

April 26, 2007

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting on Thursday, April 26, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Board Room, 303 S. Hammond Drive, Suite 330, Ga. Those present included Chairman Kevin Little, Commissioners Clinton Ayers, Michael Turner, Vickie Gasaway, Lamar Palmer, Gerald Atha and John Robinson, Assistant County Clerk Rhonda Hawk, County Attorney Kirby Atkinson, Personnel Director Karen Frazer 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.

Facilities Director Joyce Chambers introduced Scott Taylor of Linc Mechanical. Mr. Taylor gave a brief presentation for an energy savings program.

Terry Lambert of F.I.R.S.T, Cost Recovery LLC, presented a proposal for billing insurance companies for services rendered at motor vehicle accidents, extrications, landing zones and haz-mats. Commissioner Turner requested that statistical data showing the effect on citizens be presented before further consideration is given.

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Robinson opened the meeting in prayer.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to adopt the agenda, deleting item 11 and moving item 12 to item 7. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2007 and April 3, 2007 meetings. All voted in favor.

The Board reviewed an application for an alcoholic beverage license for Vernon Keith Peters of Cowpens Grocery, which is located at 1160 Pannell Road, Monroe. Keith Peters, Todd Peters and Chip Morris spoke in favor of the application. Todd Peters stated that their intention is to renovate the entire property and be good neighbors to the community. He estimated the sell of alcoholic beverages to be 12 – 15 % of their gross sales. Greg Butler, Pastor of Bible Baptist Church spoke in opposition. Pastor Butler requested that the application be denied stating that his church borders the eastern boundary of the store property and that the western boundary is bordered by Shoal Creek Full Gospel Church. Pastor Butler stated that the location of the store did not meet minimum distance requirements of 300 feet provided for in the ordinance. He further stated that the western border is only 40 feet from the store and that the unfenced area of the playground was utilized by children for games and activities provided at the church. Pastor Butler also presented pictures of usage of the grounds and stated that the children did not need to see signs promoting alcoholic beverages. Reverend Darlene Knight of Shoal Creek Full Gospel Church spoke in opposition. She stated that the church located at their location in 1994 no longer existed. She further stated that although they may not

have been against the sell of alcoholic beverages during that time, that this is a new generation and enough is enough.

Reverend Knight also stated that they have moved their home school program to the church. Pastor Chris Conner of Faith Baptist Church spoke in opposition stating his concern for protecting churches and children. Pat Fitch, Tom McCay and Tina Black also spoke in opposition. Commissioner Atha made a motion to deny the application based upon the failure to comply with the distance requirements of the ordinance, the proximity of the location to the two churches, playgrounds of children and evidence presented to the Board during the public hearing. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Ken Neil, of CLH&P, LLC, presented contracts and budgeted purchases of \$2,500.00 or greater for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve the contracts and purchases as presented. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Joe Watkins of Carter Watkins Associates presented a proposal from Patmac Construction for the construction of three unincorporated parks. Mr. Watkins explained that only one bid was received and that the project was over budget. Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to reject the proposals and to re-bid the project. All voted in favor.

Joe Watkins and Recreation Director Jody Johnson presented proposals for playground equipment for the unincorporated parks. Commissioner Ayers asked to see pictures of the playground equipment to be purchased. Commissioner Robinson stated that he would like to see a schedule of values. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to table the decision for review of the equipment. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Ken Neil, of CLH&P, LLC and Sheriff's Dept. Finance Officer Tammy Kirk presented a budget amendment request to move funds from personal services in the amount of \$107,924.00 for the purchase of patrol cars and necessary equipment. Mrs. Kirk stated that due to having some employees on military leave and other positions not filled, there would be funds left over under personal services for FY07. Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the budget amendment. All voted in favor.

Ken Neil reported to the Board on accomplishments being made in the Finance Office.

The Board reviewed employee new hires, promotions and transfers. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve the new hires, promotions and transfers as presented, for the record. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Chairman Little informed the Board of the necessity to appoint an alternate member to the Personnel Advisory Board. He stated that he would have a recommendation for the next

meeting to be held Tuesday, May 1, 2007.

The Board considered ratification of actions taken by the Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority at its April 24, 2007 meeting. Water Authority General Manager Wendell Geiger discussed proposals from Precision Planning for SPLOST projects and gave an update on the radio read meter system being installed. After further discussion, Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Robinson, to ratify the actions taken by the Authority at its April 24, 2007 meeting. All voted in favor.

The Board reviewed a refund request from the Tax Commissioners Office to refund ad valorem taxes to Enterprise Leasing Company in the amount of \$96.60. After some discussion, Commissioner Ayers made a motion to table until the next meeting for further clarifications from the Tax Commissioner. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Wendra Williams presented rebanding agreements with Sprint/Nextel and Motorola for Central Communications. The agreements are for frequency reconfiguration, which was mandated by the FCC. Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the Contracts for the record. All voted favor.

Sheriff Joe Chapman requested permission to have 6 pair of night vision goggles loaned from the military. Sheriff Chapman explained that the goggles cost \$6,000.00 each but the loan fee would only be \$300.00 per year for each unit in order to cover the cost of maintenance. The total cost would be \$1800.00 per year to be paid from drug funds. Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. Sheriff Chapman asked that the motion be amended, to approve a contract contingent upon review by the County Attorney. Commissioner Robinson amended his motion. Commissioner Palmer seconded the amended motion. All voted in favor.

At 8:00 p.m., Commissioner Turner 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.

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KEVIN W. LITTLE, CHAIRMAN

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RHONDA HAWK, ASST. CLERK

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CLINTON AYERS, DISTRICT 1

MICHAEL TURNER, DISTRICT 2

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VICKIE M. GASAWAY, DISTRICT 3

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LAMAR PALMER, DISTRICT 4

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GERALD ATHA, DISTRICT 5

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JOHN ROBINSON, DISTRICT 6