

August 5, 2008

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 5, 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, 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. Commissioner Gasaway did not attend the meeting due to a prior commitment.

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

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

Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon, to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2008 meeting. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to amend the WC Land Development Ordinance - OA08060003 as shown on Errata Sheet dated 6-2-08. Planning Director Mike Martin requested the Board table a decision on the amendments to allow additional time for the proposed amendments to be reviewed by the County Attorney. Commissioner Atha made a motion to table a decision on the proposed Land Development Ordinance amendments. Commissioner Ayers 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, including the addition of a payment request for Gary's Grading & Pipeline for the Bold Springs Road project. Commissioner Atha made a motion to approve contracts and budgeted purchases as presented, including the Gary's Grading & Pipeline pay request. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered FY 2008 Auditing Services Engagement Letters from Mauldin & Jenkins. County Attorney Kirby Atkinson recommended certain changes that need to be made in the language of the agreement. Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve the Mauldin & Jenkins

Engagement Letters subject to changes recommended by the County Attorney. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Purchasing Agent Rhonda Hawk requested the Board's authorization to accept bids and issue purchase orders for resurfacing subdivision roads on which the bonds have been called. The Board requested additional information on how many houses have been built on the roads before making a decision to go forward with the final paving. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to table a decision on the matter until the September 2, 2008 meeting. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Personnel Director Karen Fraser presented employee new hires, promotions, transfers and changes in status for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the aforementioned personnel actions as presented, for the record. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority General Manager Wendell Geiger presented actions taken by the Authority at its July 29, 2008 meeting. Commissioner Dixon made a motion to ratify the Authority's actions taken at its July 29, 2008 meeting. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Atha made a motion to approve CYCC Contracts for Services for the Juvenile Court Evening Reporting Center with Thomas Evans & James Vaughn. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to approve a Juvenile Court Purchase of Services Contract with Turley Howard. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the 2009 Family Connection Contract. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Atha made a motion to approve a contract with the Walton County Board of Health for Pandemic Flu Preparedness. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to approve a contract with Safe Kids USA. All voted in favor.

Facilities Manager Joyce Chambers presented a Cooperative Agreement

between Walton County and USDA for use of office space in Courthouse Annex III. Commissioner Turner made a motion to table a decision on the matter in order to establish the real costs to maintain the office space and to negotiate the proposed fees with USDA. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Associate Planning Director Charna Parker presented a proposal from Ross & Associates for Impact Fee Program Capital Improvement Updates. Commissioner Atha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to approve the proposal as presented. All voted in favor.

Jimmy Parker of Precision Planning, Inc. presented a proposal from BMK, Inc. for right of way acquisition services for Guthrie Cemetery Road, Park Street and Emmett Still Road intersection improvements. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the proposal subject to review by the County Attorney. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Personnel Director Karen Fraser presented a contract with Hines & Associates for health care claims management services. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve a contract with The Varsity for catering services for the Walton County Employee Annual Meeting. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Facilities Manager Joyce Chambers, Sheriff Joe Chapman and Chief Deputy Bruce Wright came before the Board to discuss the possibility of using the former Diversion Center facility as a work release building for the Walton County Jail. Ms. Chambers presented an estimate for roof replacement in the amount of \$135,000.00. Sheriff Chapman stated that four new deputy positions would be required to staff the new facility. Sheriff Chapman gave an update on the new ankle bracelet monitoring program that will soon be used to reduce jail overcrowding. The Board directed Finance Director Linda Hanna to determine if Impact Fees can be used to pay for needed improvements to the building. After further discussion, Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the roof replacement using funds from the Risk Management budget along with the appropriate budget amendment. He further moved to approve the Sheriff proceeding with plans for the Work Release Building project. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Atha made a motion to approve an application for the Victims of Crime Act Grant for the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Dixon seconded

the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to re-appoint Ava Ivery to the Action, Inc. Board of Directors. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion, voted and carried unanimously.

Rickey Dillard of the Walton County Tax Assessor's Office came before the Board to discuss House Bill 1081 – Establishment of minimum number of acres as a qualification for properties entered into a Conservation Use Covenant. Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon, to direct the County Attorney to review the law and prepare a resolution establishing a minimum number of acres for the Conservation Use Covenant.

Jack Briscoe, Suzanne Merritt, Tim Ashe and Kelly Nelepa spoke during the public comment segment of the meeting in support of ball tournaments continuing to be hosted in Walton County.

At 7:32 p.m., Commissioner Atha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to enter into executive session. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Palmer, Atha and Dixon voted in favor.

At 9:40 p.m., Commissioner Atha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ayers, to return to regular session. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Palmer, Atha and Dixon voted in favor. Chairman Little stated that no votes were taken while in executive session.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to instruct the County Attorney to proceed with the land swap discussed in executive session and to give the Chairman the authority to execute all necessary documents. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to authorize the County Attorney to respond to the Project ReNeWal complaint. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Palmer and Atha voted in favor with Commissioner Dixon abstaining. The motion carried.

At 9:42 p.m., Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon, 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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LAMAR PALMER, DISTRICT 4

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GERALD ATHA, DISTRICT 5

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KIRKLYN DIXON, DISTRICT 6