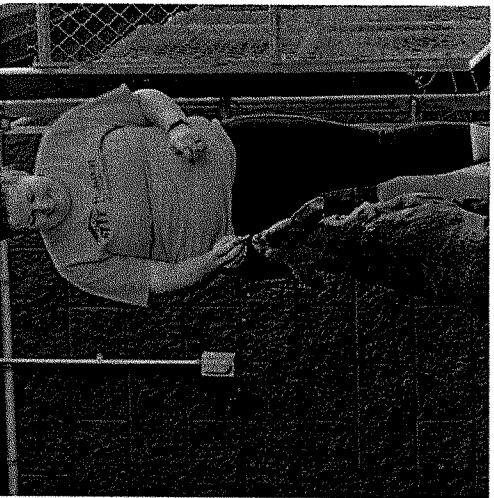
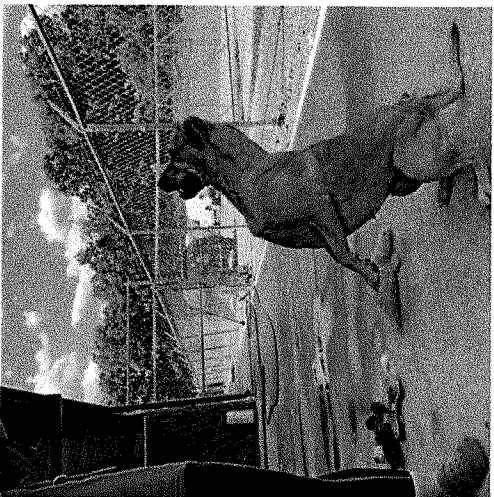
Knowing Our Shelter Animals:

During an animal's stay in our shelter, our team spends time with them to ensure we know as much as possible about their health, personality, likes/dislikes, behaviors, habits, etc.

We temperament test all dogs with other dogs and we will test with cats, so we know their personality and can inform our potential adopters and rescues.

When dogs come in undersocialized, our team spends extra time working with them to ensure we are providing them with the best possible outcome, whether that be adoption or rescue.

This knowledge about our shelter animals is imperative in forming the foundation of the animal's best chance in their new home. We strive to set every animal and adopter up for success in this transition and new relationship.

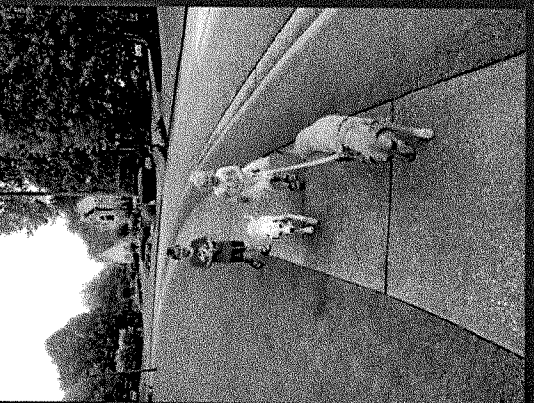


Adoptions:

- We list all animals available for adoption on the County website and our Facebook page
- Adoptable cats are fully vetted and can leave same day
- Adoptable dogs will be vetted prior to going to their new home, if not already vetted
- Vetting includes: spay/neuter, microchip, age appropriate vaccines and deworming
- We spend as much time with potential adopters as they need and are happy to answer their questions. We also allow and encourage meet and greets with the dogs they currently have in their home.

Adopters play a very vital role in the success of the shelter. We enjoy spending time with adopters, speaking with them and especially receiving updates of our shelter alumni in their new homes.





Transport, shelter and rescue partnerships:

The amount of animals produced in Walker County cannot be absorbed back into the community due to lack of homes therefore, transport is a viable option.

We have established several partnerships with rescues and shelters in northern states that have open space for animals due to their strict spay/neuter laws, lack of animals running at large, etc. These shelters have adopters waiting for available animals to arrive.

Some costs are reimbursed by receiving groups to assist with vetting and transport costs. This reimbursement goes back into Walker County.

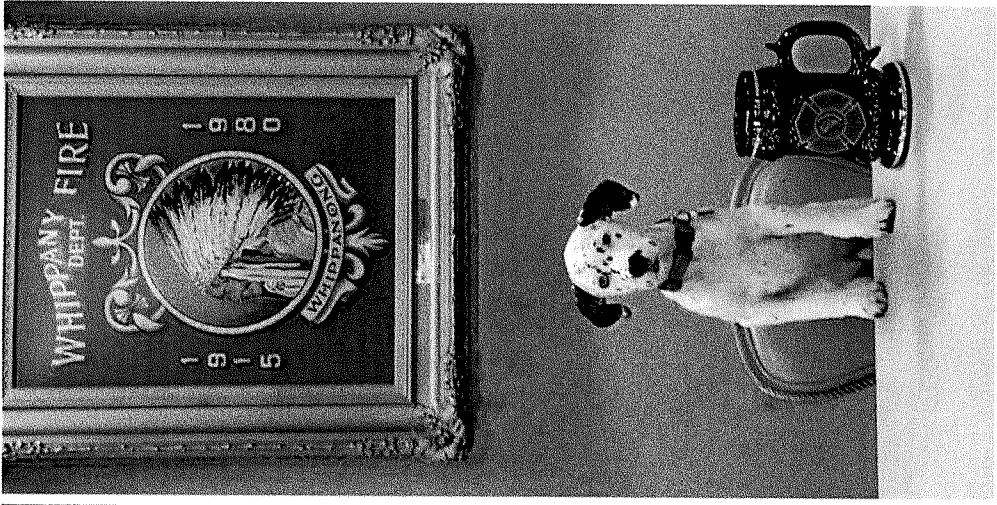
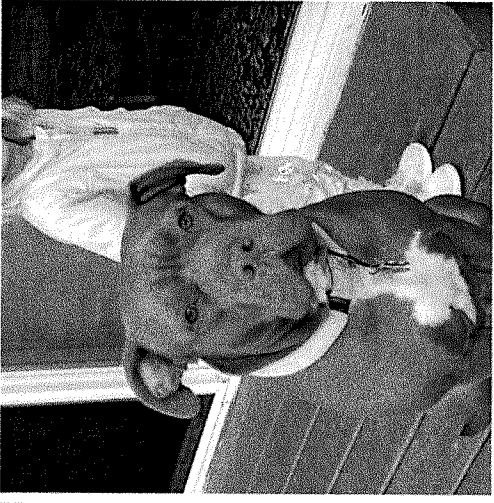
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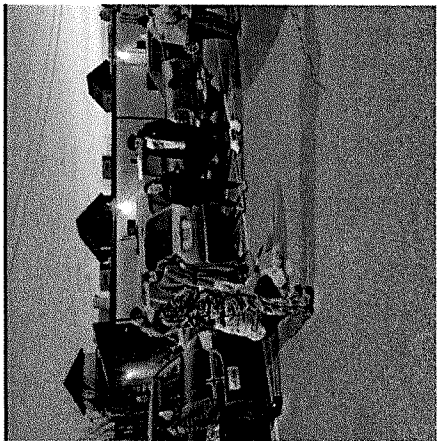
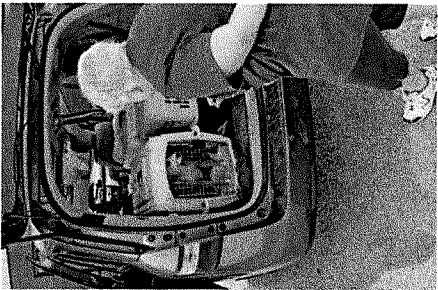
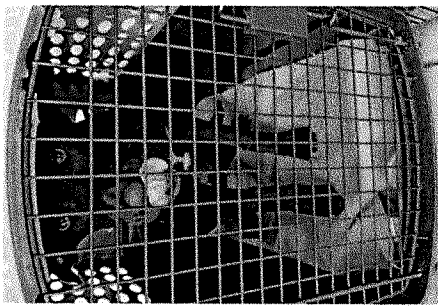
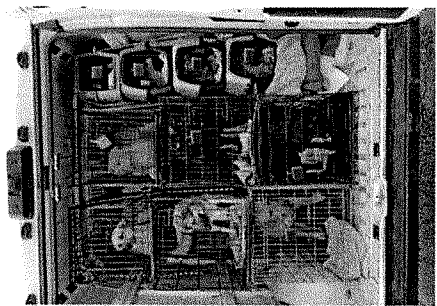
We align ourselves with shelters and rescues that share our values and goals. It is imperative that our partners spay/neuter animals they are adopting out or else we are not solving any problems.

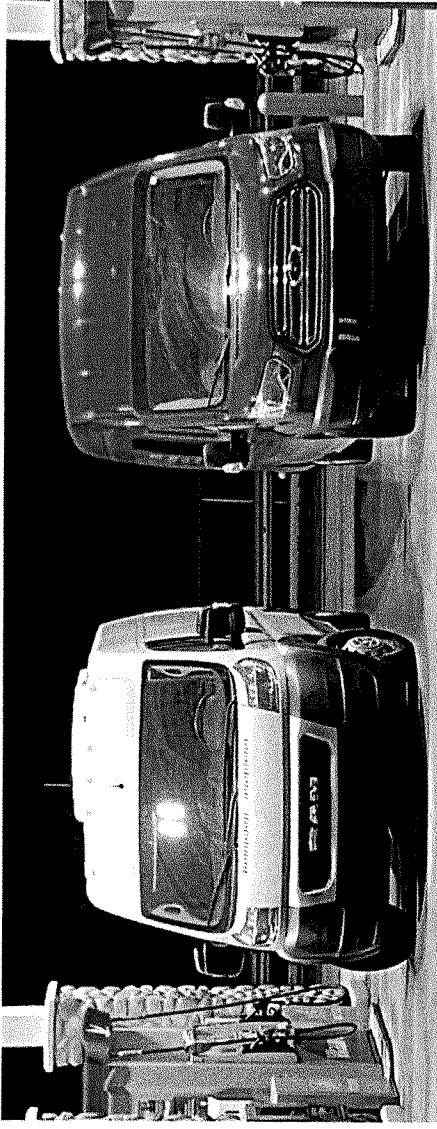
Our partner rescue groups play a vital role in saving the lives of not only adoptable animals, but animals that come into our care that are sick or injured. The animal shelter is not able to absorb the cost of vet care and medical treatment for some of the more serious cases. However, our partner rescue groups help alleviate those costs by assuming possession of the animal. Several partner rescue groups help transport animals out of state, as well.

We also have relationships with other animal shelters in Georgia. These partnerships include joint transports, sharing knowledge and supporting one another in our positions.

Without these partnerships, a majority of the homeless animals in our shelter would be euthanized.





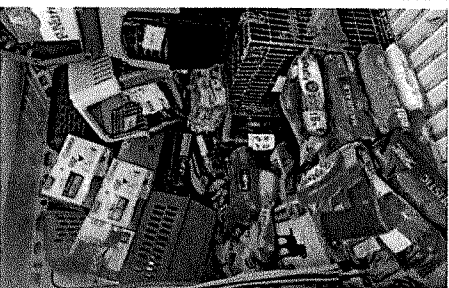
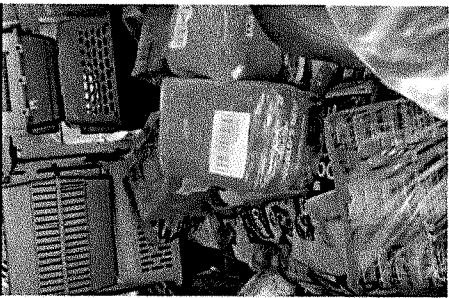
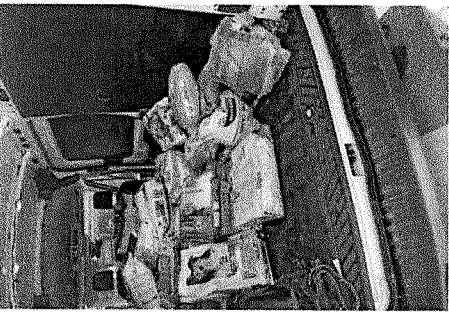
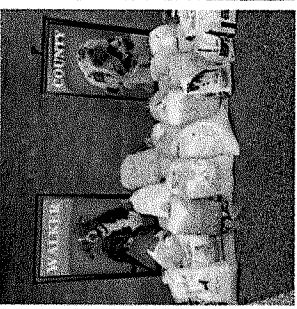
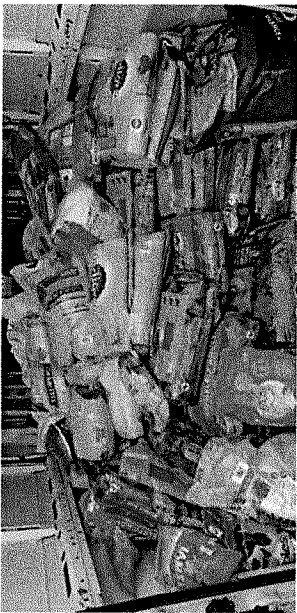
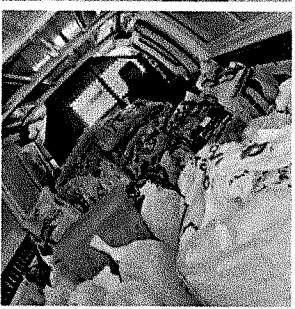
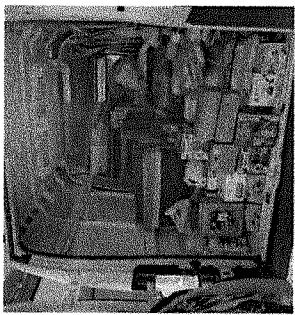


Donations:

We have many community members who donate to the shelter, whether it be monetary or supplies. These donations are greatly appreciated and received with gratitude.

We also have many rescues who donate to our shelter. We receive large donations of food, treats, toys, bedding, cleaning supplies, medication, etc. from our rescue partners. The support that our shelter receives is astounding and very much appreciated.

These donations offset the cost our shelter would incur for basic supplies and necessities to care for the animals.



Community Services and Outreach:

Since mid 2019, we have worked with citizens to assist with low cost and/or free spay/neuter through multiple animal welfare organizations.

The shelter has assisted many citizens with dog/cat food and litter in times of need. This service also allows pets to stay in their homes.

In 2022, we were the recipients of a vaccine grant provided to vaccinate public animals against serious diseases at no cost to the citizens. We held three public vaccine/microchip clinics which were very successful. During these clinics, we lined up several free spay/neuter services at no cost to Walker County.

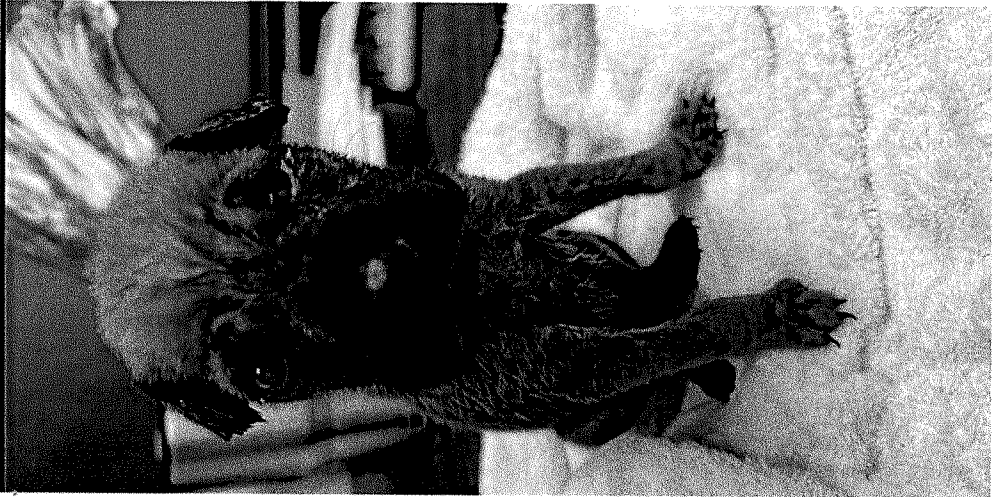
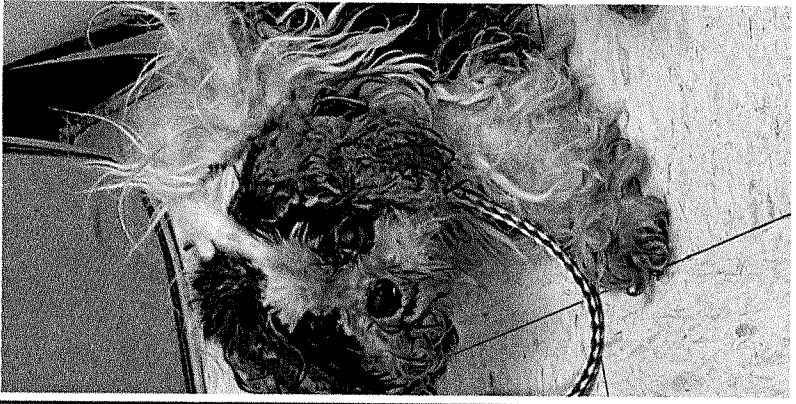
Free spay/neuter services are also offered to citizens who are surrendering puppies and kittens, at no cost to Walker County.

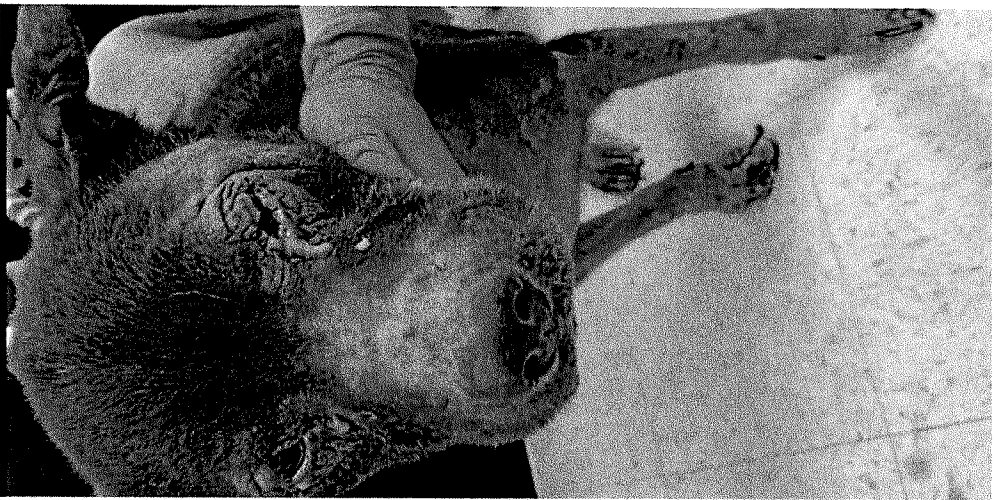
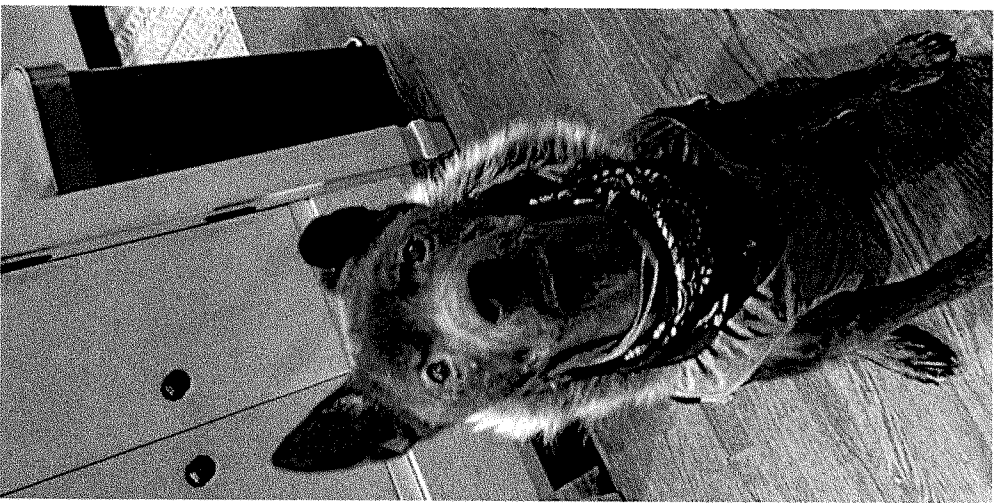
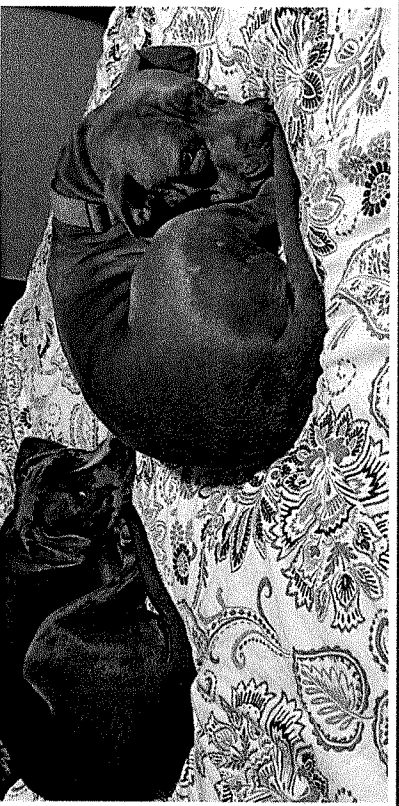


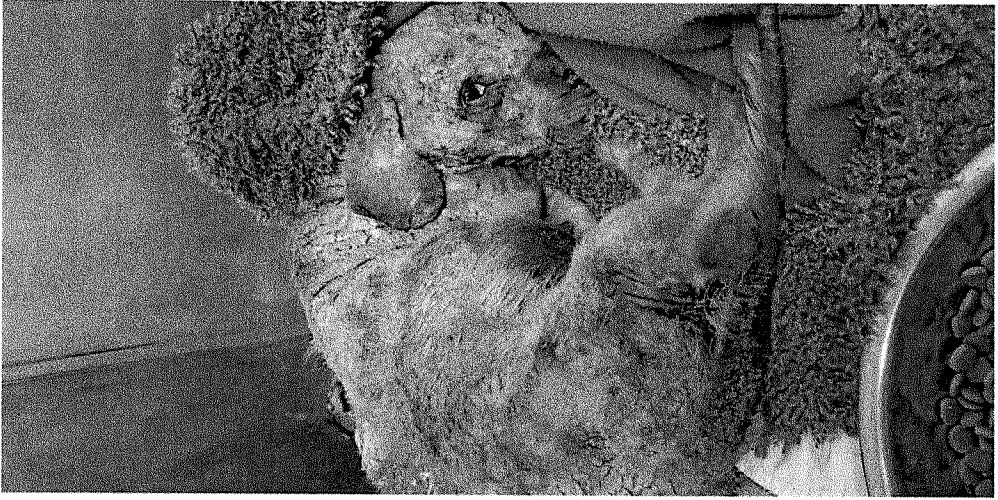
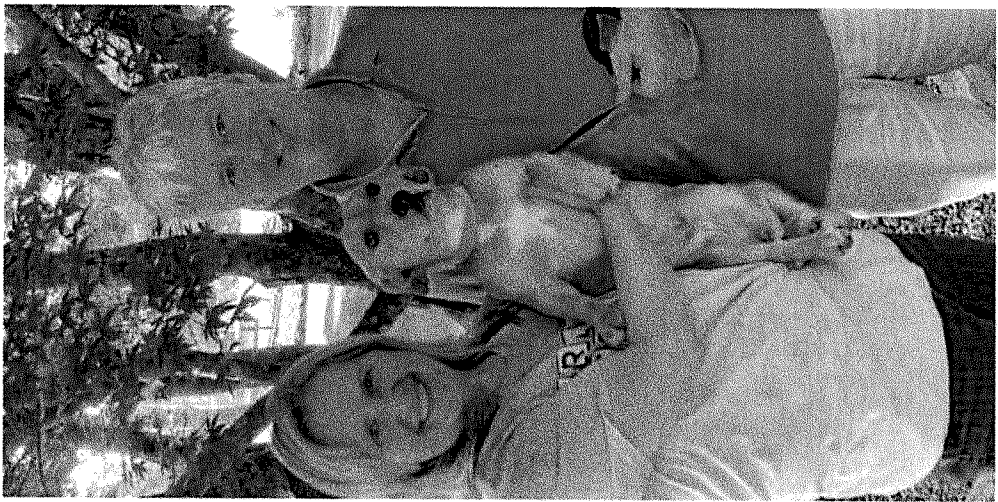
Changing Lives...

Our shelter team values each and every animal's life that comes through our doors. We love and care for them, as if they were our own pets. After all, this is our second home.

We take pride in the jobs we have been entrusted to do and we hold the welfare of our shelter animals to the highest standard and vow to do what is in the best interest of the animals.









WE ARE CHANGING LIVES...



RESOLUTION R-025-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA TO CALL FOR A SPECIAL REFERENDUM ELECTION TO PERMIT WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA TO ISSUE LICENSES FOR THE PACKAGE SALE OF DISTILLED SPIRITS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED LIMITS OF WALKER COUNTY

WHEREAS, Section 3-4-41 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated provides that in the event the governing authority of any county desires to exercise the powers authorized by Section 3-4-41 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, which section provides that a county may authorize, through proper resolution or ordinance, the issuance of licenses for the package sale of distilled spirits; and

WHEREAS, Section 3-4-41(a) of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated provides that such authorization is conditioned upon a special referendum election wherein voters of the county vote on the question of whether or not the governing authority of the county shall be permitted to issue licenses for the package sale of distilled spirits; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Walker County has determined it is desirable to exercise the powers authorized by Section 3-4-41(a) of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated within Walker County; provided more than one-half of the votes cast in the special referendum election are in favor of issuing licenses for the package sale of distilled spirits; and

WHEREAS, Section 21-2-540 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated designates the Tuesday after the first Monday in November as a date on which a special referendum election may be held for the purpose of a referendum called under Section 3-4-41(a) of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; and

WHEREAS, there has been no special referendum election held by Walker County to determine whether its governing authority shall be permitted to issue licenses for the package sale of distilled spirits within the unincorporated limits of Walker County within the two (2) year period immediately preceding the date of this Resolution; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia that the Board of Elections and Registration for Walker County, Georgia is hereby authorized to issue notice of the call of a special referendum election to be held on November 8, 2022, for the purpose of submitting to the voters of Walker County the question of whether or not the Board of Commissioners of Walker County shall be permitted to issue licenses for the package sale of distilled spirits within the unincorporated limits of Walker County.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following notice of the special referendum election be published once a week for four (4) weeks, immediately preceding the date of the special referendum election in the official legal organ of Walker County, Georgia:



WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
NOTICE TO ALL OF SPECIAL REFERENDUM ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that Walker County, Georgia will hold a Special Referendum Election on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, for the purpose of voting on the question of whether or not the governing authority of Walker County, Georgia shall be permitted to issue licenses for the package sale of distilled spirits within the unincorporated limits of Walker County.

The ballot will read as follows:

"Shall the issuance of licenses for the package sale of distilled spirits within the unincorporated limits of Walker County be approved?"

[] YES
[] NO

Those desiring to vote in favor of the issuance of licenses shall vote "Yes." Those desiring to vote against the issuance of licenses shall vote "No."

Only those voters registered in Walker County, Georgia shall be allowed to vote in the Special Referendum Election.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is directed to notify the Board of Elections and Registration through the Elections Superintendent of the referendum by forwarding a copy of this Resolution.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon receipt of this Resolution, the Elections Superintendent shall issue the call and shall conduct the election in the manner prescribed in O.C.G.A. 21-2-540.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the registration books to register voters to vote in the special referendum election are to be held open until the 11th day of October, 2022.

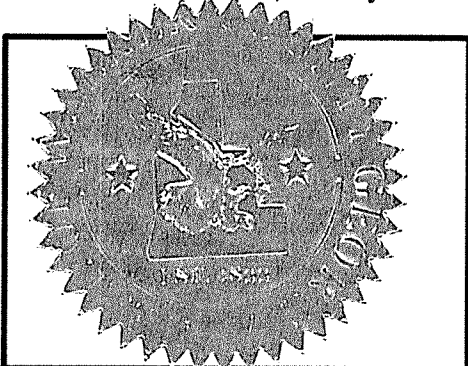
SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of June 2022.

ATTEST:

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

REBECCA WOODEN, County Clerk

SHANNON K. WHITFIELD, Chairman



The foregoing Resolution received a motion for approval from Commissioner Blakemore, second by Commissioner Stutty, and upon the question the vote is 4 ayes, 0 nays to approve the Resolution.



RESOLUTION R-026-22

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WALKER COUNTY TO
APPOINT A MEMBER OF THE ROSSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD**

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

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

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A § 20-5-42 (a) provides that a county board of trustees shall consist of at least one appointee from each governmental agency financially supporting the library on a regular basis; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 20-5-42 (b) provides that a regional board of library trustees shall consist of trustees serving on members county boards who are appointed to the regional board by each county board for a term specified in writing pursuant to the constitution and bylaws of the library system; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy will soon exist on the Rossville Public Library Board due to the expiration of the term for Lorie Connell; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Whitfield submits the following appointment to serve on the Rossville Public Library Board:

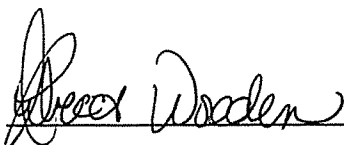
Lorie Connell - for a term beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2025

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

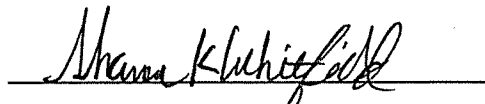
SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of June, 2022.

ATTEST:

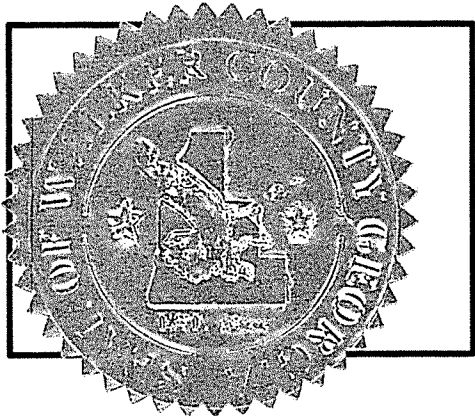
WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA



REBECCA WOODEN, County Clerk

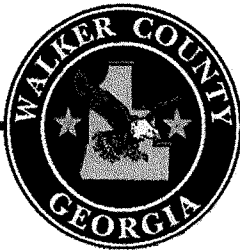


SHANNON K. WHITFIELD, Chairman



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

P.O. Box 445
LaFayette, GA 30728
walkercountyga.gov



Office: 706.638.1437
commissioner@walkerga.us

Shannon K. Whitfield
Chairman/CEO
Walker County, GA

June 9, 2022

Lorie Connell
415 County Squire Lane
Chickamauga, GA 30707

Dear Ms. Connell:

As a funding agency of the three Walker County Public Libraries, the Walker County Commission is responsible for appointing members to the local Boards of Trustees. The term of office is three years, with the possibility of re-appointment for a total of four three-year terms.

I have reappointed you to a term on the Rossville Public Library Board of Trustees. This term is for a term beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2025.

The next meeting will be at 4:30 p.m. on July 26 at the Rossville Public Library.

We appreciate your willingness to serve as a library board member. If you have questions, you may call Lecia Eubanks, Director, at 706-638-7557.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Shannon K. Whitfield".

Shannon K. Whitfield
Chairman/CEO
Walker County Board of Commissioners



RESOLUTION R-027-22

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WALKER COUNTY TO
APPOINT A MEMBER OF THE LAFAYETTE-WALKER COUNTY PUBLIC
LIBRARY BOARD**

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

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

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 20-5-42 (a) provides that a county board of trustees shall consist of at least one appointee from each governmental agency financially supporting the library on a regular basis; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 20-5-42 (b) provides that a regional board of library trustees shall consist of trustees serving on members county boards who are appointed to the regional board by each county board for a term specified in writing pursuant to the constitution and bylaws of the library system; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy will soon exist on the LaFayette-Walker County Public Library Board due to the expiration of the term for Kaye Thurman; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Whitfield submits the following appointment to serve on the LaFayette-Walker County Public Library Board:

Kaye Thurman - for a term beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2025

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

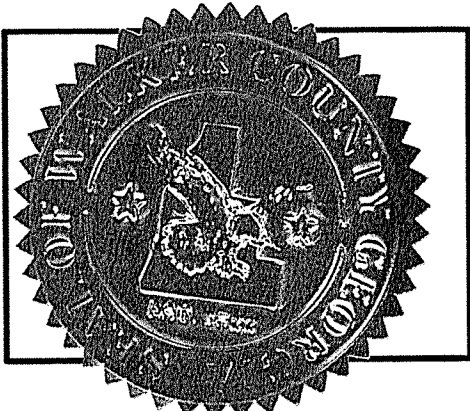
SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of June, 2022.

ATTEST:

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

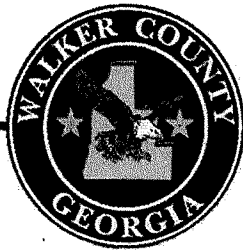
REBECCA WOODEN, County Clerk

SHANNON K. WHITFIELD, Chairman



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

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Shannon K. Whitfield
Chairman/CEO
Walker County, GA

June 9, 2022

Kaye Thurman
1223 E. Reed Road
LaFayette, GA 30728

Dear Ms. Thurman:

As a funding agency of the three Walker County Public Libraries, the Walker County Commission is responsible for appointing members to the local Boards of Trustees. The term of office is three years, with the possibility of re-appointment for a total of four three-year terms.

I have reappointed you to a term on the LaFayette-Walker County Public Library Board of Trustees. This term is for a term beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2025.

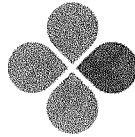
The next meeting will be at 4:00 p.m. on July 25 at the LaFayette-Walker County Public Library.

We appreciate your willingness to serve as a library board member. If you have questions, you may call Lecia Eubanks, Director, at 706-638-7557.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Shannon K. Whitfield".

Shannon K. Whitfield
Chairman/CEO
Walker County Board of Commissioners



Cherokee Regional Library System

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Mr. Shannon Whitfield
Walker County Executive Commissioner
PO Box 445
LaFayette, GA 30728

May 18, 2022

Dear Commissioner Whitfield:

As a governmental funding agency that supports the LaFayette-Walker County Public Library, the Rossville Public Library, and the Chickamauga Public Library, the Walker County Commission makes a total of six appointments to the local Library Boards of Trustees. According to law, these appointments are set up on a rotating basis. The Constitutions of these Boards of Trustees states that

-  The term of office is three years, starting July 1
-  No member may serve on this board for more than four successive three-year terms of office.

There are two re-appointments we are asking you to make at your next meeting.

<u>Re-Appointee</u>	<u>Library Board</u>	<u>Term</u>
1. Lorie Connell 415 County Squire Lane Chickamauga, GA 30707	Rossville Public Library Board	July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2025
2. Kaye Thurman 1223 E. Reed Road LaFayette, GA 30728	LaFayette-Walker Public Library Board	July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2025

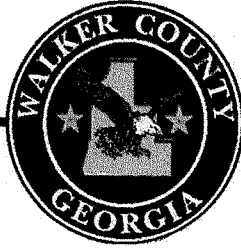
We ask that you make these appointments during the month of June, and that you notify the appointee and the library, in writing, in accordance with law. The next meeting of the Rossville Public Library Board of Trustees is July 26, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. at the Rossville Public Library and the LaFayette-Walker County Public Library meets next on July 25, 2022. For your convenience, I am attaching a form letter you may wish to use in notifying the appointee and the library of these appointments.

Thank you for your thoughtful attention to these important appointments to represent the citizens of Walker County on the public library boards of trustees.

Sincerely,

Lecia Eubanks, Director
Cherokee Regional Library System

P.O. Box 445
LaFayette, GA 30728
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Office: 706.638.1437
commissioner@walkerga.us

Shannon K. Whitfield
Chairman/CEO
Walker County, GA

June 9, 2022

Lecia Eubanks, Director
Cherokee Regional Library
305 South Duke Street
LaFayette, GA 30728

Dear Mrs. Eubanks:

The following people have been re-appointed to the local Public Library Boards of Trustees:

1. Lorie Connell – Term is July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2025.
2. Kaye Thurman – Term is July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2025.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Shannon K. Whitfield".

Shannon K. Whitfield
Chairman/CEO
Walker County Board of Commissioners

LEASE AGREEMENT

This Lease Agreement ("Lease") is entered into between Walker County, Georgia, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia ("Lessor"), and Valley Mechanical, Inc. ("Lessee").

1. **Leased Premises:** Lessor leases to Lessee a certain tract of unimproved land surrounded by chain link fencing located on Maple Street, Rossville, Walker County, Georgia, being Tax and Map Parcel No. 2007 003 "(Premises)".
2. **Lease Term:** The term of this Lease is one year, beginning June 1, 2022 and ending May 31, 2023 ("Lease Term").
3. **Rent:** Lessee shall pay to Lessor a monthly rental of \$1,500.00 per month. Rent shall be due on the first day of each month of the Lease Term. Rent for the entire non-prorated month of June, 2022 shall be due on the date that Tenant signs this Lease Agreement.
4. **Default:** If (1) Lessee defaults in the payment of rent for 10 days after the due date; or (2) if Lessee fails to abide by any other obligations of this Lease Agreement and fails after notice to cure said default within 10 days, then Lessor may, at its option, immediately terminate this Lease Agreement by providing notice to Lessee, and Lessee shall immediately thereafter surrender possession of the Premises to Lessor and remove all of Lessee's personal property from the Premises.
5. **Use of Leased Premises:** The Premises shall be used by Lessee for the purpose of storage of its personal property. Any other use of the Premises by Lessee must be pre-approved in writing by Lessor. Lessee's use of the Premises shall be in compliance with all laws and ordinances.
6. **Acceptance of Premises:** Lessee accepts the Premises in the condition in which it now exists as suitable for Lessee's use of the Premises. Lessee shall not make any improvements or other changes to the Premises without the prior written approval of Lessor. Lessee shall return the Premises to Lessor in the same condition as it existed at the beginning of the Lease Term.
7. **Liability and Insurance:** Lessee shall indemnify and hold harmless Lessor from any claims for any damages, including personal injuries or property damage arising out of the use of the Premises by Lessee or any third party, except for any damages that are the result of the negligence of Lessor. Lessee shall add Lessor as an additional insured on Lessee's general liability insurance policy, and Lessee shall provide Lessor with a copy of the certificate of insurance to Lessor.

8. **Notices:** Any notices that are to be given pursuant to this Lease Agreement shall be delivered by one of the following methods: certified mail, email, or hand delivery, to the following addresses:

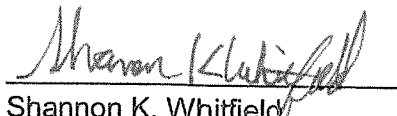
Lessor: Walker County Government, Attn: Commission Chairman. 101 S. Duke Street, P.O. Box 445, LaFayette, GA 30728; commissioner@walkerga.us

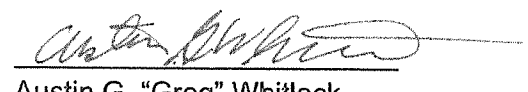
Lessee: Valley Mechanical, Inc., Attn: Greg Whitlock, 608 Salem Road, Rossville, GA 30741; gwhitlock@valleymechn.com

9. **Entire Agreement:** This Lease Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between Lessor and Lessee regarding the lease of the Premises. Any modifications to the Lease Agreement must be in writing and signed by both Lessor and Lessee.

Walker County, Georgia

Valley Mechanical, Inc.


Shannon K. Whitfield
Commissioner Chairman/CEO


Austin G. "Greg" Whitlock
QC Manager

Walker County Departmental Statistics - May 2022



Department		Monthly Totals						YTD Totals		YTD Totals		Yearly Totals		Yearly Totals		Yearly Totals	
Animal Shelter		April		May		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018		2017	
		Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats
Intake		86	69	95	78	483	288	1,322	648	1,093	516	1,094	295	1,176	25	1,628	979
Outake (Adopted, Rescued, Returned)		102	87	77	55	491	269	1,281	624	1,091	474	1,099	279	1,012	47	1,134	444
Adopted		13	18	17	17	53	70	31	91	33	65	208	152	138	34	217	147
Rescued		68	64	47	28	323	178	999	494	919	397	766	119	749	13	686	295
Returned to Owner		17	0	12	5	110	11	238	18	119	6	112	3	125	0	231	2
Euthanized		4	5	1	5	16	15	17	23	20	6	31	7	56	2	336	396
Codes Enforcement & Litter		April		May		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018		2017	
In Compliance		218		285		2,133		19,409		6,672		9,309		5,124		4,745	
Violations		30		30		145		402		343		435		857		1,469	
Closed Cases		1		3		19		154		161		58		339		480	
Roadside Trash Pounds		9,480		5,040		37,020		143,723		143,800		143,330		122,912		123,020	
Elections		April		May		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018		2017	
Registered Voters		205		n/a		42,073		43,025		43,719		40,281		38,202		35,842	
Fire Department		April		May		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018		2017	
Calls for Service		413		519		2,560		4,173		3,478		6,091		5,670		4,441	
Units Handling Calls for Service		676		749		4,106		7,024		5,705		8,815		6,359		4,742	
Smoke Alarms Installed		19		15		99		368		322		781		228		21	
Mountain Cove Farms		April		May		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018		2017	
Total Nights Booked		167		189		438		892		840		1,102		908		525	
Planning		April		May		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018		2017	
Single Family New Home Construction		12		12		70		157		150		128		124		135	
Public Relations		April		May		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018		2017	
Media Impressions (stories)		32		36		147		460		460		451		509		603	
Facebook Followers Added		72		95		2,230		1,227		2,768		1,880		2,182		4,615	
Facebook Posts		34		51		135		519		888		602		487		594	
WalkerCountyGA.gov views		43,002		44,319		207,261		568,384		668,051		357,989		316,285		399,087	
Newsletter Subscribers Added		40		36		167		1,376		1,104		971		925		1,184	
Public Works		April		May		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018		2017	
Patching/Potholes		495		356		1,543		4,157		5,785		6,148		4,798		no data	
Walker Transit		April		May		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018		2017	
Total Trips		2,262		2,306		10,458		18,420		17,436		26,535		21,551		24,938	

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

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

1.

The Walker County Board of Commissioners met in an open and duly advertised meeting on June 9, 2022.

2.

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

3.

In my capacity as Commission Chairman, I preside over the executive session. The executive session was called to order at 9:15 p.m. The following Commissioners were present: Blakemore, Askeu, Whitfield, Hart, and Stultz

Also in attendance: County Attorney Gottlieb

4.

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

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

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

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

SKW ☒ **Other:** (describe exemption of the open meeting law) Cybersecurity

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

Seal No other matters were discussed during the executive session.

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

This 9th day of June, 2022.

Shannon K. Whitfield

Print Name: Shannon K. Whitfield

Print Title: Commission Chairman

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
9th day of June, 2022.

David D. Gottlieb

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____

