

March 2, 2006

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting on Thursday, March 2, 2006 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 Michael Turner, Vickie Gasaway, Lamar Palmer, Gerald Atha and John Robinson, County Clerk Leta Talbird, County Attorney Kirby Atkinson, Personnel Director Karen Fraser, 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.

Mayor Don Cannon of the City of Walnut Grove presented an overview of the proposed Walnut Grove Parkway, plans for renovation of Walnut Grove Plantation and a review of city facilities and a proposed wastewater system.

Duane Schlereth of Bates, Carter & Company presented the final audit for the Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority.

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

Commissioner Turner made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented, with the addition of consideration of a contract for financial consulting. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2006 and February 7, 2006 board meetings. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a contract with Enviromanage, Inc. for chemical roadside spraying. Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve the contract for two applications and to consider a contract for a third application in the next budget. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

County Extension Agent William Carlan presented a Cooperative Agreement between the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service and Walton County for funding for the Initiative for Watershed Excellence. Mr. Carlan introduced Frank Henning, the Watershed Agent who will provide watershed management education programming in the Upper Oconee watershed region. Commissioner Robinson made a motion to have the County Attorney review the contract and change the language to pay reimbursement of actual expenses, rather than a specific amount of \$4,000.00 per year and to bring the contract back to the Board for consideration. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Finance Officer Christi Pickens presented contracts & budgeted purchases of \$2,500.00 or greater for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve purchases and contracts as presented. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Ms. Pickens presented an FY 2006 budget amendment for the EMS Department to take \$100,000.00 out of regular salaries and put \$50,000.00 in temporary employees and \$50,000.00 into overtime. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the budget amendment. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Recreation Director Jody Johnson requested a line item budget adjustment for the West Walton Park Stadium Project. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered bids received for a skid steer loader for the Recycling Center. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to accept the low bid from Perimeter Bobcat. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Personnel Director Karen Fraser presented employee new hires, promotions, transfers and re-hires for the record. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the aforementioned personnel matters for the record. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Chairman Little read aloud a National Donate Life Proclamation. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve the proclamation. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Road Superintendent Steve Chandler and Tommy Clegg of the Planning & Development Department presented information on the number of detention ponds in the county and discussed maintenance of those ponds with the Board. Chairman Little stated that there are legal matters regarding the detention ponds that need to be looked into because most of them are located on lots or in common areas. Commissioner Turner made a motion to table the matter for 30 days for the County Attorney, Road Superintendent, Planning & Development Director and Tax Assessors Office to meet and come up with more information. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Road Superintendent Steve Chandler presented a list of roads proposed to be paved using SPLOST funds. The Board instructed Mr. Chandler to prioritize and rate the list of roads and bring it back for consideration at the next meeting. Commissioner Turner made a motion to table the matter until the March 7, 2006 meeting. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a petition to abandon a portion of Ralph Still Road. Commissioner Turner made a motion to begin the abandonment process. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Good Hope for recreation services. Commissioner Robinson made a motion to table the matter for 30 days. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve a Juvenile Justice Purchase of Services Contract with Dr. Lilla Peebles. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve a GDOT traffic signal permit application for S.R. 10 & Mt. Vernon Road. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a proposal from Precision Planning, Inc. for land surveying and conceptual engineering design services for intersection improvements for Bold Springs Road and Carl Davis Road. Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve the proposal in the amount of \$3,800.00. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a contract with National Sign Plazas for the county's sign program. Commissioner Atha made a motion to approve the contract contingent on review of the contract language by the County Attorney. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered approval of the Certificate of Ownership and Agreement for the GDOT 2006 LARP Program. Road Superintendent Steve Chandler requested the Board authorize Chairman Little to send a letter along with the contract asking GDOT to delete Carl Davis Road and to add Queens Cemetery Road. Mr. Chandler stated that GDOT has already agreed to the change. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the agreement and to authorize the Chairman to write a letter to GDOT authorizing the change as requested. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a request from the Planning & Development Office to purchase zoning map updates as an addition to the contract previously approved with Flagship GIS for web based map services for the Tax Assessors Office. Charna Parker of the Planning & Development Office presented the request stating that the first three of seven requested items can be paid for out of the department's current budget. She added that the department will request the remainder of the items in the new year's budget. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a request from the City of Loganville for the County to open a satellite tag office in the West Walton Government Building. Loganville City Manager Bill Jones presented the request. Tax Commissioner Patricia Malcom provided

information regarding necessary equipment and staff. Facilities Manager Joyce Chambers discussed improvements to the space in the West Walton Government Center where the proposed tag office could be located. Commissioner Turner made a motion to ask the parties involved to present pertinent budget information on the request for consideration in the next fiscal year. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Judge Stan Rhymer and Nancy Stone of the Juvenile Court requested the Board approve an application for a Juvenile Justice Grant for delinquency prevention in the amount of \$50,000.00. Ms. Stone stated the grant is renewable for three years. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve the grant application. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Fire Chief Steve Couch presented a proposal to re-open the Oasis Community Fire Station. Facilities Manager Joyce Chambers reviewed the improvements that will be required on the building. After discussion, Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the request. The motion failed due to lack of a second. Commissioner Robinson made a motion to entertain the request in FY 2007 as part of a Capital Improvements budget. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered ratification of actions taken by the Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority at its 2/28/06 meeting. No one from the Authority was present at the meeting to review the actions that had been taken and only a summary of the Authority's 2/28/06 meeting was provided to the Board. Commissioner Turner made a motion to ratify the adoption of a rate schedule as presented to comply with the State of Georgia. He further moved to approve a 3% increase to Authority employees retroactive to January 9, 2006 and to approve two requested positions. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. Commissioners Turner and Gasaway voted in favor of the motion. Commissioners Robinson, Palmer and Atha opposed the motion. The motion failed 2-3. Commissioner Atha made a motion to table a decision on ratification of actions taken by the Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority at its February 28, 2006 meeting until the March 7, 2006 BOC meeting. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The Board asked for Authority Chairman Timmy Shelnett and General Manager Wendell Geiger to be notified and asked to attend the March 7, 2006 meeting.

Charna Parker of the Planning & Development Office asked for approval for the County to host the Independence Day fireworks display so that the County can receive donations to pay for the fireworks. Commissioner Robinson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to approve the County hosting the event. All voted in favor.

County Clerk Leta Talbird presented Alcoholic Beverage License applications for Dimple Kapoor – Lucky Stop – Bold Springs Rd. and Hormis Antony Thaliath – Shell Food Mart – Hwy. 138. Ms. Talbird stated that the fingerprint cards for both applicants had been misplaced by the Sheriff's Department and the applicants will be required to be reprinted. Ms. Talbird inquired if the Board would like to take action on the applications contingent

upon receipt of favorable criminal histories in order to expedite the process. The Board instructed Ms. Talbird to work with Sheriff Chapman to expedite the process and bring the applications back before the Board for consideration.

The Board considered a Financial Advisor/Consultant Agreement with Robert A. Mulcay. Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve the agreement. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

At 9:15 p.m., Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Commissioners Turner, Gasaway, Palmer, Atha & Robinson voted in favor.

At 10:25 p.m., Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to return to regular session. Commissioners Turner, Gasaway, Palmer, Atha & Robinson voted in favor. No votes were taken while in executive session.

Commissioner Atha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to approve payment of an invoice to Mecmania in the amount of \$2,300.00. All voted in favor.

At 10.26 p.m., Commissioner Atha 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

MICHAEL TURNER, DISTRICT 2

VICKIE M. GASAWAY, DISTRICT 3

LAMAR PALMER, DISTRICT 4

GERALD ATHA, DISTRICT 5

JOHN ROBINSON, DISTRICT 6