

May 31, 2007

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting on Thursday, May 31, 2007 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, Finance Officer Chris Edwards, Personnel Director Karen Fraser and Associate Planning Director Charna Parker. 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 6:05 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Gasaway opened the meeting in prayer.

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

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2007 and May 1, 2007 meetings. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Finance Officer Chris Edwards presented contracts and budgeted purchases of \$2,500.00 or greater for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve contracts and budgeted purchases as presented, with the deletion of line item 4420 - Drive Motor, Piston Pump, Misc. from Yancey in the amount of \$8,297.98. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to approve a request from the Sheriff's Department for acceptance of a confiscated vehicle for use by that department. All voted in favor.

Personnel Director Karen Fraser presented employee new hires, promotions and a demotion for the Board's approval, for the record. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve new hires, promotions and a demotion for the record. All voted in favor.

Walton County Water Authority General Manager Wendell Geiger gave an update on water supply negotiations. He presented the summary of actions taken by the Authority at its May 29, 2007 meeting. Commissioner Turner made a motion to ratify actions taken by the Authority at its May 29, 2007 meeting. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to approve a service agreement with Motorola for the Central Communications Department in the

amount of \$242,877.60. All voted in favor.

Insurance Consultant Al Sherling presented proposals received for the County's Property & Casualty Insurance. Mr. Sherling and Facilities Manager Joyce Chambers reviewed the proposals with the Board. Commissioner Atha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to accept the proposal from the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG). Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Gasaway, Palmer and Atha voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Robinson abstained. The motion carried.

County Attorney Kirby Atkinson presented a resolution approving the Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority proceeding with plans for the Hard Labor Creek Reservoir; authorizing the Authority and representatives of Walton County to proceed with negotiations for participation by other governmental entities in the reservoir project or for the sale of water from the reservoir project; authorizing the approval and execution of an intergovernmental contract with such Authority relating to such project; authorizing the approval and execution of a water supply agreement; approving the execution and delivery by Walton County of documents and pleadings relating to the validation of bonds to be issued by the Authority relating to the reservoir project, repealing the resolution of the Board of Commissioners dated March 1, 2007 ; and for other purposes. Mr. Atkinson reviewed both the Intergovernmental Contract between Walton County and the Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority and the Intergovernmental Reservoir and Water Supply and Treatment Agreement between Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority, Oconee County and Walton County. Commissioner Turner made a motion to adopt the resolution and to approve both contracts. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve, for the record, application for Federal Assistance for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Fire Chief Mike Moore spoke during the public comment segment of the meeting. Chief Moore thanked the Board for the support given to the Fire Department.

At 7:15 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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LETA P. TALBIRD, CLERK

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CLINTON AYERS, DISTRICT 1

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MICHAEL TURNER, DISTRICT 2

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VICKIE M. GASAWAY, DIST. 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