

January 5, 2021

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Historic Walton County Courthouse. Those participating in the meeting included Chairman David G. Thompson, Commissioners Bo Warren, Mark Banks, Timmy Shelnett, Jeremy Adams, Lee Bradford and Kirklyn Dixon, Asst. County Clerk Rhonda Hawk, Finance Director Milton Cronheim, HR Director Karen Fraser, Planning Director Charna Parker and County Attorney Chip Ferguson. A list of employees and citizens in attendance at the meeting is on file in the auxiliary file under this meeting date.

MEETING OPENING

Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Shelnett gave the invocation.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Commissioner Warren made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Approval of Z20100016 – Rezone 5.00 acres from R1 to A1 to allow animals – Applicant: Jose A Escutia/Owner: Jose Antonio Escutia Alvarez – 2751 Chandler Rd-Map/Parcel C1940018J00 – District 4

Chairman Thompson opened the public hearing on the matter. The Applicant's daughter came before the Board in support of the rezone. There was no one present in opposition. Chairman Thompson closed the public hearing on the matter.

Motion: Commissioner Bradford made a motion to approve the rezone with no exotic animals being allowed and to abide by the maximum number of animals allowed in A-1. Commissioner Shelnett seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Approval of CU20100020 - Conditional Use for a Guest House – Applicant: Janet Rivas/Owners: Juvenal Navarrette Dias & Janet Rivas – 5280 Ozora Church Rd-Map/Parcel C0340022 – District 1

Chairman Thompson opened the public hearing on the matter. The Applicant's builder came before the Board in support of the Conditional Use. There was no one present in opposition. Chairman Thompson closed the public hearing on the matter.

Motion: Commissioner Warren made a motion to approve the Conditional Use as presented by the Planning Commission. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Denial of Land Use Change LU20110002 & Rezone/Conditional Use/Variance Z20110001 – Land Use Change on 1 acre on 3865 Pointer Road from Suburban to Hwy. Corridor and Rezone 11.78 acres from A1 to B2 with conditional use for mini warehouses with outdoor storage and allow the use of existing 1,516 sq. ft. home as caretaker residence and variance to reduce transitional buffer from 50' to 25' - Applicant: Linda B Linkous/Property Owners Linda B. Linkous, Brian & Sherry Stricklin - 5348 & 5358 Hwy. 20 and 3865 Pointer Road - Map/Parcel C0080011D, C0080008 & 0009- District 2

Chairman Thompson opened the public hearing on the matter. Planning Director Charna Parker explained that the Applicant was requesting to withdraw the matter. Attorney Andrea Gray spoke on behalf of the residents of Pointer Road in opposition of the rezone. Michael Frederick of Waverly subdivision also spoke in opposition. Chairman Thompson closed the public hearing on the matter.

Motion: Commissioner Banks made a motion to approve the withdrawal of the rezone. Commissioner Shelnut seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Approval of Z20110003– Rezone 119.60 acres from A1 to A for cattle operation/increase herd size – Applicant: Lee & Bonnie Chandler – 2946 Chandler Rd-Map/Parcel C1940073 – District 4

Chairman Thompson opened the public hearing on the matter. Applicant Lee Chandler came before the Board in support of the rezone. There was no one present in opposition. Chairman Thompson closed the public hearing on the matter.

Motion: Commissioner Bradford made a motion to approve the rezone as requested for cattle only. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Decision to abandon portion of River Way - Rivermist Subdivision - Dist. 4

Chairman Thompson opened the public hearing on the matter. Planning Director Charna Parker presented the request for abandonment of River Way located in Rivermist Subdivision. There was no one present in opposition. Chairman Thompson closed the public hearing on the matter.

Motion: Commissioner Bradford made a motion to abandon the stated right of way. Commissioner Shelnut seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

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opposition. Chairman Thompson closed the public hearing on the matter.
Motion: Commissioner Adams made a motion to accept the right of way on Etchison Spur. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS

ROW Abandonment - East Hightower and US 278

Planning Director Charna Parker presented the request for abandonment of right of way on East Hightower and US 78.

Motion: Commissioner Bradford made a motion to start the process of abandonment. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of December 1, 2020 Meeting Minutes
2. Contracts & Budgeted Purchases of \$5,000.00 or Greater
3. Proposed change to Safety Policy & Procedures Manual
4. Declaration of Surplus Property

Chairman Thompson requested to table the approval of Contracts & Budgeted Purchases in order to give time for review. He requested a meeting be held on January 14th,

Motion: Commissioner Dixon made a motion to table the Contracts & Budgeted Purchases until January 14th, seconded by Commissioner Shelnett. All voted in favor.

Motion: Commissioner Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shelnett to approve the minutes of December 1, 2020. All voted in favor.

Motion: Commissioner Bradford made a motion to approve the proposed change to the Safety Policy and Procedures Manual. Commissioner Shelnett seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Shelnett made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the list of surplus property as presented. All voted in favor.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Presentation of FY 2020 Audit

Christopher McKellar of Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC presented the FY2020 Audit.

Motion: Commissioner Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bradford to accept the FY2020 Audit; voted and carried unanimously.

FY 2021 Budget Amendments

Motion: Commissioner Bradford made a motion to approve the budget amendments. Commissioner Shelnut seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

RESOLUTION

Setting time, dates & location of the regular monthly meetings of the Board of Commissioners for 2021

Motion: Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the resolution setting meeting times for 2021. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS

10.01 County Clerk

10.02 Assistant County Clerk

10.03 County Attorney

10.04 Vice Chairman

10.05 Walton County Planning Commission

10.06 Walton County Board of Appeals

10.07 Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority

10.08 Board of Elections

Motion: Commissioner Banks made a motion to advertise for the position of County Clerk. Commissioner Shelnut seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Motion: Commissioner Shelnut made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Warren to table the remaining appointments until the January 14th meeting; voted and carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION

Radon Action Month

Chairman Thompson read a Proclamation declaring January 2021 as Radon Action Month.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: At 7:01 p.m., Commissioner Shelnut made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Warren to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters, litigation, economic development and acquisition of real estate. Commissioners Warren, Banks, Shelnut, Bradford, Adams and Dixon voted in favor of the motion.

Motion: At 7:43 p.m., Commissioner Warren made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shelnut, to return to regular session. Commissioners Warren, Banks, Shelnut, Bradford, Adams and Dixon voted in favor of the motion.

No votes were taken in executive session.

Motion: Commissioner Banks made a motion to appoint Rhonda Hawk as interim County Clerk with supplemental pay beginning January 1, 2021 until the permanent position is filled. Commissioner Bradford seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Warren made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Banks, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

All documents of record for this meeting are on file in either the addendum book or auxiliary file under this meeting date.

DAVID G. THOMPSON, CHAIRMAN

RHONDA HAWK, ASST. CO. CLERK