

July 1, 2004

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting on Thursday, July 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 and Gerald Atha, County Clerk Leta Talbird, County Attorney Ken Lander 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. Commissioner Robinson did not attend the meeting.

Chris Kumnick of Walton County Environmental Health Services came before the Board to request an increase of the vehicle mileage rate paid to that department's staff to 37.5 cents per mile. Mr. Kumnick presented proposed Environmental Health Ordinances, which would give the County more options for enforcement of violations. The Board placed the proposed Ordinances on the 7-6-04 agenda for consideration.

Hoke Thomas, Jr. of Thomas Brothers Hydro, Inc. presented a study and permit for withdrawal of water from the South River at the County Line of Newton and Henry Counties. Mr. Thomas asked the Board to consider signing a letter of intent to purchase water from the proposed facility.

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Green opened the meeting in prayer.

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

Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2004, June 1, 2004 Budget Adoption and June 1, 2004 meetings. Commissioner Green seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a request from Coroner Craig League to amend the County's Indigent Burial Policy. Commissioner Turner made a motion to increase the Indigent Burial fee to \$500.00 and to make the fee available to all qualified Walton County residents. Commissioner Turner further moved to send out requests for proposals for cemetery lots. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Ben Carter of Carter Watkins Associates presented a proposal from The Potts Company for courtroom benches for the new Government Building. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the proposal for padded benches. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Mr. Carter presented an agreement with Monroe Utilities Network for exterior lighting at the new jail addition. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the agreement and instruct the County Attorney to research the matter to make sure the maintenance costs are the same as other government entities are paying before the Chairman signs the agreement. Commissioner Green seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Nancy Kinsey, Executive Director of the Walton County Development Authority, presented an Incentive Program for expansion of the Walmart Distribution Center. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the abatement. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Commissioner Atha made a motion to waive development fees associated with the project. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion.

Commissioners Green, Palmer, Atha and Chairman Little voted in favor of the motion. Commissioners Turner and Ayers opposed the motion. The motion carried 4-2.

Personnel Director Janice Holland presented employee new hires and promotions for the record. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve new hires and promotions as presented for the record. Commissioner Green seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Major Travis Brown of the Sheriff's Office presented a request for approval of a promotional opportunity for the position of Sgt. Youth Investigator. Nancy Stone of the Juvenile Court spoke in favor of the proposal. Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

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

Ms. McDaniel presented refunds for the record. Commissioner Green made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to approve the refunds. All voted in favor.

Ms. McDaniel presented an ACCG Master Lease for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Green made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the lease and to give the Chairman the authority to execute the necessary documents. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a Tax Assessor's Office recommendation to approve a refund for Robert W. Von Itter & Katherine P. Von Itter for taxes paid since 1997 on a commercial building they do not own. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the refund as follows: Tax Year 2001 - \$1,905.56, Tax Year 2002 - \$1,902.19 and Tax Year 2003 - \$1,902.46. Commissioner Green seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Atha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to rename the tennis court facility at Hammond Park for Mr. Pat Baccus. All voted in favor.

The Board considered appointments to the Walton County Board of Tax Assessors. Commissioner Atha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to appoint Robert M. Hawk, Jr. and Glenn Barton. All voted in favor. Mr. Hawk's six-year term will expire on June 30, 2010. Mr. Barton is filling the un-expired term of Richard Jeffery, which will expire on March 5, 2008.

The Board considered appointments to the Impact Fee Advisory Committee. Commissioner Turner made a motion to appoint Max Laseter to represent District 6 and Stuart Oberman to represent District 2. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered an interim appointment to the Walton County Personnel Advisory Board. Commissioner Turner made a motion to appoint Rick Fleming as an interim member. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a maintenance agreement with Harris Custom Programming, Inc, for software programming for the Clerk of Superior Court. Commissioner Turner made a motion to table a decision on the matter in order for him to discuss the agreement with Judge John Ott.

Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered the following contracts for the Department of Juvenile Justice Purchase of Services: Charles Teasley, Tonya Byrd, Greg Bullock, Regina Walker and Camella Boykin. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the aforementioned contracts. Commissioner Green seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered an Engagement Letter from Treadwell, Tamplin & Company for Auditing Services for FY 2004. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the contract, but to take bids for auditing services for FY 2005 beginning in November 2004. Commissioner Green seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a Law Enforcement Contract with the City of Social Circle. County Attorney Ken Lander stated that there are a few discrepancies that need to be worked out prior to execution of the contract. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the contract subject to revisions by the County Attorney, including the necessary budget amendment. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. Commissioners Turner, Green, Palmer and Atha voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Ayers opposed the motion. The motion carried 4-1.

The Board considered a Law Enforcement Contract with the City of Walnut Grove. Attorney Lander stated that amendments should be made to the proposed contract to include review of the contract each fiscal year, a mutual out clause and mutual indemnity for both entities. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the contract with the amendments suggested by the County Attorney. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered an FY 2005 Family Connection Contract. Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ayers, to approve the contract. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a maintenance agreement with the Space Saver Group for the mobile file system for the Clerk of Superior Court. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the agreement. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a Local Certification Acceptance for a change in the County's road inventory, correcting mileage on Nunnally Farm Road. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the LCA. Commissioner Green seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

John Strauss of the Public Defender's Office presented a proposal for budgeting and personnel for the office of the Alcovy Judicial Circuit Public Defender. Mr. Strauss presented statistical information and gave an overview of the office dynamics. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the proposal. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered an Alcoholic Beverage License application for Scott Garner – 19<sup>th</sup> Hold Grill at The Providence Club. Commissioner Atha made a motion to approve the license. Commissioner Green seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Public Facilities Director Joyce Chambers discussed with the Board problems with the roof of the Alcovy Diversion Center. Ms. Chambers presented estimates for repair of the roof. Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to table a decision on the matter for

further research. All voted in favor.

Jimmy Parker of Precision Planning, Inc. gave an update on the proposed widening of S. R. 81 at the new Youth Middle School. County Attorney Ken Lander will communicate with GDOT as to the status of access requirements at the new school and get a definitive answer.

At 10:15 p.m., Commissioner Green made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to enter into Executive Session to discuss litigation. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Green, Palmer and Atha voted in favor.

At 10:55 p.m., Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to return to regular session. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Green, Palmer and Atha voted in favor. No votes were taken while in executive session.

At 10:56 p.m., Commissioner Green made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

All documents of record for this meeting are on file in either the addendum book or auxiliary file under this meeting date.

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KEVIN W. LITTLE, CHAIRMAN

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LETA P. TALBIRD, CLERK

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LAMAR PALMER, DISTRICT 4

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GERALD ATHA, DISTRICT 5