

**AGENDA**  
**OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA**  
**OFFICE OF THE WALKER COUNTY COMMISSIONER**  
**COURTHOUSE ANNEX 1, 101 SOUTH DUKE STREET**  
**LAFAYETTE, GEORGIA 30728**

**NOVEMBER 9, 2017 6:30 P.M.**

**Location: Office of the Walker County Commissioner, Courthouse Annex 1**  
**101 South Duke Street**  
**LaFayette, Georgia 30728**

The following constitutes the agenda for the public hearing of the Commissioner of Walker County, Georgia to be held November 9, 2017 starting at 6:30 P.M.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Walker County Public Hearing on Budget for FY2018**

1. **Commissioner Shannon K. Whitfield will Call to Order Public Hearing**
2. **Invocation given by Commissioner Shannon Whitfield**
3. **Pledge to the American Flag and to the Georgia Flag**
4. **Opening of the Walker County Public Hearing on Budget for FY2018**
5. **Adjourn Public Hearing**

# **AGENDA**

## **REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA**

Office of the Walker County Commissioner  
Courthouse Annex 1, 101 South Duke Street  
LaFayette, Georgia 30728

**Date:** Thursday, November 9, 2017

**Time:** 6:30 PM - Immediately following the Public Hearing on FY2018 Budget

**Call to Order:** Commissioner Whitfield will call the meeting to order

**Invocation:** Given by Commissioner Shannon Whitfield

**Pledge:** United States Flag

**Pledge:** Georgia Flag

**Minutes:** Approval of the minutes from the Commissioner's Meeting on October 26, 2017.

**New Business:**

- I. District Attorney's Office Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification (ESAC) form with the United States Department of Justice.
- II. Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia, Federal Fiscal Year 2018 Federal Victims of Crime Act Assistance Grant Program Allocation October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018, Walker County Georgia
- III. Agreement Between the State Of Georgia, Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency and Walker County Emergency Services, Grant NO: SH017-047

- IV. Lincoln Plan: F9Y0 - WALKER COUNTY GOVERNMENT Defined Benefit Plan Contract: 78164; Transferring the withholding responsibility to Lincoln

**Adjournment:** The Regular Scheduled Meeting will be adjourned.

**Open Discussion:** The business on the Agenda being completed, Commissioner Whitfield will open the floor for general discussion.

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

**Minutes of the Commissioner's Regular Scheduled Meeting**

**October 26, 2017**

**I. Call to order**

Commissioner Whitfield called to order the regular meeting of the Walker County Commissioners Office at 6:30 PM on October 26, 2017.

**II. Attendees**

The following persons were present: Commissioner Shannon K. Whitfield, Chief Financial Officer Greg McConnell, Walker County Clerk Rebecca Wooden, Planning Office Manager Kristy Parker, Director of Public Relations Joe Legge, Director of Codes David Brown, Landfill Manager Paine Gilley and Landfill Office Manager Teresa Jackson, Walker County Board of Education Attorney Ron Womack, Walker County Board of Education Facilities and Operations Director Chris Jones. Other guests signed in at the meeting as well, please see the attached sign in sheet.

**III. Invocation and Pledge was given by Commissioner Whitfield.**

**IV. Commissioner Whitfield approved and signed the minutes from the September 14, 2017 Regular Scheduled Commissioner's Meeting.**

**V. Commissioner Whitfield Opened a Public Hearing**

- A. Commissioner Whitfield followed the recommendation of the Walker County Planning and Zoning Commission to deny the following:

Re-zoning: 0 Blue Bird Lane, Rossville, Georgia 30741, Tax parcel # 0-124-007 from R-2 (Residential) to C-1 (Commercial).

**VI. The Public Hearing was adjourned.**

**VII. New Business**

- A. Commissioner Whitfield signed the Services Contract by Transit Alliance Group, Inc. with Walker Transit.

- B. Commissioner Whitfield signed Resolution R-021-17, Commissioner of Walker County to assure compliance with the Constitution of the State of Georgia by assessing and providing for the collection of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on general obligation sales tax bonds to be issued by the Walker County School District in the aggregate principal amount of \$14,060,000, as authorized at an election held for that purpose on November 3, 2015, pursuant to and in conformity with the constitution and statutes of the state of Georgia, and for other purposes. Walker County Board of Education Attorney Ron Womack and Walker County Board of Education Facilities and Operations Director Chris Jones both were available to answer any questions the public may have.
- C. The Proclamation for American Indian Heritage Month was read and signed by Commissioner Whitfield.
- D. The Proclamation for American Indian Heritage Month was read and signed by Commissioner Whitfield.
- E. The Proclamation Recognizing Retired Educators Day in Georgia was read and signed by Commissioner Whitfield.
- F. The Proclamation Recognizing Veterans Day in Walker County was read and signed by Commissioner Whitfield.
- G. Commissioner Whitfield reviewed the Walker County Departmental Statistics – September 2017
- H. Commissioner Whitfield reviewed the Calendar for the remainder of 2017 Commissioner's Meetings

#### **VIII. Public Comment**

{Audio Recording of Commissioner's Meeting comments is on file in Commissioner's Office – 17-10-26}

#### **IX. Commissioner Comments**

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**X. Adjournment**

Commissioner Whitfield adjourned the meeting at 7:54 PM

Minutes approved by:

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Shannon K. Whitfield  
Sole Commissioner  
Walker County Georgia

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Date

Minutes prepared by: Walker County Clerk, Rebecca Wooden

**Elena Floyd**

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**From:** Asset Forfeiture Programs - eNotes Messaging Service <CATS.HelpDesk@usdoj.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 02, 2017 7:46 AM  
**Subject:** Equitable Sharing Program -- ESAC due in 2 months.

The Guide to Equitable Sharing for State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies requires agencies participating in the Equitable Sharing Program to annually submit an Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification (ESAC) form through the eShare Portal within 60 days of the close of their fiscal year. AFMLS will review submitted ESAC forms prior to acceptance. If the ESAC is not accepted within 60 days of the fiscal year end, the agency will be made non-compliant.

To remain compliant and eligible to receive sharing, your ESAC form must be submitted through the eShare Portal, reviewed, and accepted by AFMLS within 60 days of the close of the fiscal year. ESAC forms are reviewed in the order received. Peak times for submission are the last two weeks and first two weeks prior to and following the 60-day submission deadline.

Approval from the Agency and Governing Body Head are required prior to submission and must be retained in your agency records.

For questions regarding account access please contact the eShare Portal Customer Service Center at 202-616-2287 or [Forfeiture.Systems@usdoj.gov](mailto:Forfeiture.Systems@usdoj.gov). For questions regarding the ESAC, please contact the AFMLS state representative listed in your eShare Portal account.

**GEORGIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
HOMELAND SECURITY**

**NATHAN DEAL**  
GOVERNOR



**HOMER BRYSON**  
DIRECTOR

October 5, 2017

Honorable Shannon Whitfield  
Sole Commissioner  
Walker County  
Post Office Box 445  
LaFayette, Georgia 30728

Dear Commissioner Whitfield:

On behalf of Governor Nathan Deal, it is my pleasure to inform you the State of Georgia has awarded the Walker County Fire and Emergency Services a subgrant funded from the federal FY17 Homeland Security Grant Program. The amount of the grant is \$46,000.00 to build and enhance your community's capabilities in Homeland Security.

The grant funding can be used only for the purposes specified and authorized by a Recipient-Subrecipient Agreement, so no action can be undertaken until the agreement has been finalized. Please review, complete and return the grant agreement you will receive from the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS) containing specific information regarding your grant.

Thank you for your commitment to protect Georgia citizens and assets. I appreciate your efforts to ensure Georgia remains a safe place for us to live and raise our families. By working together, we can continue to be prepared for the challenges that may face us.

Sincerely,

Homer Bryson

HB:SH

cc: Chief Blake Hodge  
Walker County Fire and  
Emergency Services



# *Shannon K. Whitfield*

*Walker County Commissioner  
101 South Duke Street, P.O. Box 445  
LaFayette, Georgia 30728  
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commissioner@walkerga.us*

Date: November 9, 2017

Lincoln Financial  
Attention: Joseph Lucchesi  
11300 S. Clinton Street  
6H-04  
Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Re: Plan: F9Y0 - WALKER COUNTY GOVERNMENT DBP Contract: 78164

Dear Joseph:

Please accept this letter as authorization for Lincoln to withhold and report federal and state income tax on Form 1099 on distributions from the above referenced plan. We agree to provide Lincoln with all the information necessary to accept this responsibility.

As the plan trustee we are transferring the withholding responsibility. Upon transferring the responsibility to Lincoln, Lincoln will:

- Make all checks for benefit distributions payable to the participant.
- Withhold and send all applicable taxes to the IRS if elected by the participant.
- Provide the required IRS Form 1099 prior to January 31 of the year following the year of the distribution for attachment to the participant's tax return.

Sincerely,

Shannon K. Whitfield  
Walker County Sole Commissioner  
Plan Trustee