

January 14, 2021

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting on Thursday, January 14, 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, Interim County Clerk Rhonda Hawk, Finance Director Milton Cronheim, HR Director Karen Fraser, 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 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Shelnett gave the invocation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

***Motion:** At 6:01 p.m., Commissioner Banks made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters. Commissioners Warren, Banks, Shelnett, Bradford, Adams and Dixon voted in favor of the motion.*

***Motion:** At 6:17 p.m., Commissioner Bradford made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Adams, to return to regular session. Commissioners Warren, Banks, Shelnett, Bradford, Adams and Dixon voted in favor of the motion.*

No votes were taken in executive session.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

***Motion:** Commissioner Adams made a motion to adopt the agenda adding item 6:02, authorizing HR to advertise for an Executive Administrative Assistant. Commissioner Shelnett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Contracts & Budgeted Purchases of \$5,000 or Greater

***Motion:** Commissioner Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Banks to approve the Contracts & Budgeted Purchases of \$5,000 or Greater. All voted in favor.*

APPOINTMENTS

County Clerk

***Motion:** Commissioner Shelnett made a motion to appoint Rhonda Hawk to the position of County Clerk, removing the previous Interim County Clerk*

designation and authorizing supplement. In addition, Rhonda will retain her Purchasing Manager position. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Assistant County Clerk

Motion: *Commissioner Adams made a motion to appoint Patrice Broughton to the position of Assistant County Clerk and authorizing supplement. In addition, Patrice will retain her position as Public Information Officer. Commissioner Bradford seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.*

County Attorney

Motion: *Commissioner Bradford made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to reappoint the firm of Atkinson Ferguson as County Attorney; voted and carried unanimously.*

Vice Chairman

Motion: *Commissioner Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bradford to appoint Timmy Shelnett as Vice Chairman. All voted in favor.*

Walton County Planning Commission

Motion: *Commissioner Banks made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Warren to table the Chairman's appointment to the Planning Commission. All voted in favor.*

Motion: *Commissioner Dixon made a motion to reappoint the remaining slate of Planning Commission members. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and all voted in favor.*

Walton County Board of Appeals

Motion: *Commissioner Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to reappoint the slate of Board of Appeals members. All voted in favor.*

Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority

Motion: *Commissioner Bradford made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shelnett to reappoint the slate of Water & Sewerage Authority members. All voted in favor.*

Board of Elections

Motion: *Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve the appointment of Tammy Van Dongen to the Board of Elections replacing Lyriq Riden. Commissioner Shelnett seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.*

Joint Development Authority

Motion: Commissioner Banks made a motion to appoint Chairman Thompson to the Joint Development Authority. Commissioner Bradford seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Adams made a motion to appoint Mike Owens as citizen representative to the Joint Development Authority. Commissioner Bradford seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Authorization to continue COVID19 pay for up to 80 hours

Motion: Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve a Resolution to continue COVID19 pay for up to 2 weeks effective January 1, 2021 through April 1, 2021 and giving the Chairman authority to approve any additional needs on a case by case basis. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Authorization to advertise for Executive Administrative Assistant

Motion: Commissioner Adams made a motion authorizing HR to advertise the position of Executive Administrative Assistant. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Warren made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Banks, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 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, COUNTY CLERK