

March 31, 2005

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting on Thursday, March 31, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Walton County Government Building, 303 South Hammond Drive, Suite 330, Monroe, Ga. Those present included Chairman Kevin Little, Commissioners Clinton Ayers, Michael Turner, Vickie Gasaway, Lamar Palmer, Gerald Atha and John Robinson, County Clerk Leta Talbird, County Attorney Ken Lander, Personnel Director Janice Holland, Financial Officer Christie Pickens, Purchasing Agent Rhonda Hawk 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.

George Eichler of Technology Park Atlanta gave an update on the Stanton Springs project.

Walton County Development Authority Executive Director Nancy Kinsey presented the Board with a check in the amount of \$106,000.00 from the sale of greenspace and timber.

Chairman Little introduced Financial Officer Christie Pickens to the Board.

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Gasaway opened the meeting in prayer.

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

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2005 and March 1, 2005 meetings. All voted in favor.

Personnel Director Janice Holland presented new hires and promotions for the record. Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve new hires and promotions. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to approve a request from Superior Court Judge Horace Johnson for compensation for Judicial Secretary Roberta Moses for the period from January 1, 2005 to March 1, 2005. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to authorize Tax Commissioner Patricia Malcom to accept checks for all taxes, fees and licenses due to her office. All voted in favor.

Probate Judge Greg Adams requested the Board approve payment to solicitors in the amounts of \$75.00 per hour in court and \$60.00 per hour out of court. Commissioner

Palmer made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ayers, to approve contracts and budgeted purchases of \$2,500.00 or greater as presented. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a 3 percent step increase for county employees. Commissioner Atha made a motion to approve the increase for all employees who have 6 months of service as of the pay period beginning Monday, March 21, 2005. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. Commissioners Ayers, Gasaway, Palmer and Atha voted in favor of the motion. Commissioners Turner and Robinson abstained. The motion carried.

Planning Director Mike Martin presented an annexation request for the City of Loganville for the following properties: 4991 Hwy. 81 N. – C 16, P 14 – 24.05 acres, 5031 Hwy. 81 N – C 16, P 15 – 7.893 acres and Hwy. 81 N. – C 16, P 16 – 19.088 acres. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Robinson, to approve an annexation for the City of Loganville. All voted in favor.

Mike Martin presented an annexation request for the Town of Between for the following properties: C 61, P 89 containing 78.91 acres, C 74, P 16A containing 4.07 acres, C 61, P 91 containing 25.79 acres, C 61, P 92 containing 2.73 acres, C 91, P 91DP containing 14.53 acres, C61, P 92 DP containing 7.09 acres, and C 62, P 157 DP containing 85.48 acres. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to object to the annexation because the proposed annexation's density and intensity is not consistent with the community. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to appoint Gay Lull to the Governing Board of The Partnership for Families, Children & Youth. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve a refund for Jeffrey Schwartz in the amount of \$232.25 for penalty and interest on 2004 property taxes. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Atha made a motion to approve a refund for Jimmy M. Quick & Donna K. Quick in the amount of \$303.46 based on the recommendation of the Tax Assessors' Office. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Atha made a motion to approve a refund for David J. McCalister in the amount of \$306.19 based on the recommendation of the Tax Assessors' Office. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to approve a refund in the amount of \$110.57 for Jane M. Berry & Keith M. Berry based on the

recommendation of the Tax Assessors' Office. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to adopt a resolution supporting the Walton County Boy's & Girl's Club Community Development Block Grant application. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve Department of Juvenile Justice Purchase of Services contracts with Greg Bullock and Tonya Byrd. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Information Systems Director Lamar Milligan presented a contract with John Adams for software maintenance for the 911 Computer Aided Dispatch application. Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the contract. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a request from Allan Shapiro to abandon an undeveloped road located within Riverside Estates Subdivision. Commissioner Atha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to begin the abandonment process for the road. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Gasaway, Palmer and Atha voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Robinson opposed the motion. The motion carried 5-1.

Assistant EMA Director Melanie Byer presented a request to apply for a 2005 Assistance to Firefighters Grant. Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve the application. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Melanie Byer presented a request to apply for a 2005 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to approve the application. All voted in favor.

Facilities Manager Joyce Chambers presented a Pet Policy for the Board's review. Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the policy. All voted in favor.

Joyce Chambers presented proposed rental policies and procedures for use of the Historic Courthouse. After discussion, Commissioner Robinson made a motion to table a decision on the matter in order for Ms. Chambers and County Attorney Lander to research other historic courthouse rental policies. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered appointment of a transition team for the Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority. Attorney Ken Lander reviewed information with the Board. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to authorize Chairman Little and County Attorney Lander to speak on the Board's behalf in favor of the Water Authority legislation (SB 333). Commissioner Turner seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Commissioner Robinson made a motion to appoint Financial Officer Christie Pickens, Personnel

Director Janice Holland, Planning & Development Director Mike Martin, County Attorney Ken Lander, Chairman Kevin Little, Commissioner Michael Turner and Commissioner Lamar Palmer to serve as the transition team. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson stated that he was satisfied with information already received and therefore would not need to discuss the budget restraints agenda item.

Merridy McDaniel spoke during the public comment segment of the meeting.

At 8:14 p.m., Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ayers, to enter into executive session to discuss litigation. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Gasaway, Palmer, Atha & Robinson voted in favor.

At 9:00 p.m., Commissioner Robinson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to return to regular session. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Gasaway, Palmer, Atha & Robinson voted in favor. No decisions were made while in executive session.

At 9:05 p.m., Commissioner Robinson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, 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

VICKIE M. GASAWAY, DISTRICT 3

LAMAR PALMER, DISTRICT 4

GERALD ATHA, DISTRICT 5

JOHN ROBINSON, DISTRICT 6