

September 30, 2004

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, September 30, 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 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.

Jane Hayse of the Atlanta Regional Commission Transportation Planning Division made a presentation regarding federal funding for future transportation projects.

Walton County Development Authority Executive Director Nancy Kinsey came before the Board to request approval to use the proceeds from the sale of greenspace in the amount of \$46,000.00 to run sewer to a 4-acre tract of property owned by the Authority located at the corner of Hwy. 78 and Unisia Drive. The Board placed the matter on the 10-5-04 agenda for consideration.

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Green opened the meeting in prayer.

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

Commissioner Green made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2004 and September 7, 2004 meetings. All voted in favor.

Personnel Director Janice Holland presented a resolution amending the ACCG Defined Benefit Plan for employees of Walton County effective January 1, 2004 to allow current Plan participants a one-time opportunity to purchase their past service with the County for purposes of determining the participant's benefits under the Plan. The Board instructed Ms. Holland to have GEBCorp provide performance reports for the last 20 years and to provide realistic figures for the Board's review before making a decision on the resolution. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to table the matter until the next meeting. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ayers, to approve personnel new hires and promotions, for the record. All voted in favor.

Financial Officer Merridy McDaniel presented contracts and purchases of \$2,500.00 or greater for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve contracts and purchases as presented. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve an Electronic Banking Services Agreement with The National Bank of Walton County. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve EMS refunds for the record. Commissioner Green seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Rickey Dillard of the Tax Assessors Office presented a contract with Traylor Business Services, Inc. for a Business Personal Property Verification Program. Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to approve the contract. All voted in favor.

Mr. Dillard presented a contract with Flagship GIS for aerial photography and mapping support. Mr. Dillard stated that Item 3 of the contract – GIS Website Programming and Hosting, is an option for the future, but is currently not budgeted. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve Items 1 & 2 of the contract and to ask Flagship GIS to make a presentation for further in-depth analysis of Item 3. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve an agreement with Municipal Code Corporation for the purchase of the County Code in electronic format, after the codification process is completed and the Board adopts the Code. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the agreement. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Green, to approve the following purchase of service contracts: Tonya Byrd, Camella Boles & Regina McCracken. All voted in favor.

Fire Chief Steve Couch presented a contract with Mizell, Hodges & Associates, Inc. for assistance in developing a Master Plan for Fire Protection and to identify strategies and recommendations to justify an improved ISO Insurance Class rating. Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve the contract in an amount not to exceed \$11,250.00. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Joe Watkins of Carter Watkins Associates presented quotes received for furniture for the new Government Building. Mike Cash of Mike Cash Office Products requested that he be given the opportunity to provide a quote for the furniture. Commissioner Turner made a motion to table a decision on the furniture until the 10-5-04 meeting. He requested Carter Watkins Associates provide additional details on the furniture to be purchased and that the Finance Department provide the Board with the dollars available to purchase the furniture. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Mike Cash presented a proposal to move the County Offices into the new Government Building for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00. Commissioner Turner made a motion to have Mike Cash bring the proposal back before the Board at its next meeting with an exact quote on the move. After further discussion, Commissioner Turner amended his motion to select Mike Cash Office Products to do the move, not to exceed \$50,000.00 with Mr. Cash coming back to the Board with an exact price for the move at a later date. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to appoint the following citizens to The Partnership for Families, Children & Youth: Jimmy Hogg, Candy Hull, Dawn Link, Rita Dickinson and Michael Turner. Commissioner Green seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a Tax Assessor's Office recommendation to approve a refund for William R. Rowe in the amount of \$118.70 for taxes paid on road right-of-way that the County owns by prescription. Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ayers, to approve the refund. All voted in favor.

County Attorney Ken Lander discussed negotiations of cable franchise agreements between the County, Monroe Utilities Network and Comcast Communications.

The Board considered a resolution establishing hazardous materials resource recovery fees. Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ayers, to adopt the resolution. All voted in favor.

At 9:15 p.m., Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ayers, to enter into executive session to discuss litigation. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Green, Palmer, Atha & Robinson voted in favor.

At 9:25 p.m., Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to return to regular session. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Green, Palmer, Atha & Robinson voted in favor. No votes were taken while in executive session.

At 9:27 p.m., Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, 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

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