

September 1, 2015

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 1, 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 and Kirklyn Dixon, County Clerk Leta Talbird, County Attorney Chris Atkinson, Finance Director Linda Hanna, Human Resources Director Karen Fraser 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.

PRESENTATIONS

The Board recognized Walton EMS and Fire Rescue Personnel.

The Board recognized Walton County 4-H award winners.

The Walton County Board of Tax Assessors introduced new Chief Appraiser Tommy Knight.

Russ Schoper of CashTrans made a presentation to the Board regarding the possibility of contracting with the County to place an ATM in the Government Building.

MEETING OPENING

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Shelnett gave the invocation.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Decision on Planning Commission recommendation to approve OA15050005 - Amendment to the Walton County Comprehensive Land Development Ordinance as per Errata sheet dated 5-1-15

Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. 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 amendment as recommended by the Planning Commission. Commissioner Shelnett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Approval of Land Use Amendment LU15070002 and Rezone Z15070003 - Change land use from suburban to employment center and rezone 2.3 acres from B-1 to B-3 for commercial contracting company – Applicant - Tony Smith - 1269 Old Monroe Madison Hwy - Property Owner: Jacob Tyler Properties - Map C166 Parcel 189 - District-6

Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Applicant Tony Smith came before the Board in support of the Land Use Amendment and Rezone. There was no one present in opposition. Chairman Little closed the public hearing on the matter.

***Motion:** Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve the Land Use Amendment and Rezone as presented with the condition that all equipment will be kept behind the building on the backside of the property. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of August 4, 2015 Meeting Minutes
2. Budget Amendments
 1. Water: Amendment to transfer allocation from Equipment to Vehicles in the amount of \$7,200.00. No effect on fund balance in the Water Fund.
3. Contracts & Budgeted Purchases of \$2,500.00 or greater
4. Declaration of Surplus Property
5. Acceptance of Walton Healthcare Foundation Grant – The Partnership for Families, Children & Youth
6. Approval of Employee Benefits Committee recommendation - 2015-2016 Holiday Schedule
7. Contract - Walton County Chamber of Commerce
8. Ratification of actions taken by the WCWSA at its 8-25-15 meeting
9. Intergovernmental Agreement – City of Walnut Grove – Resurfacing of portion of Old Highway 138
10. Lease Purchase Agreement – Stryker Medical – EMS Stretchers

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

RESOLUTION

Setting the Millage Rate for 2015

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

The millage rate was set at 11.194 for the incorporated cities of Monroe, Loganville and Social Circle fire districts and 11.855 for the unincorporated areas of the County and all other incorporated areas.

ORDINANCE

Amending the County Purchasing Policy & Procedures

The proposed ordinance amends the Code of Walton County, Georgia, Section 2-131 regarding the County's purchasing policy and procedures, so as to provide that any person in default on the payment of any taxes or other monies due Walton County or any other county, municipality or state shall be ineligible to provide commodities or services to the County.

***Motion:** Commissioner Bradford made a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented.*

Purchasing Manager Rhonda Hawk stated that the policy as proposed would be very hard to manage. She stated that she would like to see the proposed language changed to reflect only taxes owed to Walton County. Mrs. Hawk stated that she would like the opportunity to include updates and changes to the entire purchasing policy. Commissioner Ayers expressed concern about how the policy will be enforced.

***Motion:** Commissioner Bradford withdrew his motion. Commissioner Adams made a motion to table a decision on the proposed ordinance until the December 1, 2015 meeting in order for the Purchasing Manager to make necessary changes to the entire purchasing policy. He further moved that once approved, the ordinance will be implemented beginning January 1, 2016. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. Commissioners Ayers, Banks, Shelnett, Adams and Dixon voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Bradford opposed the motion. The motion carried 5-1.*

BIDS

911 Center Addition

***Motion:** Commissioner Adams made a motion to award the bid to Garland Construction in the amount of \$975,000.00. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.*

ADJOURNMENT

***Motion:** Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Banks, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 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