

July 29 2004

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting on Thursday, July 29, 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, Personnel Director Janice Holland, Finance Officer Merridy McDaniel 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.

Jimmy Parker of Precision Planning, Inc. presented a draft Sanitary Sewer Master Plan for the U.S. Hwy. 78 Corridor.

Mark Willett came before the Board to propose an amendment to the WC Land Development Ordinance regarding new residential structures in existing manufactured home parks.

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Green opened the meeting in prayer.

Commissioner Green made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2004 and July 6, 2004 meetings. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Personnel Director Janice Holland presented a request from the Roads & Bridges Department to reclassify a full-time laborer position to a 30 hour Office Assistant II. Commissioner Atha made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Ms. Holland presented a request for approval of changes to Personnel Rules & Regulations to change leave accrual from monthly to bi-weekly. Commissioner Atha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to approve the change. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve new hires and promotions as presented, for the record. Commissioner Green seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Financial Officer Merridy McDaniel presented contracts and budgeted purchases of \$2,500.00 or greater for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve contracts and budgeted purchases as presented. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

At 7:35 p.m., Commissioner Robinson entered the meeting.

The Board considered paving of Adamson Drive. County Attorney Ken Lander stated that the County agreed to pave the road as part of the sales contract dated December 30, 1996 between the Walton Industrial Building Authority and Moon Grading, Inc. After further discussion, Commissioner Turner made a motion to table a decision on the matter until the 8/3/04 meeting. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a request from the City of Social Circle to rename the South Walton Recreation Complex to include the name Godwin. Chairman Little stated that he received a letter from the City of Social Circle stating that when the City of Social Circle purchased the land for the park, there was a clause in the sales contract which stated that the Godwin family would have input in the naming of the park. Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Green, to change the name of the park to Godwin South Walton Recreation Complex. All voted in favor.

The Board considered retirement supplements for Superior Court Judges. County Attorney Ken Lander reviewed State Code as it relates to payment of supplements to Judges and a Resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners on April 7, 1987 establishing a retirement supplement for Superior Court Judges. Commissioner Atha made a motion to reaffirm the resolution dated April 7, 1987 and to approve retirement supplements for Judges Ellis and Sorrells. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered bids received for furnishings for the Law Enforcement Center addition. Financial Officer Merridy McDaniel stated that the furnishings would be paid for out of the Inmate Commissary Account. Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the low bid from Prime Office Products. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to table a decision on proposals received for a VO/IP System for the new Government Building until the 8/3/04 meeting. All voted in favor.

The Board discussed use of Board of Education facilities for recreation. Chairman Little stated that he would meet with the School Superintendent to discuss the fee schedules for both Board of Education and County facilities.

Associate County Attorney Bill Childers and John Schwartz spoke during the public comment segment of the meeting.

At 8:25 p.m., Commissioner Robinson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ayers, to enter into executive session to discuss litigation and real estate acquisition. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Green, Palmer, Atha & Robinson voted in favor.

At 8:55 p.m., Commissioner Robinson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ayers, to return to regular session. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Green, Palmer, Atha & Robinson voted in favor. No votes were taken while in executive session.

At 8:56 p.m., Commissioner Green made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Green, 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