

October 6, 2015

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 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, 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.

MEETING OPENING

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Shelnett gave the invocation.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Approval of ZCU15070009 - Rezone with conditional use 46.15 acres from A-1 to A for solar collection farm - 20 Pleasant Valley Road - Applicant: Walton Energy - Property Owner: Sorrells & Cown LLC - Map C139 Parcel 49 – District 4 (As per site plan)

Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Dan Bennett, representing the applicant, came before the Board in support of the Rezone and Conditional Use. Richard Bolz stated that his only concern is that a fence will be placed around his property. Chairman Little closed the public hearing on the matter.

***Motion:** Commissioner Bradford made a motion to approve the Rezone and Conditional Use with the following conditions: Supplemental screening shall be provided around parcel C139-51 (1.8 ac.) and parcel C139-48 (.94 ac.) in the form of minimum 7 gallon Deodar cedar or Leyland cypress 8' on center in all areas where existing screening is determined to be insufficient; that screening and all supplemental and existing screening vegetation for the entire project shall be maintained in perpetuity or as long as the solar use occupies the property so there will be zero visibility by other property owners or the road; all setbacks and panel locations shall be as per the site plan for Walton Energy, Inc. dated 07/24/2015 and if discontinued, the use will revert back to the original use within twelve months of discontinuing the use. Commissioner Shelnett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

Approval of AZ15080008 - Alteration to zoning on 10.937 acres to remove Airpark Overlay - Cheek Road - Applicant/Owner: John & Martha Verbeeck - Map C189 Parcel 10B – District 4

Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Applicant John Verbeeck came before the Board in support of the application. 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 alteration to zoning as presented. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

Approval of Land Use Amendment LU15070010 and Rezone Z15070006 - Change land use from suburban to highway corridor and rezone 4.43 acres from B-2 to B-3 for automotive paint and body repair shop – Applicant - James E Gross - 422 GA Highway 81- Property Owner: James E Gross and Walter A Jordan - Map C54 Parcel 103 - District 3

Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Applicant James Gross 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 Shelnutz made a motion to approve the request as per the Planning Commission recommendation. Commissioner Bradford seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.*

Approval of CU15080005 - Conditional Use for a guesthouse for Michael Shane Foster - 547 James Powers Road - Map C72 Parcel 85D - District 5 (as per department recommendation)

Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Applicant Michael Foster 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.

Motion: *Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the Conditional Use as recommended by the Planning Commission. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

Denial of CU15080003 - Conditional Use for an Events facility for Angie Lin - Property Owner: Richard Seig - 4984 Donald Drive - Map C6 Parcel 13 - District 2

Chairman Little stated that the applicant withdrew the application. He gave those present in opposition to the Conditional Use the opportunity to speak. No one spoke. Chairman Little closed the public hearing on the matter.

Motion: *Commissioner Banks made a motion to approve withdrawal of the Conditional Use application. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of September 1, 2015 Meeting Minutes

2. Contracts & Purchases of \$2,500.00 or greater
3. Acceptance of Bulletproof Vest Grant
4. Acceptance of ACCG Health and Wellness Incentive Grant
5. GDOT LMIG Grant Application FY 2016
6. Contract - Davenport and Company, LLC - Financial Consultant Services
7. ACCG Lease - Capital Equipment
8. Declaration of surplus property
9. ATM Agreement – Cash Transactions, LLC

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

PERSONNEL

Request for supplemental pay for state paid Assistant District Attorney

Motion: *Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor.*

RESOLUTIONS

Sheriff's Office K-9

This resolution recognizes the years of service of Sheriff's Office K-9 Liaka, provides for her retirement from active service and her conditional transfer for her remaining years.

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

WC Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2015- 2020

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

PROCLAMATION

Paint Walton Red Month

Chairman Little read the proclamation into the record.

BIDS

S.R. 138 @ Business 10 Widening Project

Motion: *Commissioner Adams made a motion to award the bid to E.R. Snell Contractor in the amount of \$536,055.40. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.*

Motion: Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the County's share of the project cost in the amount of \$250,000.00 and to give the Chairman the authority to execute the contract. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Adams made a motion to authorize use of LMIG funds for the project. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussion of future acquisition of real estate

Motion: At 6:36 p.m., Commissioner Bradford made a motion to enter into executive session. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Commissioners Ayers, Banks, Shelnett, Bradford, Adams and Dixon voted in favor.

Motion: At 7:03 p.m., Commissioner Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon, to return to regular session. Commissioners Ayers, Banks, Shelnett, Bradford, Adams and Dixon voted in favor. No votes were taken while in executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bradford, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 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