

February 2, 2006

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting on Thursday, February 2, 2006 at 3:00 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 Bill Childers, Personnel Director Karen Fraser, Finance Officer Christi 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 called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

Commissioner Atha made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented, with the requested addition of a decision on dirt road paving procedures. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

At 3:12 p.m., Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Gasaway, Palmer, Atha & Robinson voted in favor.

At 5:30 p.m., Commissioner Robinson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to return to regular session. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Gasaway, Palmer, Atha & Robinson voted in favor. No votes were taken while in executive session.

Road Superintendent Steve Chandler, Tommy Clegg and Tyler Pannell gave a presentation regarding the County's storm water system, detention ponds and related drainage issues.

Commissioner Gasaway asked Mr. Chandler to develop dirt road paving procedures so that citizens requesting a road to be paved would have a clear set of guidelines to go by.

Fire Chief Steve Couch presented the Fire Department's proposed six-year strategic plan.

Superior Court Judge John Ott requested the Board adopt a resolution recommending that the General Assembly approve an increase in the supplemental compensation for the judges of the Superior Court of Walton County. The Board will consider the resolution later in this meeting.

Jimmy Parker of Precision Planning presented a Wastewater Collection and Treatment Phasing Plan.

William Carlan of the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service presented a proposed cooperative initiative for water resource management in the Upper Oconee

Watershed. The Board requested Mr. Carlan present an intergovernmental agreement between the County and the University of Georgia at the board meeting scheduled on March 2, 2006.

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

Chairman Little called the meeting back to order at 7:39 p.m.

Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2006 and January 24, 2006 meetings. All voted in favor.

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

Ms. Pickens presented updated banking resolutions for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Atha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to adopt the resolutions. All voted in favor.

Ms. Pickens presented an analysis of the current Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax.

Ms. Pickens presented FY 06 budget amendments for Roadways and Walkways to record the budget for intersection improvements at Youth Middle School and to record SPLOST reimbursement to the general fund for road construction. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the amendments. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board discussed setting the FY 2007 budget calendar.

The Board considered a request from the Superior Court Judges to increase the salary of the Juvenile Court Judge. Commissioner Atha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Robinson, to approve the request. All voted in favor.

The Board considered use of Impact Fees to resurface the tennis courts at Loganville Middle School. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve funds for the project from Impact Fees, if it can be done, but if not, to fund the project with SPLOST funds. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Personnel Director Karen Fraser presented new hires, promotions and a change from temporary to full time, for the record. Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to approve the aforementioned personnel matters as presented. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a request from the Finance Officer to approve two temporary

positions for the Finance Department, along with the necessary budget amendments. After discussion, Commissioner Robinson made a motion to table a decision on the matter until the next meeting. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to appoint Ava Ivery to the Action, Inc. Board of Directors representing Walton County's public sector. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to re-appoint Rickey Dillard to the Walton County Board of Tax Assessors. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously. Mr. Dillard's 6-year term will expire on December 31, 2011.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to appoint Timothy Kemp to the Walton County Planning Commission representing Commission District 6. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a resolution delegating to the Board of Tax Assessors the power and authority to administer the approval or disapproval of claims for the adjustment or refund of ad valorem taxes erroneously paid by the applicant taxpayer, except in disputed cases where there is no obvious error and those matters shall be referred to the Walton County Board of Commissioners for their determination. Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Robinson, to adopt the resolution. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a resolution recommending that the Georgia General Assembly enact local legislation authorizing the Board of Commissioners of Walton County to supplement the State's compensation of the Superior Court Judges in the Alcovy Judicial Circuit by the sum of \$1,500.00 per month, effective July 1, 2006. The resolution further states that if the Alcovy Judicial Circuit splits into two circuits, the Board is authorized to supplement the compensation of those superior court judges who serve primarily in the circuit whose boundaries are coterminous with the boundaries of Walton County by the sum of \$3,000.00 per judge per month. Additionally, said legislation would authorize the Board to grant annual increases in said supplemental compensation equal in percentage to the annual cost of living adjustment, if any, granted to regular full-time employees of Walton County. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a resolution recognizing and agreeing that House Bill 962, the Fair Annexation Act, is in the best interest of all citizens of Walton County as well as the county government, school district and municipalities. Commissioner Turner made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a resolution endorsing the General Assembly to enact legislation that would provide for a change in the compensation of the Sheriff, Tax Commissioner,

Judge of the Probate Court, Clerk of the Superior Court and the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners of Walton County and to include the Chief Magistrate Judge. Commissioner Robinson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to table a decision on the matter until the March 7, 2006 meeting. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a resolution supporting the proposed Blue Willow Inn Village Project. Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to adopt the resolution. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a 2006 Performance Partnership Agreement with the Office of Homeland Security – Georgia Emergency Management Agency. Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve the agreement. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to table a decision on a contract with Enviromanage, Inc. for chemical roadside spraying until the March 7, 2006 meeting. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the FY 2006 Family Connection Contract and Fiscal Agent Designation. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a Memorandum of Understanding between Walton County, the Development Authority of Walton County, the City of Monroe, the Walton County School District and Walton Press, Inc. agreeing to a tax abatement schedule for the expansion of Walton Press, Inc. Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to accept the donation of three buses by the Walton County Board of Education for use by the Fire Department and the Sheriff's Office. All voted in favor.

Rickey Dillard of the Tax Assessor's Office discussed the purchase of map based web page services with the Board. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the purchase and authorized the Chairman to sign the contract contingent upon review of the contract by the County Attorney. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Facilities Manager Joyce Chambers came before the Board to present repair options for Courthouse Annex IV and to request the temporary relocation of the Extension Office to Courthouse Annex II. Commissioner Robinson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to approve the temporary relocation of the Extension Office to Courthouse Annex II. All voted in favor.

The Board considered ratification of actions taken by the Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority at its January 31, 2006 meeting. Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Robinson, to ratify the aforementioned actions. All voted in favor.

The Board discussed negotiations with the cities on the Special Local Option Sales Tax initiative. The Board authorized Chairman Little to negotiate with the cities based on population figures.

Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to approve the 2006 election qualifying fees as presented by the Board of Elections. All voted in favor.

At 9:45 p.m., Commissioner Turner made a motion to enter into executive session to discussion legal matters and personnel matters. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Gasaway, Palmer, Atha and Robinson voted in favor.

At 10:05 p.m., Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Robinson, to return to regular session. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Gasaway, Palmer, Atha & Robinson voted in favor. No votes were taken while in executive session.

At 10:06 p.m., Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion. 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.

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KEVIN W. LITTLE, CHAIRMAN

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LETA P. TALBIRD, CLERK

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VICKIE M. GASAWAY, DISTRICT 3

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GERALD ATHA, DISTRICT 5

JOHN ROBINSON, DISTRICT 6