

January 27, 2004

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting on Tuesday, January 27, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex V Conference Room, 132 East Spring Street, Monroe, Ga. Those present included Chairman Kevin Little, Commissioners Clinton Ayers, Michael Turner, Phil Green, Lamar Palmer, Gerald Atha and John Robinson, County Clerk Leta Talbird, County Attorney Ken Lander, Planning Director Mike Martin, Personnel Director Janice Holland and Financial Officer Merridy McDaniel. A list of citizens and other employees in attendance at this meeting is on file in the auxiliary file under this meeting date.

Recreation Director Jody Johnson presented a GRPA Beacon of Light Award to the Board. Mr. Johnson then reviewed the conceptual drawing of the South Madison Avenue Park with the Board.

Chairman Little presented Local Government Management Program completion certificates to John Allman, Charna Parker, Merridy McDaniel, Ray Johnson, and Ashley Cason. Chairman Little also recognized Donnie McCullough for completion of the training. Mr. McCullough was unable to attend the meeting.

Attorney Ken Lander spoke to the Board regarding employee Darren Hester's appeal hearing.

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Robinson opened the meeting in prayer.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented, with requested additions. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2004 board meeting. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to re-appoint Neal Byrd, Jackie McClendon and Rebecca Dally to the Personnel Advisory Board. Commissioner Green seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Green, to approve a personnel new hire and promotion for the record. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Robinson discussed the Board of Education's request for assistance from the DOT for a center turn lane on Ga. Hwy. 81 & Youth Jersey at the new school. Chairman Little agreed to call the DOT District Engineer and DOT Board Member Jimmy Lester to determine exactly what DOT needs to go forward with the project. He also agreed to write a letter stating that the improvement has no bearing on opening the facility.

Financial Officer Merridy McDaniel presented purchases and contracts of \$2,500.00 or greater for the Board's consideration, along with additions added at adoption of the agenda. Commissioner Green made a motion to approve purchases and contracts as presented, including the additions. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

At 6:55 p.m., Chairman Little exited the meeting to attend a meeting of the 4 County Development Authority. Vice Chairman Robinson then presided.

The Board considered an amendment to a contract with The Facility Group for Recreation Master Planning Services. Commissioner Green made a motion to table the matter for further negotiation. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a maintenance agreement with Hasler Mailing Systems for the Tax Commissioner's Office. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the agreement. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered an Equipment Donation Agreement with AT & T for a diesel generator with an enclosure and fuel tank for the Fire Department. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the agreement. Commissioner Green seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered an amendment to the contract with W.K. Dickson for the Great Walton Bikeway project. Commissioner Turner made a motion to table a decision on the matter for review by the County Attorney until the 2/3/04 board meeting. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Chief Magistrate Judge Kitty Yarbrough presented a contract with The Interpreting Resource International, Inc. for the Magistrate Court. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a resolution regarding Georgia Water Law & Policies. Commissioner Turner made a motion to table a decision on the resolution until the 2/3/04 board meeting in order to give Planning Director Mike Martin time to review it. Commissioner Green seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the following tax refunds, based on recommendation by the Board of Tax Assessors: Pao Thao & Youa Moua - \$288.38, Ned Gene Peters & Marie Pierce Peters - \$288.38, and Hillary Holderfield - \$300.00. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Green made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to approve 2004 qualifying fees for county elections. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a Public Works Department request to go forward with engineering plans for Old Braswell Road & Lower Tanners Bridge Road. Commissioner Green made a motion to table a decision on the matter to get a cost estimate on the engineering from Precision Planning, Inc. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a FY 04 GEMA /ODP Grant application for the County Extension Office. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the application contingent upon review by the County Attorney and requirement of matching county funds. He further moved that if matching county funds are required, that the matter be brought back before the Board for approval. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Sgt. Melanie Byer of the Sheriff's Office came before the Board to request approval to apply for a FY 04 Bullet Proof Vest grant. Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the application. He further moved to authorize the Sheriff's Department to submit the required signature electronically. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Planning Director Mike Martin presented Requests for Qualifications for impact fee consulting and implementation. Commissioner Turner made a motion to go forward and get a price from Ross & Associates. Commissioner Green seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Green made a motion to appoint George Sydney Head to the Walton County Board of Appeals. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to appoint Helen Cohenour to the Walton County Board of Health, based on recommendation from Health Department Administrative Manager Edith Weaver. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the conceptual drawing for the South Madison Avenue Park as presented. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

At 7:43 p.m., Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ayers, to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor.

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

CLINTON AYERS, DISTRICT 1

MICHAEL TURNER, DISTRICT 2

HARRY P. GREEN, DISTRICT 3

LAMAR PALMER, DISTRICT 4

GERALD ATHA, DISTRICT 5

JOHN ROBINSON, DISTRICT 6