

April 7, 2015

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Historic Walton County Courthouse, 111 South Broad Street, Monroe, Georgia. Those present included Chairman Kevin Little, Commissioners Clinton Ayers, Mark Banks, Timmy Shelnett, Lee Bradford, Jeremy Adams and Kirklyn Dixon, County Clerk Leta Talbird, County Attorney Chris Atkinson, Finance Director Linda Hanna and Planning Director Mike Martin. A list of citizens and other employees in attendance at this meeting is on file in the auxiliary file under this meeting date.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gloria Berry, representing the residents of Merrimont Estates Subdivision, expressed concerns regarding emergency water availability for fire protection in the subdivision.

PRESENTATION

Walton County DFCS Director Hannah Rule presented Nikki Hicks, who was selected DFCS Case Manager of the Year.

MEETING OPENING

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Dixon gave the invocation.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Commissioner Ayers made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Approval of CU14120007 - Conditional Use for a personal care home facility for Jason Evelyn, Property Owner: Ms. Lee A. Fernandez - 1309 Pannell Road - Map C167 Parcel 19 - District 4

Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Sabrina Evelyn, representing the applicant, came before the Board in support of the Conditional Use. There was no one present in opposition. Chairman Little closed the public hearing on the matter.

Planning Director Mike Martin stated the State of Georgia approves and licenses personal care homes and that the Board of Commissioners is being requested to approve the Conditional Use as required by the Land Development Ordinance. Commissioner Bradford stated that he spoke with residents in the area who don't think that the area is the place for a personal care home.

Motion: Commissioner Bradford made a motion to deny the Conditional Use.

Commissioner Shelnutt seconded the motion.

In discussion, Commissioner Dixon stated that the Board approved a Conditional Use for a personal care home in the last few months and he asked what makes this Conditional Use different. He stated that if the residents in the area are against it, he would think they would have attended the meeting.

Commissioners Bradford, Shelnutt and Adams voted in favor of the motion. Commissioners Ayers, Banks and Dixon opposed the motion. Chairman Little voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried 4-3.

Approval Z15020006 - Rezone 6.89 acres from A-1 to A for seasonal crops - 4600 Parkwood Road, Property Owner: Va Vang - Map C171 Parcel 52 - District 4 (Approved conditioned upon growing crops only)

Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. The applicant was not present. Planning Director Mike Martin stated that the applicant does not speak English and may not have understood that they needed to attend the meeting. There was no one present in opposition. Chairman Little closed the public hearing on the matter.

Motion: *Commissioner Bradford made a motion to approve the rezone pending code violations on the property being addressed. After discussion, Commissioner Bradford amended his motion to approve the rezone conditioned upon growing crops only. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of March 3, 2015 and March 10, 2015 Meeting Minutes
2. Budget Amendments
 1. Water: Amendment to increase both revenue and expenditures budgets in the amount of \$4,361.00 for service line extension. No effect on fund balance in the Water Fund.
 2. E-911: Amendment to increase both revenue and expenditure budgets in the amount of \$40,222.75 for insurance recovery and equipment repair on cell tower due to storm damage. No effect on E-911 fund balance.
 3. Fire Department: Amendment to increase both revenue and expenditure budgets in the amount of \$9,020.75 for Walton Health Care Foundation Contribution and expenditures to funds are to be used form. No effect on fund balance in the General Fund.
 4. Court Services: Amendment to transfer allocation from Temporary Employees to Overtime in the amount of \$25,000.00. No effect on fund balance in the General Fund.
 5. Court Services/Criminal Investigations: Amendment to transfer allocation from Court Services Temporary Employees to Criminal

Investigations Temporary Employees in the amount of \$10,900.00 No effect on fund balance in the General Fund.

6. Law Enforcement Adm.: Amendment to transfer allocation from Temporary Employees to Overtime in the amount of \$3,000.00. No effect on fund balance in the General Fund.

7. Finance/Accounting: Amendment to transfer allocations from Overtime in the Accounting budget unit to Consulting, Dues/Fees, and Bank Fees in Finance Administration budget in the amount of \$3,500.00 to cover fee increases. No effect on General Fund Balance.

8. Water: Amendment to both revenue and expenditure budgets in the amount of \$11,805.00 for water line extension and fire hydrant on Paul Verner Road. No effect on fund balance in Fund 507 – Water.

3. Contracts & Budgeted Purchases of \$2,500.00 or greater
4. ACCG Civic Affairs Foundation Intern Grant Agreement (for the record)
5. Approval of petty cash for Planning & Development Office
6. Write off of bad checks for Extension Office & Animal Control
7. Declaration of Surplus Property
8. Employee Benefits Committee Recommendation - Increase in Employer Match to 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan
9. Employee Benefits Committee Recommendation – Addition of Voluntary Quality of Life Insurance to the County’s Benefit Package
10. Ratification of actions taken by the WCWSA at its 3/24/15 meeting

***Motion:** Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the Administrative Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Bradford seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

PERSONNEL

Staffing Request - Temporary Equipment Operator - Public Works

***Motion:** Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the staffing request as presented. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.*

RESOLUTIONS

Walton County Comprehensive Plan Capital Improvements Element Annual Update

***Motion:** Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Adams, to adopt the resolution. The motion carried unanimously.*

Adoption of Project Length Budget - Walton County Government Building Porch Addition

***Motion:** Commissioner Adams made a motion to table a decision on the matter*

for one month in order to review additional information regarding this project. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

BIDS

Front Porch Addition - Government Building

No action was taken on this item.

ORDINANCES

Adoption of Certain Rules & Regulations of the Georgia Department of Public Health

***Motion:** Commissioner Ayers made a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

APPOINTMENTS

Walton County Board of Appeals - Commission District 1 Representative

***Motion:** Commissioner Ayers made a motion to appoint Tom Sever. Commissioner Bradford seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.*

Advantage Behavioral Health Community Service Board

***Motion:** Commissioner Adams made a motion to reappoint Linda Vinson. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

ADJOURNMENT

***Motion:** Commissioner Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.*

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

KEVIN W. LITTLE, CHAIRMAN

LETA P. TALBIRD, CLERK