

November 2, 2006

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting on Thursday, November 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 Acting Vice Chairman Gerald Atha, Commissioners Clinton Ayers, Michael Turner, Vickie Gasaway and Lamar Palmer, County Clerk Leta Talbird, County Attorney Kirby Atkinson, Personnel Director Karen Fraser, Finance Officer Christi Pickens, Fire Chief Steve Couch 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.

Vice Chairman Atha called the meeting to order at 6:24 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Gasaway opened the meeting in prayer.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to adopt the agenda, tabling Items 7.05 – Decision on ATM for Government Building and Item 7.06 – Decision on Credit Card Service for Tax Commissioner’s Office. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2006, September 28, 2006 and October 3, 2006 meetings. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a Sheriff’s Office request for the county to provide insurance for two vehicles purchased from the Inmate Phone Account and the Inmate Commissary Account. Commissioner Atha made a motion to approve the request, contingent upon the purchase of the two vehicles being approved in Item 7.02 – Contracts & budgeted purchases of \$2,500.00 or greater. Commissioner Gasaway 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 contracts and purchases as presented. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Ms. Pickens presented FY 2007 budget amendments to reflect revenues received from the Walton County Board of Education for the D.A.R.E. program. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the budget amendments. All voted in favor.

Ms. Pickens presented a resolution to amend the FY 2006 budget as part of the fiscal year closing process. Commissioner Turner made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

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

The Board considered a request from the Planning & Development Office for approval of a temporary position. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Personnel Director Karen Fraser presented an Employee Benefit Committee recommendation to approve the proposed 2007 holiday schedule. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the holiday schedule as presented contingent upon confirmation from Constitutional Officers that all legal requirements for their offices are met. All voted in favor.

Jimmy Parker of Precision Planning, Inc. gave an update on status of water pressure and water supply for the Sharon Church Road/ S.R. 20 water system.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to ratify actions taken by the Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority at its meeting on October 31, 2006. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Jimmy Parker of Precision Planning, Inc. gave an update on the Hard Labor Creek Reservoir Project.

The Board considered an annexation request from the City of Monroe – Approximately 13.62 acres – Hwy. 78 & Hwy. 138 Connector. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to approve the annexation. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to approve a grant application to Walton County Health Care Foundation, Inc. for defibrillators for the county's parks. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a proposal from Flagship GIS for a sex offender mapping overlay for the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the proposal. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a proposal from Flagship GIS for the FY 2007 Phase of the zoning mapping project. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the proposal. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Social Circle for graveling Laurel Street. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the agreement. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a contract with CorrectHealth, LLC for inmate health care services. Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to approve the contract. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a Walton County Chamber of Commerce Contract for Services. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a contract with the City of Social Circle for Fire Protection and Rescue Services. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Jimmy Parker of Precision Planning, Inc. presented a proposal for engineering services for intersection improvements on S.R. 81 @ Bay Creek Church Road. Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to approve the proposal. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a request from Meridian Development to abandon roads inside Bradley Gin Subdivision and High Grove Estates Subdivision. Both subdivisions are being developed as private drive subdivisions. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to begin the abandonment process. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a request from the Roads & Bridges Department to change the department name to the Walton County Public Works Department. Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to approve the department name change as requested. All voted in favor.

At 7:18 p.m. Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Gasaway and Palmer voted in favor.

At 8:57 p.m., Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to return to regular session. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Gasaway and Palmer voted in favor. No votes were taken while in executive session.

At 8:58 p.m., Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, 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.

VICE CHAIRMAN GERALD ATHA    LETA P. TALBIRD, CLERK

CLINTON AYERS, DISTRICT 1    MICHAEL TURNER, DISTRICT 2

VICKIE M. GASAWAY, DIST. 3    LAMAR PALMER, DISTRICT 4