

April 1, 2004

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting on Thursday, April 1, 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 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.

Myra Smith and Alan Duval of the Walton County Hospital Authority introduced themselves to the Board.

Roger Dennington of Keep Walton Beautiful came before the Board to request funding to assist in purchasing anti-litter signs.

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Green opened the meeting in prayer.

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

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2004 board meeting. Commissioner Green seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve an amendment to the November 4, 2003 meeting minutes. Commissioner Green seconded the motion the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

(Commissioner Turner entered the meeting at 6:15 p.m.)

County Attorney Ken Lander stated that he was redrafting the agreement with Social Circle City Schools regarding use of recreation facilities and the construction of tennis courts in the South Walton Recreation Complex. He stated that he had not been able to talk with Mr. Hartley at the Social Circle Board of Education to discuss the matter. Commissioner Green made a motion to table the agreement until the April 6, 2004 board meeting. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered appointments to the Walton County Hospital Authority. Commissioner Robinson made a motion to reappoint Alan Duval, Myra Smith and Dr. Joe Gaskins to the Walton County Hospital Authority. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Fire Chief Steve Couch came before the Board to request authority to purchase a fire engine from Gwinnett County. He stated that he would like to hold off on the surplus of Engine 1 and use existing funds to purchase the truck from Gwinnett County to be used as a reserve truck. Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the purchase of the fire engine from Gwinnett County with the condition that it be purchased with budgeted funds. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve personnel transfers, promotions and new hires as presented for the record. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve contracts and budgeted purchases of \$2,500.00 or greater as presented. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Atha made a motion to approve a Tax Assessor's Office recommendation to approve a refund for Allyne Harris Brown in the amount of \$774.00. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Atha made a motion to approve a Tax Assessor's Office recommendation to approve a refund for John Michael Allman & Melissa Ann Allman in the amount of \$61.49. Commissioner Green seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to table a decision on Local Certification Acceptance of changes to county road inventory until the April 6, 2004 meeting. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to proclaim April 2004 Child Abuse Prevention Month in Walton County. Commissioner Green seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve a software support contract with Governmental Systems, Inc. for the Tax Commissioner's Office. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Fire Chief Steve Couch requested the Board approve Automatic & Mutual Aid Assistance Agreements for Fire Department Services with Oconee County and the City of Monroe. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the agreements and to give the Chairman the authority to execute the contracts. 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 the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ayers, to approve the application. All voted in favor.

Sgt. Byer and Chief Couch requested approval to apply for the 2004 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the application. Commissioner Green seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Public Facilities Director Joyce Chambers came before the Board to request approval to send out requests for proposals for telecommunication switching equipment for the new government building. Commissioner Turner made a motion to send out requests for proposals for a new digital switching system. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Ms. Chambers discussed with the Board a request from the Walton County Cattleman's Association to construct a new barbeque building at the Agriculture Education Center. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the County providing labor and the Cattleman's Association paying for the materials to construct the barbeque building. Commissioner Green seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Ms. Chambers discussed with the Board the need for additional space for the Public Defender's Office. Commissioner Turner recused himself from discussion on the matter. The Board took no action on the matter.

Ms. Chamber discussed the relocation of county offices that will not move into the new Government Building but are presently located in leased space. The Board took no action on the matter.

Ms. Chamber discussed leasing of county facilities for events such as weddings. The Board took no action on the matter.

At 8:25 p.m., Commissioner Ayers made a motion briefly recess the meeting. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

At 8:45 p.m., Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Green, to reconvene the meeting. All voted in favor.

Planning & Development Director Mike Martin presented a draft schedule for the impact fee study from Ross & Associates. Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the schedule. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Mr. Martin discussed the need to appoint an Impact Fee Committee. The Board will make the appointments at its May 4, 2004 meeting.

The Board considered an annexation request from the City of Loganville for 20.33 acres located at 3859 Claude Brewer Road for Leah Fortner, A. Fortner Construction. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to table the matter until the April 6, 2004 meeting. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered an annexation request from the City of Loganville for 15.02 acres located on Rock Road for Linton Swindell, Vintage Communities. Commissioner Turner made a motion to table a decision on the matter until the April 6, 2004 meeting. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered an annexation request from the City of Loganville for 2.98 acres located on Ga. Hwy. 81 South for Freedom Financial Corporation. Commissioner Turner made a motion to deny the annexation because it does not comply with the County's Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered funding of anti-litter signs for Keep Walton Beautiful. Commissioner Ayers made a motion not to appropriate funds at this time. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve paving of Bay Creek Church Road. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

At 9:30 p.m., Commissioner Ayers made a motion to recess the regular meeting in order to hold a work session to discuss various matters. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

At 11:05 p.m., Commissioner Robinson made a motion to resume the meeting. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

At 11:06 p.m. Commissioner Green made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss litigation. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Green, Palmer, Atha and Robinson voted in favor.

At 11:50 p.m., Commissioner Turner made a motion to return to regular

session. Commissioner Green seconded the motion. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Green, Palmer, Atha and Robinson voted in favor. No votes were taken while in executive session.

At 11:51 p.m., Commissioner Turner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Green seconded the motion. 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