

July 28, 2005

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting on Thursday, July 28, 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, 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 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 Turner did not attend the meeting due to a family emergency.

Deputy Doug Clifton of the Walton County Sheriff's Office made a presentation regarding the Walton County Law Enforcement Academy, a program designed to raise community awareness and build a close relationship between law enforcement and citizens.

LaKisha Banks made a presentation regarding The Sanctuary House, a proposed transitional service for youth in Walton County that need alternative placement.

Nancy Kinsey, Executive Director of the Walton County Development Authority, came before the Board on behalf of the Social Circle Development Authority to request the Board's consideration of a tax abatement program for a yet to be announced project in the City of Social Circle.

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m., and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Gasaway opened the meeting in prayer.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented, with requested additions. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to approve the minutes of the June 30, 2005 and July 5, 2005 meetings. All voted in favor.

Joe Watkins of Carter Watkins Associates presented a contract addendum for additional services for the Government Building. Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve the addendum in the amount of \$3,000.00. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ayers, to table a decision on the Walton County Senior Citizens Center kitchen cooling until the August 2, 2005 meeting. All voted in favor.

Recreation Director Jody Johnson reviewed the Felker Park phasing schedule with the

Board.

Personnel Director Janice Holland presented employee new hires, for the record. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to approve new hires as presented. All voted in favor.

At 7:25 p.m., the Board briefly recessed.

At 7:30 p.m., Chairman Little called the meeting back to order.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to approve the abatement program on the Social Circle Project using the same abatement program as approved by the City of Social Circle, which is phased in at ten percent per year. All voted in favor.

Bobby Boss of the Loganville American Legion offered the County a \$400,000.00 donation for the construction of a baseball stadium at West Walton Park. Mr. Boss explained that in exchange for the donation, the American Legion baseball team would use the stadium for practice and to play 8 to 10 home games each season. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the proposal, in principle, and to work out the final documents for the Board's approval. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Mayor Randy Garrett of the City of Good Hope presented a Service Delivery Strategy Intergovernmental Agreement for building inspection services. Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to approve the agreement. All voted in favor.

Finance Officer Christi Pickens presented contracts and budgeted purchases of \$2500.00 or greater for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to approve all contracts and purchases as presented, with the exception of the County Attorney's statement, which will be considered at the August 2, 2005 meeting. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to adopt a spending resolution for the month of August 2005. All voted in favor.

The Board considered bids received for deep patching on Centerhill Church Road. Commissioner Robinson made a motion to accept the low bid from Pittman Construction Company, Inc. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered bids received for sewer installation at Felker Park. Commissioner Robinson made a motion to accept the low bid from Harrison and Harrison. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the need for a procedure by which employees get prior Board approval before entering into any contract.

Commissioner Atha made a motion to re-appoint Jacqueline McClendon to the Walton County Board of Family and Children Services. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Ms. McClendon's term will expire June 30, 2010.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to appoint Malcom Hale to the Northeast Georgia Aging Services Advisory Council. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered an agreement with Governmental Systems, Inc. for conversion of computer software to a new operating system for the Tax Commissioner and Tax Assessors Office. Commissioner Robinson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to approve the agreement. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a contract with the City of Social Circle for jail services. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a Memorandum of Agreement between Walton County Soil and Water Conservation District, Walton County and the City of Social Circle for the County to conduct reviews and approval of the erosion and sediment control plan projects that arise within the city limits of Social Circle. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the agreement. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a Service Delivery Strategy Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Between for code enforcement services. Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to approve the agreement. All voted in favor.

The Board considered the following Purchase of Services contracts: Amanda Lawson, Kevin Jordan and Greg Bullock. Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve the aforementioned contracts. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to approve a maintenance agreement with Riso, Inc. for maintenance of the County's risograph machine. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve an Alcoholic Beverage License for Yousuf A. Dosani – Shell Food Mart – Hwy. 138, Oxford, Georgia. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board discussed a request from the City of Loganville for placement of a new EMS

Unit in West Walton. Commissioner Robinson made a motion to table the matter. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Jimmy Parker of Precision Planning, Inc. discussed with the Board options for the realignment of Youth Monroe Road at H.D. Atha Road. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to authorize Precision Planning to prepare comparative cost estimates on both options. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board discussed the status of an obstruction within the right of way on Bullock Bridge Road. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to instruct the County Clerk to draft a letter to the property owner regarding the obstruction, stating that the County wants to keep the right of way and will do whatever is necessary to make it happen. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

County Attorney Ken Lander presented a letter to the Administrative Office of the Courts, which he prepared at the request of Superior Court Judge John Ott regarding the division of the Alcovy Judicial Circuit. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve sending the letter under Chairman Little's signature. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

At 8:30 p.m., Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to enter into executive session to discuss litigation. Commissioners Ayers, Gasaway, Palmer, Atha and Robinson voted in favor.

At 9:35 p.m., Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to return to regular session. Commissioners Ayers, Gasaway, Palmer, Atha and Robinson voted in favor. No votes were taken while in executive session.

The Board considered ratification of actions taken by the Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority at its July 26, 2005 meeting. Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to ratify actions taken by the Authority with the exception of Items 8 and 10.ii. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to authorize Jimmy Parker of Precision Planning to meet with Water Authority members who have alternate options for water. She further moved to authorize Chairman Little to write a letter to the Chairman of the Authority stating that alternatives should be presented at the next Authority meeting. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to authorize the Water Authority to enter into a contract with Bates, Carter & Company for auditing services. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

At 10:15 p.m., Commissioner Ayers 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

VICKIE M. GASAWAY, DISTRICT 3

LAMAR PALMER, DISTRICT 4

GERALD ATHA, DISTRICT 5

JOHN ROBINSON, DISTRICT 6