

April 29, 2004

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting on Thursday, April 29, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex V Conference Room, 132 East Spring Street, Monroe, Ga. Those present included Vice Chairman John Robinson, Commissioners Clinton Ayers, Michael Turner, Phil Green, Lamar Palmer and Gerald Atha, Asst. County Clerk Rhonda Hawk and County Attorney Ken Lander. Chairman Little did not attend due to a prior commitment. A list of citizens and other employees in attendance at this meeting is on file in the auxiliary file under this meeting date.

Steve Chandler, Director of Walton County Public Works, presented price estimates to replace the bridge on Chandler Haulk Road.

Tom Goddard, Transportation Director for Walton County Board of Education, presented a request to be added to the County's radio system.

Vice Chairman Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented with requested addition. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2004, April 1, 2004 and April 6, 2004 Board Meetings. Commissioner Green seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

At 6:20 p.m., Commissioner Green made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Green, Palmer and Atha voted in favor.

At 6:48 p.m., Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to return to regular session. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Green, Palmer and Atha voted in favor. No votes were taken in executive session.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to pay the Chief Clerk of Magistrate Court the supplement amount previously approved from February 23, 2004 through the current pay period ending on May 2, 2004. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to discontinue the supplement for the Chief Clerk of Magistrate Court after the current pay period ending on May 2, 2004. Commissioner Green seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to table the Local Certification Acceptance of changes to county road inventory until the next meeting in order to review the maps. Commissioner Green seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to table the proposal from Tommy Craig for the Monroe Bypass. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to table the appointment to the Personnel Advisory Board until a recommendation can be made by the Juvenile Court Judge. Commissioner Green seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to table an agreement with Social Circle City Schools until Tuesday, May 4, 2004. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

County Attorney Ken Lander presented a change on the warranty deed for property being sold to Leonard Holder. The change was necessary due to the encroachment of a pump station. Commissioner Green made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to approve the deed changes. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to table a list of new hires until Tuesday, May 4, 2004 in order for the Fire Chief to come before the Board to explain. After some discussion concerning the matter being for the record, Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve new hires and promotions submitted for the record. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. Commissioners Ayers, Green, Palmer and Atha voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Turner opposed the motion. The motion carried 4-1.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve contracts and budgeted purchases of \$2,500.00 or greater as presented with the inclusion of the County Attorney's bill. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve refunds submitted for the record. Commissioner Green seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board reviewed a request from the Planning and Development Department for a budget amendment due to overages on fuel. Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Green to approve the amendment. After further discussion, Commissioner Turner rescinded his motion. Commissioner Green rescinded his second. The request was withdrawn.

Commissioner Green made a motion to approve youth employment for the Parks and Recreation Department through the Workforce Investment Act at no cost to the County. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Green made a motion to reappoint Charlotte George, Priscilla Floyd, Gene Ensminger and Ray Parker to the Walton County Board of Family and Children Services for a term to expire on June 30, 2009. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Major Travis Brown of the Walton County Sheriff's Office presented a proposal from Georgia Correctional Health, LLC to provide medical services to inmates at the Walton County Jail. Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to approve the proposal in the amount of \$570,000.00. County Attorney Ken Lander suggested that the renewal language in the contract be changed. Commissioner Turner amended his motion to include changes by the County Attorney and to authorize execution of the contract by the Chairman. Commissioner Green seconded the amended motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Ben Carter of Carter-Watkins Associates, presented a letter from Potts General Contractors requesting a reduction in retainage on the Walton County Government Building from 10% to 5% for the remainder of the project. Commissioner Green made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ayers, to deny the request. All voted in favor.

The Board reviewed a cost breakdown for exterior lighting at the Walton

County Government Building. Ben Carter of Carter-Watkins Associates stated that the exterior lighting was always listed as owner provided and was to be an inter-governmental contract with Monroe Utilities Network. Mr. Carter further stated that the decorative lighting was required per the contract with George Baker. The total costs for lighting, including installation is \$487,715.00 or a proposed 60 month fee of \$9,915.00, which includes an estimated \$1,814.00 per month for power and maintenance. After further discussion, Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the 60 month amortized proposal for outdoor lighting with Monroe Utilities Network and to review the budget for furniture and fixtures in order to reduce it. Commissioner Green seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Green made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to approve proclamations in support of Keeping Walton Healthy and Older Americans Months. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the efforts of Actions, Inc. to obtain funding through the Rural Development, Housing Preservation Program. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board reviewed a Food Service Ordinance. Attorney Ken Lander explained that the ordinance would allow for the enforcement of state law in Walton County's Magistrate Court. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the Food Service Ordinance. Commissioner Green seconded the motion; vote and carried unanimously.

At 8:27 p.m., Commissioner Green made a motion to briefly recess the meeting. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

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

At 8:45 p.m, Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter and litigation. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Green, Palmer and Atha voted in favor.

At 9:22 p.m., Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to return to regular session. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Green, Palmer and Atha voted in favor. There were no votes taken in executive session.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to appoint Janice Holland as Personnel Director, Grade 31, Step 9, to be an annual Board appointed position, reporting to the Chairman, and that she has agreed to forego inclusion in the County's Insurance Plan, the County's 401(a) and 2004 Defined Benefit Retirement Plan. The position would be subject to the same COLA and merit increases as Personnel Plan employees. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

At 9:25 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      RHONDA HAWK, ASST. 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