

July 8, 2008

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 8, 2008 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 Kirklyn Dixon, 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.

Chairman Little read aloud a proclamation recognizing the Loganville High School Baseball Team as 2008 AAAA State Champions.

Dr. Henry Wall of the Walton County Healthcare Foundation presented its 2006-2007 Biennial Report.

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 6:07 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, with the addition of discussion regarding the county vehicle policy. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2008 and June 12, 2008 meetings. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board held a public hearing on the proposed abandonment of a portion of Dillard Drive. Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. There was no one present in opposition to the abandonment. County Clerk Leta Talbird stated that all effected property owners were notified of the hearing by certified mail and that an advertisement giving notice of the public hearing had run in the Walton Tribune once a week for two weeks as required by law. Chairman Little closed the public hearing on the matter. Commissioner Atha made a motion to approve the abandonment of a portion of Dillard Drive. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously. *(A drawing and description of the abandoned portion of Dillard Drive is on file in the auxiliary file under this meeting date.)*

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve a

Conditional Use for a Caretaker House for J. Frank Bales – CU08040017. The effected property is located at 1165 Thurston Snow Road and is further identified on WC Tax Map C 192, Parcel 10. Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Frank Bales came before the Board in support of the Conditional Use. There was no one present in opposition. Chairman Little closed the public hearing on the matter. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the Conditional Use as requested. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

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

Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to adopt a resolution giving the Chairman the authority to amend the fiscal year 2008 budgets as part of the fiscal year closing process as actual figures for revenues and expenditures become available. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a request from the EMS Department for approval of an FY 2009 budget amendment in the amount of \$90,000.00. Finance Director Linda Hanna explained that a donation was made at the end of fiscal year 2008 from the Walton County Healthcare Foundation for the purchase of an ambulance, but the ambulance was not bid out before the end of fiscal year 2008 due to the timing of the donation. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the FY 2009 budget amendment as requested. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered an FY 2009 budget amendment for the Fire Rescue Department in the amount of \$1,440.00 to reflect an increase in revenue from a donation from Walton EMC Operation Roundup. Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to approve the budget amendment as requested. 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, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to approve new hires, transfers and promotions as presented, for the record. All voted in favor.

Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority General Manager Wendell Geiger presented actions taken by the Authority at its June 24, 2008 meeting. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to ratify actions taken by the Authority as presented. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion, voted and carried unanimously.

Central Communications Director Wendra Williams presented a contract with Metro PCS for E911 Phase I Service. County Attorney Kirby Atkinson recommended several changes in contract language. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the contract contingent upon changes recommended by the County Attorney. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a Juvenile Community Service Supervisor contract with Jeffrey C. Bray. County Attorney Kirby Atkinson recommended several changes in the contract language. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve the contract contingent upon changes recommended by the County Attorney. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a contract with Icon Software Corporation, Inc. for case management software for the Magistrate Court. County Attorney Kirby Atkinson recommended several changes in the contract language. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the contract contingent upon changes recommended by the County Attorney. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the application for the Governor's Office of Family & Children Caring Communities Grant for the Partnership for Families, Children & Youth. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the application for a Children & Youth Coordinating Council Grant for the Juvenile Court. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to accept an Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$16,586.00. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to deny a refund request for Cecil Hart based on the recommendation of Walton County Tax Commissioner Patricia Malcom. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve a refund in the amount of \$941.74 for Ron Damron for Ad Valorem taxes charged in error. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to reappoint Bruce Wright to the

Walton County Board of Family and Children Services. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously. (*Mr. Wright's term will expire on June 30, 2013.*)

Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to reappoint Gina Meadows Taylor to the Walton County Board of Family and Children Services. All voted in favor. (*Ms. Taylor's term will expire on June 30, 2013.*)

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to appoint Tommy Stringer to the Walton County Planning Commission representing Commission District 1. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board discussed a policy requiring all County vehicles to have a County Emblem located on the vehicle. The Board requested County Attorney Kirby Atkinson to review the current policy.

Blaine Sorrow spoke during the public comment segment of the meeting regarding leasing/rental of county recreation facilities.

At 6:45 p.m., Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to enter executive session to discuss personnel issues and acquisition of real estate. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Gasaway, Palmer, Atha and Dixon voted in favor.

At 7:18 p.m., Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to return to regular session. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Gasaway, Palmer, Atha and Dixon voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to authorize the County Attorney to proceed with the purchase of real estate as discussed in executive session. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

At 7:20 p.m., Commissioner Atha made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gasaway 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

KIRKLYN DIXON, DISTRICT 6