

September 29, 2005

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting on Thursday, September 29, 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 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 Vickie Gasaway presented a service certificate to former Planning Commission member Johnny Allgood.

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Ayers opened the meeting in prayer.

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

Morris Jordan of the Development Authority of Walton County presented a Memorandum of Understanding between the Development Authority of Walton County, Walton County, the City of Monroe, Walton County School District, Wal-Mart Stores East, LP, the Walton County Board of Tax Assessors and the Tax Commissioner of Walton County regarding an inducement and development agreement for the Wal-Mart Distribution Center. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 31, 2005, September 1, 2005, September 6, 2005 called meeting and September 6, 2005 regular meetings. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Personnel Director Janice Holland presented employee new hires, promotions and a re-hire for the record. Commissioner Robinson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the aforementioned matters as presented. All voted in favor.

Ms. Holland presented an Employee Benefits Committee recommendation to amend the Employee Health Insurance Plan Document to reduce the emergency room co-pay from \$250.00 to \$50.00 for treatment of life threatening emergencies or treatment within 72 hours of an accident. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve the amendment, stating that the plan should be monitored carefully. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

At 6:22 p.m., Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ayers to

recess the meeting in order to hold a work session. All voted in favor.

At 7:22 p.m., Chairman Little called the meeting back to order.

Financial Officer Christi Pickens presented contracts and budgeted 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 Gasaway seconded the motion. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Gasaway, Palmer and Atha voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Robinson opposed the motion. The motion carried 5-1.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve payment of an invoice from the law firm of Cook, Noell, Tolley Bates & Michael, LLP. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered an Automated Clearing House Network Agreement with Athens First Bank & Trust Company for processing credit and debit entries. Commissioner Robinson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to approve the agreement. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a recommendation from the Board of Tax Assessors to approve a refund for Walton County Power, LLC in the amount of \$84,435.68. Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to approve the refund. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a recommendation from the Board of Tax Assessors to approve a refund for CSI, LLC in the amount of \$300.37. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the refund. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a recommendation from the Board of Tax Assessors to deny a refund to Bold Springs Men's Club. Commissioner Turner made a motion to deny the refund. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a recommendation from the Board of Tax Assessors to approve a refund for Emmanuel Praise Church, Inc. in the amount of \$16,469.55, pursuant to a consent order filed in Walton Superior Court. Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to approve the refund. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ayers, to adopt the updated Speed Zone Ordinance for Walton County. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a First Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Secretary of State's Office for an upgrade of the voting system with an enhanced encoder component (ExpressPoll) for programming voter access cards. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the agreement. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion;

voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a Statement of Grant Amount and General Conditions for Department of Juvenile Justice Purchase of Service grant. Commissioner Atha made a motion to accept the grant and general conditions. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered the following Juvenile Justice Purchase of Service contracts: Brett Davis, Jason Ferguson, Keith Fitzgerald, James Groves, Bob Gilbert, John Kracht, Matt McClung, Robert Watts, Amanda Lawson, Angel Muniz, Henry Huff, Tim Thacker and Project Adventure, Inc. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve the aforementioned contracts. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve the FY 2006 LARP Request List. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered ratification of the actions taken by the Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority at its meeting on September 27, 2005. Commissioner Turner made a motion to ratify the actions taken by the Authority at its September 27, 2005 meeting. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the application for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Ronnie Almand spoke during the public comment segment of the meeting.

At 8:05 p.m., Commissioner Gasaway 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

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