

October 2, 2007

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 2, 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 and Gerald Atha, County Clerk Leta Talbird, County Attorney Kirby Atkinson, Personnel Director Karen Fraser, Finance Director Linda Hanna 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. Commissioner Robinson did not attend the meeting.

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Ayers opened the meeting in prayer.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented, with the addition of a proposal from Glick Consulting Group – Financial Policy Development. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2007 and September 18, 2007 meetings. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Tax Commissioner Patricia Malcom presented a contract with Appalachian Mountain Services for delinquent property tax collection. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board held a public hearing regarding the abandonment of a portion of White Road. The Board directed County Attorney Kirby Atkinson to contact the Walton County School District Attorney to negotiate the possibility of providing an ingress/egress easement for a parcel of property owned by Peggy Thompson before taking action on the abandonment. Commissioner Turner made a motion to table the matter to give the County Attorney the opportunity to obtain an easement. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a request from EconoStore Monroe, LLC to withdraw an application for a Conditional Use for outside storage on property located at 2989 Ga. Hwy. 138 – CU07080001. There was no one present in opposition to the withdrawal. Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded

by Commissioner Turner, to approve withdrawal of the Conditional Use request. All voted in favor.

Associate Planning & Development Director Charna Parker reviewed proposed amendments to the Walton County Land Development Ordinance as shown on an errata sheet dated 8-2-07 - OA07080005. The amendments relate to distance requirements for gas stations with convenience stores, an amendment to the Litter Ordinance concerning evidence, an amendment to the definition of Livestock and the addition of soap and other detergent manufacturing as permitted uses in certain zoning classifications. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the amendments as presented. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to accept the following rights of way: Heritage Walk I – Heritage boulevard, Serenity Trail, Hermitage Parkway, Providence Path, Treasure Terrace, Peaceful Passage, Ancestor Amble, Legacy Lane, Heirloom Court; Griffin Manor – Trace Drive, Matt Mitchell Lane; Grady Smith Estates I – Bos Circle, Sycamore Drive, Cedar Elm Circle, Sycamore Lane, Autumn Olive Way, Amur Court, Tupelo Court; Woodlake 4B – Moss Court, Timberland Road; Woodlake 9 – Sweet Creek Lane; Alcovy Bluffs IV – Brooks Trail, Mason Court, Paulette Drive; Copper Ridge II – Copper Ridge Drive; Kensington Place – Thoroughbred Trail, Palimino Pass; Royal Plantation at Nunnally Farm – Greenfield Lane; Perry Place – Perry Place Lane. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a request to waive curb and gutter requirements for The Pines at Jones Woods. Gerald Batchelor of Dills-Jones & Associates, Inc. presented the request. Mr. Batchelor also requested waiver of storm water compliance requirements. Planning Director Mike Martin suggested an increase in the undisturbed natural buffer to 100 ft. around the perimeter of the property and 75 ft. in the cul-de-sac. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to waive the curb and gutter requirements and storm water requirements with the condition that the lots do not go below 3 acres and that the undisturbed natural buffer will be increased to 100 ft. around the perimeter of the property and 75 ft. in the cul-de-sac. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Interim Finance Director Chris Edwards presented contracts and budgeted purchases of \$2,500.00 or greater for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve contracts and purchases as presented. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Mr. Edwards presented a budget amendment in the amount of \$13,090.75 for

the Planning & Development Office for the Land Use Update and review. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the budget amendment. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Facilities Manager Joyce Chambers requested a budget amendment for use of Old SPLOST funds to build a holding cell addition for the Magistrate Court. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the request, along with the necessary budget amendment. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered the SPLOST Project Committee recommendation to approve a list of projects to be funded by the new SPLOST. Facilities Manager Joyce Chambers reviewed the proposed projects and estimated project budgets with the Board. Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to approve the SPLOST project list. All voted in favor.

Interim Finance Director Chris Edwards presented a proposal from Glick Consulting Group for development of financial policies. Commissioner Turner made a motion to accept the proposal. Commissioner Ayers 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 Gasaway, to approve new hires and promotions as presented, for the record. All voted in favor.

Ms. Fraser presented an amendment to the Walton County Civil Service Personnel Rules and Regulations relating to appointments to the Walton County Personnel Advisory Board. County Attorney Kirby Atkinson presented a resolution approving the proposed amendment. Commissioner Turner made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered ratification of actions taken by the Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority at its meeting held on September 25, 2007. Water Authority General Manager Wendell Geiger gave an update on negotiations for water supplies. Jimmy Parker of Precision Planning, Inc. gave an update on the Hard Labor Creek Reservoir project. Commissioner Turner made a motion to ratify actions taken by the Authority at its September 25, 2007 meeting. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a request from Geoff Couch for refund of plan review

fees for Ashlee Estates Subdivision. Planning Director Mike Martin stated that although the initial plan review was conducted, Mr. Couch abandoned the project and no further reviews were required. Commissioner Atha made a motion to approve a refund for Geoff Couch in the amount of \$3,500.00. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board held a public hearing on a request from Hidden Creek Homeowners Association for the installation of speed humps. The Board reviewed the speed hump plan submitted by Walton County Traffic Operations showing the proposed location of the speed humps, traffic count information and certification that the required number of property owners agreed to participate in a Special Assessment District. There was no one present in opposition. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the speed hump project for the Hidden Creek Homeowners Association. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to appoint Commissioners Lamar Palmer and Michael Turner to the Hard Labor Creek Reservoir Management Board. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously. Ex Officio positions on the Board will be held by Chairman Little and WCWSA Chairman Timmy Shelnett.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to appoint Neal Byrd, Jacqueline McClendon and Mickey Lankford to the Walton County Personnel Advisory Board for three-year terms to expire on September 30, 2010. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to appoint Teresa Johnson to the Region II Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Addictive Diseases Planning Board. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to appoint Jane Camp, Wanda Spinks and Cindy Wood to the Monroe-Walton County Library Board for 6-year terms to expire June 30, 2013. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve an annexation request for the City of Good Hope – 29.17 acres – Pleasant Valley Road. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve an annexation request for the City of Walnut Grove – 164.20 acres – Hwy. 138. All voted in favor.

Chairman Little read aloud a proclamation proclaiming the week of October

7-13, 2007 as Mental Illness Awareness Week in Walton County. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the proclamation. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Walton County Chamber of Commerce Director Teri Wommack presented a contract for economic development services. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to approve a contract with Traylor Business Services, Inc. – Personal Property Verification Program contingent upon Chairman Little contacting the Tax Assessors Office to determine if the service is a requirement. All voted in favor.

The Board considered an agreement with the City of Monroe Downtown Development Authority for the lease of the county owned parking lot located on Midland Avenue in Monroe. County Attorney Kirby Atkinson stated that language needs to be added stating that the term of the agreement may be terminated by either party upon 30 days written notice from one to the other. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve the contract with the addition of language recommended by the County Attorney. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered an Automatic and Mutual Aid Contract for Fire Department Services with the City of Monroe. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the following Juvenile Court Purchase of Services Contracts: James Vance, David Briscoe, Henry Huff, Kirk McLeroy, Tammy Cabell, John Mura, Jason Fox, Bob Gilbert, Kenneth Whelchel, Mike Scott, Mike Baldwin, Robert Lawson & Chris Taylor. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

County Attorney Kirby Atkinson presented a resolution authorizing the approval and execution of an Intergovernmental Contract by the Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority with Oconee County, Georgia relating to the Hard Labor Creek Reservoir Project and for other purposes. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

County Attorney Kirby Atkinson presented a proposed Walton County Outdoor Water Use Ordinance. Mr. Atkinson explained that the ordinance will enable enforcement of the regulations set forth by the Georgia

Department of Natural Resources. Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to initiate the ordinance adoption process. All voted in favor.

Facilities Manager Joyce Chambers requested the Board consider an addition to the agenda to consider approval to use Old SPLOST funds for improvements to Nowell Recreation Center. Commissioner Atha made a motion to amend the agenda as requested. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Commissioner Atha made a motion to approve allocation of Old SPLOST funds for improvements to Nowell Recreation Center along with the necessary budget amendment. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Diane Sharkey spoke during the public comment segment of the meeting regarding televising of commission meetings.

At 8:17 p.m., Commissioner Ayers 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      LETA P. TALBIRD, CLERK

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CLINTON AYERS, DISTRICT 1      MICHAEL TURNER, DISTRICT 2

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

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