

June 30, 2005

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting on Thursday, June 30, 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 Vice Chairman John Robinson, Commissioners Clinton Ayers, Michael Turner, Vickie Gasaway, Lamar Palmer, and Gerald Atha, County Clerk Leta Talbird, County Attorney Ken Lander, Associate County Attorney Bill Childers, Personnel Director Janice Holland, Financial Officer Christie Pickens 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. Chairman Little did not attend the meeting due to family illness.

Vice Chairman Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Ayers opened the meeting in prayer.

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

Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2005 and June 7, 2005 meetings. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to move item 11.02 – Appointment of Walton Industrial Development Authority, to be heard at this time. All voted in favor.

Associate County Attorney Bill Childers recommended that the Board confirm the appointment of the current Walton Industrial Building Authority. The members are: Chairman Kevin Little, City of Monroe Mayor Harry Knight, Becky Dally, Raymond Ashe and Teri Wommack. Mr. Childers stated that Chairman Little and Mayor Knight are Ex Officio appointees and that the other three members should be reappointed with terms to expire August 1, 2006. Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to reappoint Chairman Kevin Little, Mayor Harry Knight, Becky Dally, Raymond Ashe and Teri Wommack. All voted in favor.

Vice Chairman Robinson opened the public hearing on the refinance of Walton County Public Service Project, Series 1994 indebtedness. Associate County Attorney Bill Childers reviewed the details of the project and presented the closing documents for the Board's review. Commissioner Atha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to close the public hearing on the matter. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve the project and to authorize Attorney Childers to proceed with the financing. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Personnel Director Janice Holland presented employee new hires, a change of status from temporary to full-time and promotions, for the record. Commissioner Turner made a

motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to approve the new hires, change of status and promotions as presented. All voted in favor.

Ms. Holland presented a request from the Planning & Development Office for modifications to the position of Architectural Technician. Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to approve the request. All voted in favor.

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

Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ayers, to adopt a resolution regarding expenditure of funds to continue operations during July 2005 until the Fiscal Year 2006 budget is adopted. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to approve the following refunds: Antony Thaliath – Tax Year 2003 - \$231.63 & Tamala L. Cumberworth and Kevin C. Cumberworth – Tax year 2004 - \$298.26. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to appoint Henry Kines to the Walton County Board of Appeals representing District 3. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Atha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve, for the record, an agreement with Georgia Soil & Water Conservation Commission allowing the County to conduct the review and approval of erosion and sedimentation control plans. All voted in favor.

Sean Caskie of Southeast Towers came before the Board to discuss a lease proposal for a telecommunications tower on the Good Hope Fire Station property. The Board directed Chairman Little and appropriate department heads to discuss the proposal, work out details and to bring the matter back before the Board at a later date.

The Board considered an agreement with the National Bank of Walton County for a credit card acceptance program for payment of taxes at the Tax Commissioners Office. Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the agreement. All voted in favor.

Fire Chief Steve Couch presented Automatic Aid Agreements with Morgan and Newton Counties. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the agreements. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered an agreement with MetroPCS for collection of the 911 fee from their subscribers. Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to approve the agreement. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve the following Purchase of Services Contracts for Juvenile Offenders: Brett Davis, Family Relations Program, Inc., Keith Fitzgerald and James Groves. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve a service agreement with Medtronic Physio Control for maintenance of defibrillators for the EMS Department. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Facilities Manager Joyce Chambers presented an addendum to the Carter Watkins Associates contract for the Government Building for additional drawings for a holding cell and redesign of the judges' benches. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to table a decision on the matter until the July 28, 2005 meeting in order that Mr. Carter could be at the meeting to present the change order. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Financial Officer Christi Pickens presented an Engagement Letter from Treadwell, Tamplin & Company for auditing services for fiscal year ended June 30, 2005. The Board discussed sending out requests for proposals for future auditing services. Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to accept the Engagement Letter from Treadwell, Tamplin & Company with the provision that the County will go out to bid for future auditing services no later than January 1, 2006 in order to see what is available in the marketplace. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ayers, to approve the FY06 Family Connection Grant Contract. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a request from Charlotte George to abandon a 70 ft. right of way on Shannon Road that was given by she and her husband when the County was attempting to acquire the necessary rights of way to widen and pave the road. County Clerk Leta Talbird stated that the Georges were the only property owners who deeded right of way and the County has been unable to proceed with the project. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to declare no further public use for the aforementioned right of way and to proceed with the abandonment process. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered an Alcoholic Beverage License application for David Staebell – Double Eagle Grill – The Providence Club. Commissioner Atha made a motion to approve the license contingent upon all required documentation being submitted. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Facilities Manager Joyce Chambers presented a quote from CANA Communications for security equipment for the government building. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the option presented by Ms. Chambers to physically lock down the courtrooms

and to change the egress detectors and push buttons to card readers. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Ms. Chambers discussed with the Board the need to upgrade the HVAC units in the kitchen area of the Monroe Senior Citizens Building. Commissioner Turner made a motion to table a decision on the matter until the architects can be present to discuss the matter with the Board. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Palmer, Atha and Robinson voted in favor with Commissioner Gasaway abstaining. The motion carried.

Ms. Chambers presented a proposal from Athens First Bank for placement of an ATM in the Government Building. The Board directed Financial Officer Christi Pickens to bid out the ATM in order that all local banks are given an opportunity to submit a proposal.

County Attorney Ken Lander presented a summary of actions taken by the Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority at its June 28, 2005 meeting. Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to ratify all actions taken by the Authority at its June 28, 2005 meeting, based on information received from the County Attorney. All voted in favor.

Paul Roberts spoke during the public comment segment of the meeting.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to appoint Commissioner Gerald Atha as Interim Vice Chairman for the July 5, 2005 Board meeting. All voted in favor.

At 8:00 p.m., Commissioner Turner made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss litigation. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Gasaway, Palmer, Atha and Robinson voted in favor of the motion.

At 8:12 p.m., Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to return to regular session. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Gasaway, Palmer, Atha and Robinson voted in favor. There were no votes taken while in executive session.

At 8:13 p.m., Commissioner Turner 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.

JOHN ROBINSON, VICE 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