Regular Meeting Minutes – Development Authority of Walton County

Date: 8:30 a.m., Monday, December 8, 2025

Location: 132 E. Spring Street, Monroe, Georgia, 30655 - Conference room

Board Members Present: Morris Jordan (Chairman), Melinda Dally, John Howard, Tom Carter, David Keener, Bettye Ray, David Thompson, Skip Baliles, Neal Jackson

Others Present: Shane Short; John Ward; Dessa Morris; Jami Cash; Chris Atkinson, Attorney

1) **Welcome and Call to Order** – Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m.

2) **Adoption of Agenda** –The Board adopted the agenda on a motion by J. Howard, second by D. Keener, which passed unanimously.

3) **Approval of Minutes –** Minutes for the October 27, 2025, meeting were presented. The Board approved the Minutes on a motion by J. Howard, second by B. Ray, which passed unanimously.

4) **Approval of Financials –** Financials for the months ending 09/30/2025 and 10/31/2025 were presented, and were approved on a motion by D. Keener, second by B. Ray, which passed unanimously.

5) **Old Business –**

   a) Social Circle Data Centers Update – S. Short discussed a draft agreement for water, and discussed two potential data centers.

   b) JDA Economic Development – S. Short advised that a large project is on hold pending resolution of competition/noncompete issues.

6) **New Business –**

   a) 250th Fourth of July celebration for Walton County and cities – S. Short advised that city and County officials are collaborating with City Development directors for various celebrations the week of the Fourth.

[S. Baliles arrives]

7) **Walton Works Report** – D. Morris and J. Cash discussed various programs and initiatives, including application for the Georgia Reads grant.

8) **President & CEO Report –** S. Short discussed trespassing situations at both Piedmont and Rivian sites.

9) **Announcements/Other Business** – State of the County at Chamber of Commerce lunch is upcoming. This meeting is final meeting for Skip Baliles on the Authority, and S. Short advised that the Authority has made a donation to the Loganville library in Baliles's honor.

10) **Executive Session** – None.

11) **Adjourn** –The Board adjourned at 9:12 a.m. on a motion by D. Thompson, second by J. Howard, which passed unanimously.

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, January 26, 2026