

June 1, 2006

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting on Thursday, June 1, 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 Clinton Ayers, Michael Turner, Vickie Gasaway, Lamar Palmer, Gerald Atha and John Robinson, County Clerk Leta Talbird, County Attorney Kirby Atkinson, Personnel Director Karen Fraser, Finance Officer Christi Pickens and Charna Parker of the Planning & Development Office. A list of citizens and other employees in attendance at this meeting is on file in the auxiliary file under this meeting date.

Holli Bolander and Chad Draper of the Walton County Quality Growth Committee made a presentation that included review of the five charges the Committee was given by the Board and on a development concept called Smart Code. The Committee asked the Board to endorse a meeting for public education with a Land Planner to explain in detail the Smart Code concept.

Fire Chief Steve Couch made a presentation on Pandemic Influenza preparedness.

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Gasaway opened the meeting in prayer.

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

Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority General Manager Wendell Geiger introduced David Lyle of Delta Municipal Supplies and Rick Ferrell of Triton Water Technology, who presented a proposal for a Radio Read Meter System. The Board also reviewed actions taken at the Authority's May 30, 2006 meeting. Commissioner Turner made a motion to ratify all actions taken by the Authority at its 5/30/06 meeting. He amended his motion to include approval of a contract for the Radio Read Meter System contingent upon review by the County Attorney before initiation. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously. A summary of the Authority actions ratified by the Board is on file in the auxiliary file under this meeting date.

Personnel Director Karen Fraser presented employee new hires for the record. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve new hires as presented. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Ms. Fraser presented a request for a temporary worker in the Facilities Management Department. Commissioner Robinson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the request. All voted in favor.

Finance Officer Christi Pickens presented a resolution authorizing the Finance Officer to amend the FY 2005 budgets as part of the fiscal year closing process. Commissioner Robinson made a motion to adopt the resolution, changing the language to read that the Chairman is authorized to amend the FY 2005 budgets as part of the fiscal year closing process with instructions given to the Finance Officer. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Ms. Pickens presented a request for purchase of a printer for the Planning & Development Office along with a budget amendment to allow the printer to be purchased from the Data Processing budget. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the purchase and the budget amendment. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a budget amendment to cover payment of legal fees. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the payment of invoices from County Attorney Kirby Atkinson and Associate County Attorney Bill Childers. He further moved to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$59,000.00 to allow for payment of legal fees. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Ms. Pickens presented contracts and budgeted purchases of \$2,500.00 or greater. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve contracts and purchases as presented. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a maintenance agreement with Motorola for the County's radio system. Commissioner Robinson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the maintenance agreement. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a maintenance agreement with Milner Voice & Data for the County's 911 recorders. Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve the maintenance agreement. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

County Attorney Kirby Atkinson presented a Memorandum of Lease & Transfer Agreement with the Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority. Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to approve the Agreement. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a Juvenile Justice Purchase of Services contract with Michael Dale Baldwin. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered approval of a Sheriff's Office Bullet Proof Grant application. Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the application. All voted in favor.

Fire Chief Steve Couch requested acceptance of a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to accept the grant in the amount of \$18,750.00 with a local in-kind match valued at \$6,250.00. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to approve an Alcoholic Beverage License for Hormis Antony Thaliath – Shell Food Mart – Hwy. 138. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Atha made a motion to approve an Alcoholic Beverage License for Dimple Kapoor – Lucky Stop – 1700-B Bold Springs Road. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the SPLOST negotiations. Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve percentages 64% County – 36% Cities for bonded money and 60% County – 40% cities for any money received beyond the bonded amount. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. Commissioners Turner, Gasaway, Palmer, Atha & Robinson voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Ayers opposed the motion. The motion carried 5-1.

Fire Chief Steve Couch requested the Board surplus the County's old Cascade System and approve donation of the system to the City of Social Circle. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Facilities Manager Joyce Chambers requested the Board surplus old office furniture for donation to Walton Career Academy. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board discussed a proposed Residential Occupancy Limitation Ordinance. Commissioner Turner made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Commissioner Atha 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. After a brief recess, Charna Parker of the Planning & Development Office stated that it was advertised that that the Board would consider the proposed ordinance at its 6/6/06 meeting. Commissioner Turner withdrew his motion and Commissioner Gasaway withdrew her second. The Ordinance will be considered at the 6/6/06 Board meeting as an amendment to the Walton County Land Development Ordinance.

At 9:14 p.m., Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Atha 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.

KEVIN W. LITTLE, CHAIRMAN      LETA P. TALBIRD, CLERK

CLINTON AYERS, DISTRICT 1      MICHAEL TURNER, DISTRICT 2

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