

June 29, 2006

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting on Thursday, June 29, 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 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 6:29 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Ayers opened the meeting in prayer.

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

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2006 and June 6, 2006 board meetings. All voted in favor.

Personnel Director Karen Fraser presented employee new hires and a promotion for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ayers, to approve the new hires and promotion as presented, for the record. All voted in favor.

Finance Officer Christi Pickens presented a resolution to adopt the Fiscal Year 2007 budget. Ms. Pickens presented proposed budget information for the Board's review. Ms. Pickens stated that a budget amendment would be required after adoption of the FY07 budget adding \$26,400.00 for support of the Walton Career Academy. Commissioner Robinson requested the Board consider designating the Walton County Board of Education to act as fiscal agent for the Career Academy funding. Commissioner Turner made a motion to adopt the resolution adopting the FY07 budget. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. Commissioner Turner amended his motion to include a budget amendment in the amount of \$26,400.00 for support of Walton Career Academy with the Walton County Board of Education acting as fiscal agent. Commissioner Atha seconded the amended motion. All voted in favor.

Ms. Pickens presented contracts and budgeted purchases of \$2,500.00 or greater for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Ayers made a motion

to approve contracts and budgeted purchases as presented. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Ms. Pickens presented an FY06 budget amendment for reimbursement to the General Fund for purchases made from Special Revenue Funds and to budget for temporary employees for Court Services with monies taken from Law Enforcement Administration and Youth Investigations. Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to approve the budget amendment. All voted in favor.

Ms. Pickens presented invoices for legal fees and an FY06 budget amendment to cover the cost of payment of the invoices. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the amendment. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Ms. Pickens presented proposals received for auditing services and made a recommendation that the Board accept the proposal submitted by Bates, Carter & Company. Commissioner Robinson made a motion to accept the proposal from Bates, Carter and Company and that the contract should include language that the contract will not exceed \$64,707.00 (805 hours) and that the firm will bill for actual hours based on hourly rates set forth in the proposal. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a contract with Melrose South Pyrotechnics, Inc. for the Independence Day fireworks display. Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve the contract for the record. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a proposal from MCCi, LLC for Document Archive Software. Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to accept the proposal. All voted in favor.

The Board considered an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Development Authority of Walton County regarding the Authority obtaining a loan through Athens First Bank & Trust for infrastructure development at Piedmont Industrial Park in the amount of \$650,000.00. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the agreement. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Jimmy Parker of Precision Planning, Inc. presented a proposal for land surveying and engineering services for roadway improvements at Dillard Drive, Friendship Church Road, Westmoreland Road and the new school driveway. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the proposal. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion; voted and carried

unanimously.

The Board considered a contract with Enviromanage, Inc. for chemical roadside spraying. Robinson made a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered an FY07 Family Connection Contract and electronic payment authorization. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the contract. 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 meeting held on June 27, 2006. Commissioner Turner made a motion to ratify the actions. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement with the Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority regarding a \$4,500,000.00 revenue note for the Authority's meter project. Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway to adopt the resolution and approve the Intergovernmental Agreement as presented. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to authorize the County Clerk to advertise for interested persons for appointment to the Region Two Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Addictive Diseases Regional Planning Board. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a request from the Fire Department to change the department's name to Walton County Fire Rescue. Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the name change. All voted in favor.

Facilities Manager Joyce Chambers presented options for repairs to the Public Works Department Building. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the Facilities Manager's recommendation to proceed with building a new office for the Public Works Director and staff in FY07 and to proceed with plans to build onto the new building for the crew chiefs in FY08. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board discussed the proposed Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax initiative. Chairman Little reviewed the proposed county projects with the Board. Commissioner Turner expressed his concern that the projects were not well defined and specific budgets have not been designated for the projects. Commissioner Robinson stated that a Facility Committee should be

developed to oversee the planning process, address issues and prepare budgets for the projects. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to authorize the County Attorney to proceed with preparation of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Cities for consideration at the July 11, 2006 meeting. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. Commissioners Ayers, Gasaway, Palmer, Atha and Robinson voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Turner opposed the motion. The motion carried 5-1.

Commissioner Robinson discussed the condition of Mathews Park with the Board. He stated that he would like to find funds somewhere in the budget to address some of the problems at the park. Chairman Little stated that he would instruct Recreation Director Jody Johnson to prepare an estimate for needed repairs at the park and bring it before the Board at the July 11, 2006 meeting.

Commissioner Turner asked County Attorney Kirby Atkinson to give an update on research he is doing regarding installation of speed bumps. Jimmy Parker of Precision Planning, Inc. stated he would get a copy of regulations from Barrow and other counties. Mr. Atkinson stated he would have a draft prepared for the Board's review at the July 27, 2006 meeting.

At 8:25 p.m., Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to enter into executive session to discuss litigation and personnel matters. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Gasaway, Palmer, Atha and Robinson voted in favor.

At 9:07 p.m., Commissioner Ayers made a motion to return to regular session. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Gasaway, Palmer, Atha and Robinson voted in favor. No votes were taken while in executive session.

At 9:08 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.

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

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