

November 1, 2007

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting on Thursday, November 1, 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 John Robinson did not attend the meeting due to illness.

Chairman Little presented a plaque to Morgan Wheeler of the Planning & Development Office for special recognition by the Secretary of State for outstanding service as an appointee to the State Licensing Board.

Nancy Burgess, Director of Walton County Department of Family & Children Services, presented options for the new State funded DFACS Building.

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 6:10 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 as presented. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2007 meeting. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

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

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to accept a donation from Wal-Mart in the amount of \$500.00 for the Walton County Fire Rescue Department. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Purchasing Agent Rhonda Hawk presented bids received for eleven (11) Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptors for the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to accept the bid from Loganville Ford in the amount of

\$218,052.45. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Finance Director Linda Hanna presented a proposed budget amendment for the Planning & Development Office in the amount of \$10,000.00 funding necessary to complete Stream Walk reviews, which are part of the County's MS4 compliance. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve the budget amendment. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

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

Ms. Fraser presented a proposed 2008 Holiday Schedule for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to table a decision on the matter pending a recommendation from the Employee Benefits Committee. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Jimmy Parker of Precision Planning, Inc. gave a summary of current water supply conditions and reviewed proposed water system improvements.

Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority General Manager Wendell Geiger presented actions taken by the Authority at its October 30, 2007 meeting. Commissioner Turner made a motion to ratify the actions taken by the Authority at its October 30, 2007 meeting. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Nancy Stangle of Athens Land Trust requested the Board accept a grant in the amount of \$120,000.00 from the Georgia Land Conservation Program for the Wiley Farm Conservation Easement. Ms. Stangle stated that if accepted, the grant would be a pass through, requiring no funding or administration by the County. Commissioner Gasaway thanked Mr. Dale Wiley for his generosity to the citizens of Walton County. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to accept the grant from the Georgia Land Conservation Program. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Assistant EMA Director Donnie McCullough requested the Board's approval to apply for the FY 2007 Assistance to Firefighters Grant. Mr. McCullough stated that if awarded, a 10 percent match from the County would be required. He stated that Fire Chief Mike Moore would commit the required matching funds from the Fire Rescue Department's FY 2008 budget. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the grant application. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Jimmy Parker of Precision Planning, Inc. presented a recommendation to accept a proposal from Register-Nelson for Surface Water Quality Monitoring in the amount of \$21,148.00. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to accept the proposal from Register-Nelson and to approve the necessary budget amendment in the amount of \$21,148.00 for the Planning & Development Department. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion. All voted in favor. County Attorney Kirby Atkinson stated that the contract with Register-Nelson should be approved subject to inclusion of language regarding immigration law.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve a contract with Franklin Brown for the Juvenile Court Evening Reporting Center, for the record. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Central Communications Director Wendra Williams presented Purchase, Licensing and Maintenance & Support Agreements with Spillman Technologies, Inc. for CAD Records Management and Corrections Management Software. County Attorney Kirby Atkinson stated that he is continuing to discuss certain conditions of the contracts with Spillman representatives and requested the Board approve the contracts contingent upon his approval as to form. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve the contracts with Spillman Technologies, Inc. contingent upon approval of the contracts as to form by the County Attorney. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Sheriff's Office Finance Officer Tammy Kirk presented a Food Preparation Contract with Valley Services, Inc. for the Walton County Jail. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the contract, contingent upon review by the County Attorney. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. All voted favor.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve Purchase of Services Contracts for Juvenile Offenders with Greg Bullock, Ty Vance & Richard Weed. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Assistant Road Superintendent John Allman presented a change order for the contract with ISC, Inc. for GDOT Project TSAP0-S010-00 (537) Turn Lane Addition – Sharon Church Road. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to table a decision on the matter until the November 6, 2007 meeting in order for Chairman Little to contact the City of Loganville regarding its participation in realigning the entrance to Stephens' Garage. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Purchasing Agent Rhonda Hawk presented a SPLOST Committee

recommendation to accept a proposal from The Facility Group for Construction Management Services. Commissioner Ayers recused himself from consideration of the proposal, stating that he has a potential business deal with the company. Ms. Hawk reviewed the proposal and presented a negotiated price. Commissioner Turner made a motion to accept the proposal from The Facility Group. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. Commissioners Turner, Gasaway, Palmer and Atha voted in favor. The motion carried 4-0, with Commissioner Ayers recused.

Chairman Little presented a proposal from Precision Planning, Inc. for the Russell Drive Extension Project. He stated that the contract with George Baker for the donation of the Government Building property on Hammond Drive stipulates that the County will complete the construction of the Russell Drive extension within three years of the first day of business in the Government Building. Commissioner Turner made a motion to table a decision on the proposal until the November 6, 2007 meeting in order for Chairman Little to obtain a written agreement from Mr. Baker authorizing a time extension for the completion of the project. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered an Alcoholic Beverage License application for Karishma Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Smile Mart (formerly Circle K) – 2660 Hwy 11 North, Monroe. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the license. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Palmer and Atha voted in favor of the motion, with Commissioner Gasaway abstaining. The motion carried 4-0.

The Board considered an Alcoholic Beverage License application for Harold R. Shripka – Rocky’s Pizzeria & Grill – 1770 C Bold Springs Road, Monroe. Commissioner Atha made a motion to approve the license. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Palmer and Atha voted in favor of the motion, with Commissioner Gasaway abstaining. The motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to appoint the following persons to the Development Authority of Walton County: Ann Peppers – 1-year term to expire November 30, 2008, Neal Jackson – 3-year term to expire November 30, 2010, Coleman Landers – 2-year term to expire November, 30, 2009 and Lee Garrett – Walton County Chamber of Commerce representative with a term from January 1, 2008 though December 31, 2008. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to appoint Jean Moon to O’Kelly Memorial Library Board of Trustees. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ayers presented a request for approval to display the traveling Exhibition "American Soldiers and Their Bibles" tentatively scheduled for December 4-13, 2007 in the Historic Courthouse. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to allow the Traveling Exhibition to be displayed in the Historic Courthouse. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The Board requested County Attorney Kirby Atkinson contact the display owners regarding a letter releasing the County of any liability regarding the display.

County Attorney Kirby Atkinson presented a proposed Truck Route Ordinance for the Board's review. Commissioner Palmer suggested that the ordinance limit trucks on certain county roads to those with six wheels or less. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to initiate the process for adoption of the Truck Route Ordinance. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Gasaway and Palmer voted in favor with Commissioner Atha abstaining. The motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to schedule the first meeting in 2008 to be held on January 8, 2008. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

At 7:58 p.m., Commissioner Ayers made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss acquisition of real estate. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Gasaway, Palmer and Atha voted in favor.

At 8:15 p.m., Commissioner Turner made a motion to return to regular session. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Gasaway, Palmer and Atha voted in favor.

Commissioner Turner made a motion for the record to reflect that the Board also discussed a personnel issue while in executive session. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Gasaway, Palmer and Atha voted in favor. No decisions were made and no votes were taken while in executive session.

At 8:16 p.m., Commissioner Palmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. 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

CLINTON AYERS, DISTRICT 1

MICHAEL TURNER, DISTRICT 2

VICKIE M. GASAWAY, DIST. 3

LAMAR PALMER, DISTRICT 4

GERALD ATHA, DISTRICT 5