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

Date:	Thursday, August 10, 2017
Time:	6:30 PM
Invocation:	Given by Commissioner Shannon K. Whitfield
Call to Order:	Commissioner Whitfield will call the meeting to order
Pledge:	United States Flag
Pledge:	Georgia Flag
Minutes:	Approval of the minutes from the Commissioner's Meeting on Thursday, July 27, 2017
New Business:	Commissioner Whitfield will provide the Released information on Walker County to Hold Public Hearings on Proposed Tax Increase and Budget for Fiscal 2018 and the Current 2017 Tax Digest and 5 Year History of Levy.
Adjournment:	The Regular Scheduled Meeting will be adjourned.
Open Discussion:	Commissioner Whitfield will open the floor for general discussion.

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Minutes of the Commissioner's Regular Scheduled Meeting

July 27, 2017

A. Call to order

a. Commissioner Whitfield called to order the regular meeting of the Walker County Commissioner's Office at 6:00 on July 27, 2017 at 101 South Duke Street, LaFayette GA 30728.

B. Attendees

a. The following persons were present: Commissioner Whitfield, Chief Finance Officer Greg McConnell, Public Relations Director Joe Legge, Human Resources Director Sharleen Robinson, County Clerk Rebecca Wooden, Codes, Planning and Zoning Director David Brown and Mr. Phillip Cantrell & Kristy Parker of the Planning & Zoning Department. Other guests signed in at the meeting as well, please see the attached sign in sheet.

C. Invocation was given by Commissioner Shannon Whitfield

D. Pledge to the American Flag

E. Pledge to the Georgia Flag

F. Approval of Minutes

a. Minutes from the last Regular Scheduled Commissioner's meeting on July 13, 2017 were approved and signed.

G. Open of the Public Hearing

a. Second Public Hearing for Rezoning 0 -206-060, 908 LaFayette Rd requesting to change from to C-1 Commercial to R-2 Residential to turn the existing dwelling into a multi family dwelling. Commissioner Whitfield asked,"Is there anyone

present that would like to speak against the request? Is there anyone present that would like to speak in favor of the request?" This location is 908 LaFayette Road, across from Lane Funeral Home. A guest arrived to the meeting late and spoke in favor of the request. Commissioner Whitfield asked, "Does the property belonged to you?" The gentleman stated, "No, I am the contractor and Mr. Patel has owned the property for 8 years. When Mr. Patel purchased from Carriage Cleaners I remodeled the building turning it into the Tobacco House and it failed, and this property has been vacant for the past year and a half. No one wants to rent the property as commercial so Mr. Patel wants to turn the property into 3 apartments and try to rent them." Commissioner Whitfield asked the gentlemen, "If granted Mr. Patel would have you to do the repair work?" The gentleman stated, "Yes." Commissioner Whitfield asked, "Is there anyone else present in favor of this zoning?" Commissioner Whitfield asked to hear from the Planning and Zoning Commission and what their position and recommendation is on this. Mr.Phillip Cantrell stated, "We denied the zoning request. The lot is so small; there is really no egress into the property. If you recall the old tobacco store on the side of 27 and it's not a good location for residential or multi-family area at all." Commissioner Whitfield stated, "In the packets there are copies of the official minutes of the Planning and Zoning meeting that was held on July 20, 2017 at 7:00 at the Civic Center. On item three is the discussion and write up for the request and Susan Tankersley made a motion to deny, Sid Adams seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous and the motion carried. The Planning and Zoning Commission voted unanimous to make the recommendation for the Commissioner's Office to deny this request. I have also reviewed this property and I am in agreement with the decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission." Commissioner Whitfield denied the request at this time. Commissioner Whitfield stated, "That request has been denied."

H. Adjournment of the Public Hearing

I. Open of the Regular Scheduled Meeting

a. Walker County Departmental Statistics – June 2017, see attached Departmental Detail Listing

b. Commissioner Whitfield stated, "For informational and tracking reports please see the attached Departmental Detail Listing and notice the data for the Animal Shelter for two months year to date. This also includes Codes Enforcement, Fire Department, Litter Detail, Mountain Cove Farms and Public Relations. I think this

is very important to see and I would like to call your attention to Codes Enforcement for the month of May. They investigated 358 properties in May 2017 that showed to be 100% in compliance. In June they investigated 367 properties in compliance. One reason that number is so large is that this is part of our campaign going street by street, door to door looking at all properties in the zone we are working in. In May they found 318 properties that had some type of violation. In the month of June they had 190 to show violations. Those were actually noted in the system and notified the property owners and made them aware of what their violations were. Also in May and June they began tracking the closed cased. These were cases where there were violations and the property owners came into compliance. Code Officials went back and verified so they were able to close out 111 cases in May and 101 cases in June. So if you look in the Year to Date Totals in 2017 there are 1137 cases in Compliance, 835 in Violations and tracked 212. If you look at the note at the bottom of the page they have only been tracking the last 2 months, tracking on closed cases began in May 2017. Looking at the 2016 comparison there were only 221 violations for the entire year of 2016. That is not a year to date number that is the yearly total for 2016. David Brown is here, he is our Codes Director and I want to commend him for the job he and his department have done." Commissioner Whitfield asked David Brown if he had any additional comments on this. David Brown had no other comments. Commissioner Whitfield asked if anyone else had any other questions regarding the Departmental Statistics and no one had any concerns or comments.

c. Commissioner Whitfield stated, "Calling attention to next is the Fire Department. In May 2017 they had 413 calls and in June they had 325. In May the responses using the QRV's (Quick Response Vehicles) out of the 413 of the 324 were using QRV's. This is just showing you a comparison that 617 are with the QRV's. In June 293 calls out of 324 were answered with the QRV's. We are seeing a higher utilization of those which is what we were hoping for. That means that we are having less structure fires that we have to answer and so we can focus more on first response whether it be an accident, medical call, lift assist and those types of things. July 1st we opened up our 4th full time station in Flintstone. During the first 2 weeks of July they answered 58 calls 54 of the 58 calls were responded with the Quick Response Vehicles. We have had a tremendous positive impact there already. We are well over 90% call volume with the Quick Response Vehicle. If you look at the 2017 YTD Data we have responded to 2195 calls since we implemented the Quick Response Program which was I believe around April if I'm not mistaken. That's already almost 50% YTD. There is no data to last year for the quick response so there is no data to compare that too. You all can see the remainder of the report (see attached) but I wanted to point these things out of the data that we are tracking and to be able to track our effectiveness." Commissioner Whitfield asked if there were any other questions or comments about our statistics. There were no other comments or questions.

d. Commissioner Whitfield stated, "We don't have this on the Agenda and since there are no action items I'm going to go ahead and discuss. There was another report that you were given in the packet. I'm not going to add it to the Agenda but only in open conversation of the meeting. You have a copy of the income statement for the landfill operation. You have the copy of the long spreadsheet, does anyone need a copy, or does everyone have that? You will see the annual budgeted amount; basically the annual budget is the actual numbers from the previous year's numbers. There wasn't actually an official budget done on the landfill over the past years. It shows June actual month to date 2016, June actual month to date 2017 and a year over year comparison. So you will see our revenue is up from $128,337.84 to $140,028.97. Also YTD we are up from 1,047,240.75 to 1,186,537.63. The volume of dollars coming in is up. Basically this shows you the line item of expenses broken out by category where you have personnel costs, so last year for June personnel cost of $62,415.15 and this year is $36,153.20. We have had a significant reduction cost in personnel. Now look at the other types of service in Maintenance, Rental of Equipment, Repairs of Maintenance that category for June 2016 was $68,138.16 and June 2017 was $55,486.45 for the month. Office supplies and gasoline and fuel were about par from last year, down a few hundred dollars. Depreciation that has to be figured for the landfill as you can see on page four is the same as last year. We have of depreciation of $30,100.00 per month that is added in. Also, back on page three toward the top other purchased services for the Landfill that is the post closure; we are booking $13816.30 per month which is the same as last year. So we are looking in post closure and depreciation expense last year the month of June 2016 the landfill lost $39,036.15 this year the Landfill for the month of June 2017 is showing a profit of $6,680.31. To my knowledge this is the first time in many years that the Landfill has shown a profit. It is probably safe to say that in 16 ½ years there hasn't been any knowledge after full depreciation and post closure expense that the landfill has shown a net positive profit. Paine Gilley is here tonight and I want to commend him on the work he has done and want to publically say that I appreciate all that he has done. I am thankful that you are onboard, working as a part of this team. I wanted to publically thank you and let everyone know that we have had a successful month and hopeful we can keep this trend going as long as we have nothing major breakdown. At least we are getting this operation to a profitable stand point. That is a huge accomplishment to where this has come. As you all will see last year the landfill lost over $600,000.00 for the year. We are YTD thru June and last year the Landfill had lost $471,000.00. This year we are at a -$172,000.00 so we have about four months of previous administration and Paine started around March so basically in 3 months time he has turned this thing around. Thank you again for your accomplishments and everything you have done for Walker County." Commissioner Whitfield closed the regular scheduled meeting and opened the floor to any discussions or comments.

Adjournment

The Regular scheduled Business meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.

Minutes approved by:

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Shannon K. Whitfield
Sole Commissioner
Walker County Georgia

Date

Minutes prepared by: Walker County Clerk, Rebecca Wooden

PLEASE SIGN IN

Date: July 27, 2017

Name	Address	Telephone
Rebecca Wooden	Rossville Georgia	
Ed Bruce	76 Hays Hollow Rd	
Mary Bruce	Flintstone, Ga 30725	
Ed Flewer	Hwy 151, Twin	
Phillip Cantrell	Villanow, Ga	
Jason Loester	120 Cadie Rd	
Barbara Sivens	Rossville, GA	
RA Mullin	709 Cook Rd	
Jerry Derryberry	1101 Carline Rd	
Kristy Parker		
Ann Gray	Rossville, GA	601.408.7871
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J.R. TRIPP		
David Brocon		

Walker County Departmental Statistics - June 2017

Department	Monthly Totals (2017)					Year to Date Totals		Yearly Totals	
Animal Shelter	May		June			2017 YTD		2016	
	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats		Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats
Adopted/Rescued/Returned to Owner	117	63	83	32		**460**	**207**	817	195
Euthanized	33	26	38	42		**132**	**92**	436	630

Codes Enforcement	May	June	2017 YTD	2016
In Compliance	358	367	**1137**	no data
Violations	318	190	**835**	221
Closed Cases	111	101	**212***	no data

Fire Department	May	June	2017 YTD	2016
Total Responses	413	325	**2,195**	3,492
Responses using QRVs	324	293	**927**	no data

Litter Detail	May	June	2017 YTD	2016
Lbs of Trash	14,920	10,900	**71,580**	no data
Tires	94	84	**551**	no data

Mountain Cove Farms	May	June	2017 YTD	2016
Total Nights Booked	15	14	**93**	162

Public Relations	May	June	2017 YTD	2016
Media Impressions (stories)	57	68	**292**	no data
Facebook Likes	305	418	**3118**	no data
Facebook Followers	296	403	**3155**	no data
Facebook Posts	63	58	**316**	no data
Walkerga.us Visitors	46,534	26,390	**215,055**	173,745

*denotes only 2 months; tracking on closed cases began in May 2017

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Account	Account Description	Annual Budget Amount	June 2016 MTD Actual Amount	June 2017 MTD Actual Amount	2016 YTD Actual Amount	2017 YTD Actual Amount	Budget Less YTD Actual
Fund Category	**Proprietary Funds**						
Fund Type	**Enterprise Funds**						
Fund	**540 - Landfill**						
REVENUE							
Charges for Services							
344120.10	Sale of Waste & Sludge Hay & Other	$19,800.00	$0.00	$2,072.16	$13,806.72	$16,972.92	$2,827.08
344130.10	Sale of Recycle Materials Miscellaneous	$8,600.00	$2,705.60	$2,183.22	$6,704.40	$9,066.84	-$466.84
344150.10	Landfill Use Fees C&D Landfill Fees	$702,400.00	$59,287.13	$69,495.64	$461,147.06	$567,009.14	$135,390.86
344150.20	Landfill Use Fees Dumping Permits	$5,000.00	$50.00	$0.00	$4,850.00	$250.00	$4,750.00
344150.30	Landfill Use Fees Inert Landfill	$9,900.00	$694.21	$190.00	$8,192.11	$5,468.44	$4,431.56
344150.40	Landfill Use Fees Collection Permit	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$25.00	$0.00	$0.00
344150.50	Landfill Use Fees Transfer Station Fees	$740,000.00	$65,347.24	$66,087.95	$551,726.58	$583,994.73	$156,005.27
344190.20	Other Charges Late Charges	$1,000.00	$253.66	$0.00	$788.88	$3,775.56	-$2,775.56
	Charges for Services Totals	**$1,486,700.00**	**$128,337.84**	**$140,028.97**	**$1,047,240.75**	**$1,186,537.63**	**$300,162.37**
Miscellaneous Revenue							
389000.90	Other Other Miscellaneous	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$18.89	-$18.89
	Miscellaneous Revenue Totals	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$18.89**	**-$18.89**
Other Financing Sources							
392100.00	Sale of Assets General	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
	Other Financing Sources Totals	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**
	REVENUE TOTALS	**$1,486,700.00**	**$128,337.84**	**$140,028.97**	**$1,047,240.75**	**$1,186,556.52**	**$300,143.48**
EXPENSE							
Personal/Services & Employee Benefits							
511100.10	Salary and Wages Regular Employees	$426,000.00	$32,772.50	$23,977.91	$315,540.83	$252,838.68	$173,161.32
511100.20	Salary and Wages Vacation	$0.00	$0.00	$576.00	$0.00	$5,614.00	-$5,614.00
511100.30	Salary and Wages Holiday	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$2,731.20	-$2,731.20
511100.90	Salary and Wages Other	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$1,000.00	-$1,000.00
511160.00	Disability General	$1,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$8,004.80	-$7,004.80
511170.00	Personal Pay General	$0.00	$0.00	$932.08	$0.00	$6,169.11	-$6,169.11

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511300.00	Overtime General	$7,600.00	$1,428.00	$5.83	$5,764.25	$3,793.06	$3,806.94
512110.20	Health Expense Other Expense	$1,500.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$1,500.00	$0.00
512110.30	Health Expense Health Insurance	$174,600.00	$13,936.66	$6,082.73	$71,486.00	$86,667.80	$87,932.20
512130.00	Life Insurance General	$1,000.00	$942.00	$63.96	$942.00	$393.26	$606.74
512200.00	Social Security Contribution General	$31,500.00	$2,473.99	$1,511.85	$23,325.92	$18,247.23	$13,252.77
512300.00	Medicare General	$0.00	$0.00	$353.58	$0.00	$2,020.74	-$2,020.74
512400.10	Retirement Contributions Defined Benefit	$22,400.00	$8,560.00	$596.41	$16,723.00	$4,079.76	$18,320.24
512400.20	Retirement Contributions Life Insurance	$0.00	$0.00	$18.17	$0.00	$115.35	-$115.35
512400.30	Retirement Contributions 401(a)	$19,700.00	$0.00	$531.52	$0.00	$3,179.07	$16,520.93
512700.00	Worker's Compensation General	$3,600.00	$2,302.00	$1,503.16	$6,139.00	$7,845.03	-$4,245.03
	Personal/Services & Employee Benefits Totals	**$688,900.00**	**$62,415.15**	**$36,153.20**	**$439,921.00**	**$404,199.09**	**$284,700.91**
	Purchased/Contracted Services						
521200.30	Professional Engineering Fees	$0.00	$450.00	$0.00	$3,795.79	$29,727.50	-$29,727.50
521200.90	Professional Other Professional	$6,300.00	$5,977.50	$0.00	$57,813.50	$0.00	$6,300.00
521300.00	Technical General	$63,300.00	$4,500.00	$0.00	$58,767.30	$0.00	$63,300.00
521300.10	Technical Computer Services	$1,600.00	$114.44	$0.00	$1,265.90	$600.00	$1,000.00
521300.95	Technical Contractual Services	$70,100.00	$11,000.00	$0.00	$38,560.00	$35,620.00	$34,480.00
522200.00	Repairs & Maintenance General	$14,200.00	$1,319.57	$1,541.63	$10,671.16	$2,777.83	$11,422.17
522200.10	Repairs & Maintenance Contracts	$4,900.00	$465.00	$0.00	$1,675.00	$4,130.54	$769.46
522200.20	Repairs & Maintenance Supplies	$30,100.00	-$5,972.15	$0.00	$26,476.62	$765.98	$29,334.02
522220.10	Repairs Buildings	$10,200.00	$935.00	$0.00	$6,251.93	$893.11	$9,306.89
522220.20	Repairs Equipment	$28,600.00	$7,031.47	$329.93	$24,058.92	$13,747.14	$14,852.86
522220.40	Repairs Radio	$100.00	$0.00	$0.00	$113.85	$0.00	$100.00
522220.50	Repairs Road Material	$3,300.00	$0.00	$0.00	$3,237.71	$0.00	$3,300.00
522220.60	Repairs Vehicles	$11,100.00	$776.77	$32.59	$8,344.71	$4,384.03	$6,715.97
522320.00	Rental of Equipment & Vehicles General	$28,100.00	$6,500.00	$0.00	$13,700.00	$0.00	$28,100.00
522320.30	Rental of Equipment & Vehicles Copiers	$4,400.00	$327.18	$0.00	$3,435.73	$2,943.06	$1,456.94
522320.40	Rental of Equipment & Vehicles Equipment	$6,500.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$6,500.00
523200.10	Communications Cellular Phone	$2,000.00	$155.28	$0.00	$1,603.74	$119.88	$1,880.12

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523200.15	Communications Telephone	$2,400.00	$215.48	$0.00	$1,817.52	$1,371.48	$1,028.52
523200.20	Communications Internet Service	$200.00	$0.00	$33.56	$0.00	$835.88	-$635.88
523200.30	Communications Postage	$300.00	$45.43	$0.00	$275.14	$127.65	$172.35
523600.00	Dues & Fees General	$3,000.00	$399.48	$0.00	$2,587.95	$0.00	$3,000.00
523600.20	Dues & Fees Credit Card	$1,000.00	$0.00	$545.60	$0.00	$3,689.48	-$2,689.48
523600.95	Dues & Fees Solid Waste Tonnage	$20,000.00	$19,993.50	$0.00	$19,993.50	$0.00	$20,000.00
523900.00	Other Purchased Services General	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$2,500.00	-$2,500.00
523900.65	Other Purchased Services Landfill Closure	$165,800.00	$13,816.30	$13,816.30	$124,346.70	$124,346.70	$41,453.30
523900.70	Other Purchased Services Waste Management	$18,300.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$18,300.00
523900.75	Other Purchased Services Grinding	$14,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$9,900.00	$6,600.00	$7,400.00
523900.90	Other Purchased Services Hauling & Disposal	$498,400.00	$87.91	$39,186.84	$336,676.37	$360,051.07	$138,348.93
	Purchased/Contracted Services Totals	**$1,008,200.00**	**$68,138.16**	**$55,486.45**	**$755,369.04**	**$595,231.33**	**$412,968.67**
Supplies							
531100.00	General Supplies & Materials General	$2,800.00	$163.19	$260.89	$2,151.27	$1,479.68	$1,320.32
531100.45	General Supplies & Materials Office Supplies	$2,400.00	$188.02	$6.15	$1,008.39	$562.17	$1,837.83
531100.65	General Supplies & Materials Shop Supplies	$3,800.00	$32.53	$73.10	$2,567.14	$1,307.16	$2,492.84
531100.80	General Supplies & Materials Uniforms & Badges	$4,900.00	$734.65	$126.50	$4,115.36	$1,681.50	$3,218.50
531100.90	General Supplies & Materials Other	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$743.50	-$743.50
531200.10	Energy Water/Sewerage	$0.00	$0.00	$89.85	$0.00	$687.70	-$687.70
531200.30	Energy Electricity	$8,000.00	$696.44	$576.32	$5,614.06	$5,189.90	$2,810.10
531200.40	Energy Bottled Gas	$2,100.00	$0.00	$0.00	$2,053.07	$1,422.88	$677.12
531200.70	Energy Vehicle-Gasoline/Diesel	$32,800.00	$2,557.76	$2,842.88	$22,859.50	$22,972.33	$9,827.67
531300.00	Food General	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$250.94	-$250.94
531600.00	Small Equipment General	$100.00	$0.00	$0.00	$143.98	$0.00	$100.00
531700.00	Other Supplies General	$1,700.00	$113.00	$71.20	$625.75	$627.20	$1,072.80
539950.00	Supply Reimbursement General	-$700.00	-$17.28	-$32.54	-$185.60	-$165.34	-$534.66
	Supplies Totals	**$57,900.00**	**$4,468.31**	**$4,014.35**	**$40,952.92**	**$36,759.62**	**$21,140.38**
Capital Outlays							
542200.00	Capital - Vehicles General	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$4,750.00	-$4,750.00

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	Capital Outlays Totals	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$4,750.00**	**-$4,750.00**
	Depreciation & Amortization						
561000.00	Depreciation General	$361,400.00	$30,100.00	$30,100.65	$270,900.00	$270,905.85	$90,494.15
	Depreciation & Amortization Totals	**$361,400.00**	**$30,100.00**	**$30,100.65**	**$270,900.00**	**$270,905.85**	**$90,494.15**
	Debt Service						
582200.00	Capital Lease Interest General	$1,100.00	$0.00	$5,910.34	$0.00	$33,167.39	-$32,067.39
582300.10	Other Debt Interest Tax Anticipation Notes	$0.00	$1,085.70	$0.00	$5,059.61	$0.00	$0.00
582300.50	Other Debt Interest Notes Payable	$0.00	$0.00	$1,683.67	$0.00	$13,658.96	-$13,658.96
582300.90	Other Debt Interest Other	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
584000.00	Issuance Costs General	$0.00	$1,166.67	$0.00	$6,500.03	$0.00	$0.00
	Debt Service Totals	**$1,100.00**	**$2,252.37**	**$7,594.01**	**$11,559.64**	**$46,826.35**	**-$45,726.35**
	EXPENSE TOTALS	**$2,117,500.00**	**$167,373.99**	**$133,348.66**	**$1,518,702.60**	**$1,358,672.24**	**$758,827.76**
	Fund **540 - Landfill** Totals						
	REVENUE TOTALS	**$1,486,700.00**	**$128,337.84**	**$140,028.97**	**$1,047,240.75**	**$1,186,556.52**	**$300,143.48**
	EXPENSE TOTALS	**$2,117,500.00**	**$167,373.99**	**$133,348.66**	**$1,518,702.60**	**$1,358,672.24**	**$758,827.76**
	Fund 540 - Landfill Net Gain (Loss)	**-$630,800.00**	**-$39,036.15**	**$6,680.31**	**-$471,461.85**	**-$172,115.72**	**-$458,684.28**

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WALKER COUNTY TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PROPOSED TAX INCREASE AND BUDGET FOR FISCAL 2018

LaFayette, GA – Walker County Sole Commissioner Shannon Whitfield plans three public hearings this month to provide citizens with a better overview of the county's fiscal 2018 budget, as well as an outline of how the county intends to address its massive debt.

The proposed fiscal 2018 budget includes a property tax increase of 2.00 mills in the unincorporated locations of the county and 2.189 in the incorporated areas.

The proposed annual tax increase on a home with a fair market value of $100,000 would be $76 in the unincorporated locations and $83.18 in the incorporated areas. That works out to be less than $7.00 a month, which is about the amount of a combo meal at a fast food restaurant, popcorn at the movies or some bottled waters and coffees.

"We have a very high level of debt compared to our revenue stream, and our most recent audit shows we also have a negative fund balance of $7.5 million," said Commissioner Whitfield. "If we don't change course, it will take us decades to pay off these obligations, burdening our children and grandchildren with the missteps of the past."

Hearings will take place on the following dates/times and locations:

- Thursday, August 17th at 6:30 p.m. – LaFayette-Walker County Public Library (305 S Duke Street)
- Saturday, August 19th at 10:00 a.m. - Walker County Civic Center (10052 US-27, Rock Spring)
- Thursday, August 24th at 6:30 p.m. - Walker County Commissioner's Office (101 S Duke Street)

The Commissioner scheduled the Saturday, August 19th hearing to encourage more citizens to attend and ask questions. "The Saturday hearing will include a presentation on the recent audit and how it affects the county, along with an overview of each department's budget," said Commissioner Whitfield.

The millage rate will be set during the August 24th meeting.

NOTICE

The Walker County Commissioner does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held at the Walker County Commissioner's Office, located in Walker County Annex 1 at 101 South Duke Street, LaFayette, GA on August 24, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-32 does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.

CURRENT 2017 TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY

UNINCORPORATED	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Real & Personal	956,603,586	960,370,218	959,418,272	961,941,749	1,004,774,498	1,018,742,632
Motor Vehicles	102,262,670	107,883,390	93,110,510	68,887,190	52,994,480	41,373,460
Mobile Homes	13,462,364	13,032,940	12,559,627	12,968,613	12,656,306	12,771,772
Timber - 100%	328,871	585,972	303,209	472,005	422,554	812,422
Heavy Duty Equipment						
Gross Digest	1,072,657,491	1,081,872,520	1,065,391,618	1,044,269,557	1,070,847,838	1,073,700,286
Less M& O Exemptions	134,324,124	138,356,939	145,267,660	154,919,162	169,152,535	181,514,954
Net M & O Digest	938,333,367	943,515,581	920,123,958	889,350,395	901,695,303	892,185,332
State Forest Land Assistance Grant Value						126,281
Adjusted Net M&O Digest	938,333,367	943,515,581	920,123,958	889,350,395	901,695,303	892,311,613
Gross M&O Millage	10.484	10.593	13.380	14.380	13.717	15.696
Less Millage Rate Rollbacks	5.649	5.888	5.655	5.788	5.879	5.858
Net M&O Millage Rate	4.835	4.705	7.725	8.592	7.838	9.838
Net Taxes Levied	$4,536,842	$4,439,241	$7,107,958	$7,641,299	$7,067,488	$8,778,562

INCORPORATED	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Real & Personal	403,655,260	393,872,929	408,641,295	411,155,336	437,786,007	435,824,765
Motor Vehicles	23,517,670	24,662,360	20,832,390	15,167,880	10,878,920	8,035,180
Mobile Homes	439,255	439,511	381,514	146,420	165,460	105,018
Timber - 100%	0	0	0	0	0	0
Heavy Duty Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gross Digest	427,612,185	418,974,800	429,855,199	426,469,636	448,830,387	443,964,963
Less M& O Exemptions	37,489,868	34,436,998	43,816,858	44,414,091	46,505,318	46,343,551
Net M & O Digest	$390,122,317	$384,537,802	$386,038,341	$382,055,545	$402,325,069	$397,621,412
State Forest Land Assistance Grant Value						
Adjusted Net M&O Digest	390,122,317	384,537,802	386,038,341	382,055,545	402,325,069	397,621,412
Gross M&O Millage	10.484	10.593	13.380	14.380	13.717	15.696
Less Millage Rate Rollbacks	3.289	3.398	3.023	2.895	2.777	2.567
Net M&O Millage Rate	7.195	7.195	10.357	11.485	10.940	13.129
Net Taxes Levied	$2,806,930	$2,766,749	$3,998,199	$4,387,908	$4,401,436	$5,220,372

TOTAL COUNTY	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Total County Value	1,328,455,684	1,328,053,383	1,306,162,299	1,271,405,940	1,304,020,372	1,289,933,025
Total County Taxes Levied	$7,343,772	$7,205,990	$11,106,157	$12,029,207	$11,468,924	$13,998,933
Net Taxes $ Increase	$ (155,856)	$ (137,782)	$ 3,900,166	$ 923,050	$ (560,282)	$ 2,530,009
Net Taxes % Increase	-2.03%	-1.88%	54.12%	8.31%	-4.66%	22.06%