

November 30, 2006

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting on Thursday, November 30, 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 and Charna Parker of the Planning & Development Department. A list of citizens and other employees in attendance at this meeting is on file in the auxiliary file under this meeting date.

Don Smith, a local developer, made a presentation regarding theft at construction sites. He requested the Board increase funding for additional resources for the Sheriff's Department.

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Robinson opened the meeting in prayer.

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

Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2006, November 7, 2006 and November 21, 2006 meetings. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

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

County Attorney Kirby Atkinson presented worksheets reflecting corrections in compensation for the Commission Chairman, Probate Judge, Sheriff, Tax Commissioner, Chief Magistrate Judge and Clerk of Superior Court. He reviewed the process used to calculate each of the elected officials correct salaries. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$163,855.00 to compensate the aforementioned elected officials. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered bids received on 8 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptors for the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Robinson made a

motion to accept the low bid from Loganville Ford in the amount of \$19,294,15 for each vehicle, for a total bid of \$154,353,20. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the 2007 payroll schedule as presented. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor. County Clerk Leta Talbird stated that the last payroll in December 2007 will be issued on Friday, December 28, 2007.

Commissioner Ayers entered the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

EMS Director Nancy Couch requested approval to purchase a new 2007 Ford F350 XLT McCoy Miller ambulance and a remount of a Type I F350 Excellence module onto a new 2007 Ford F350 XLT ambulance chassis. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Personnel Director Karen Fraser presented employee new hires for the Board's approval, for the record. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve new hires as presented. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to ratify actions taken by the Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority at its meeting on November 28, 2006. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a request from Betty Foster for abandonment of a portion of Jersey Road that was abandoned after the road was relocated. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Robinson, to begin the abandonment process. All voted in favor.

Jimmy Parker of Precision Planning, Inc. presented a conceptual Plan and cost estimate for intersection improvements on Sharon Church Road/White Road. Commissioner Turner made a motion to adopt the Conceptual Plan and to authorize Precision Planning, Inc. to go forward with the project. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to appoint Bruce Wright to the Walton County Board of Family and Children Services to fill the unexpired term of Ray Parker. All voted in favor. Mr. Wright's term will expire on June 30, 2008.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha to appoint re-appoint Derward Toler to the Walton County Board of Tax Assessors for a 6-year term to expire December 31, 2012. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to approve a Juvenile Purchase of Services Contract with Thomas Evans. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve a contract with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources for stocking the ponds at Mathews Park and at Meridian Park for kids fishing events. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to approve a Software Support Contract with Governmental Systems, Inc. for the Tax Commissioner's Office. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve a contract with Fire & Emergency Training Network for instructional software for the Fire Department contingent upon the cost of the software being budgeted. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to table a decision on tree removal and sale of timber on property at the Public Works Department. All voted in favor.

County Attorney Kirby Atkinson discussed with the Board the approval of reimbursement of Commission member defense costs in litigation. The Board discussed whether to enact a policy regarding the matter or to approve reimbursement on a case-by-case basis. Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve reimbursement of defense costs for Commissioner Michael Turner, which he incurred due to a recent lawsuit. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

At 7:32 p.m., Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to enter into executive session to discuss personnel issues. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Gasaway, Palmer, Atha and Robinson voted in favor.

At 7:58 p.m., Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to return to regular session. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Gasaway, Palmer, Atha and Robinson voted in favor. No votes were taken while in executive session.

At 7:59 p.m., Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, 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

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

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