

October 7, 2008

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 7, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Board Room, Walton County Government Building, 303 South Hammond Drive, Suite 330, Monroe, Ga. Those present included Commissioners Clinton Ayers, Michael Turner, Vickie Gasaway, Lamar Palmer and Kirklyn Dixon, County Clerk Leta Talbird, County Attorney Kirby Atkinson, Personnel Director Karen Fraser 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 and Commissioner Atha did not attend the meeting due to previous commitments.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. Commissioner Ayers led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Gasaway opened the meeting in prayer.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to appoint Commissioner Clinton Ayers as Interim Chairman. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

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

Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2008 meeting. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion, voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a request from Hal Brady, Cheryl Brady and Dan Foster to abandon a portion of Locklin Cemetery Road. Attorney James Warnes, representing Mr. Foster and Mr. Brady, came before the Board in support of the request. Attorney Mary Felker, representing property owner Tina Tate, spoke in opposition to the abandonment. She stated that Ms. Tate will be land locked if the road is abandoned. Ms. Felker requested the County improve the condition of the road from Snows Mill Road to the Tate property. After further discussion, Attorney Kirby Atkinson stated that Locklin Cemetery Road is presently a public road. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to deny the request to abandon a portion of Locklin Cemetery Road. He further moved to reopen the road and make it passable to the Tate property for the least expense necessary. The motion failed due to lack of a second. Commissioner Turner made a motion to initiate the abandonment process for a portion of Locklin Cemetery Road with a permanent easement to be provided to Ms. Tate by Mr. Foster. The motion died due to lack of a second. Commissioner Dixon requested the Public Works Department to

bring options for opening and maintaining the road back to the Board for consideration.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to table a decision on a Planning Commission recommendation to approve amendments to the WC Land Development Ordinance as shown on Errata Sheet dated 9-4-2008 until the November 4, 2008 meeting. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to adopt a resolution extending the moratorium on the acceptance of applications for all type permits and Occupational Tax Certificates for Adult Entertainment Establishments pursuant to the Walton County Adult Entertainment Ordinance for 40 days. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve an annexation for the City of Loganville – 3.43 acres – 3214 Tig Knight Road & 3191 Georgia Highway 81. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve an annexation for the City of Loganville – 2.870 acres – 3869 Georgia Highway 81 South. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

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

District Attorney Ken Wynn requested the Board approve funding for furloughed state employees in the amount of \$10,365.46 to be reimbursed from the Drug Forfeiture Account. Mr. Wynn requested that the approved funding be retroactive to September 1, 2008. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve an FY 2009 Departmental Budget Amendment in the amount of \$17,000.00 for the Sheriff's Office to reflect a Department of Community Affairs Local Assistance Grant award for the purchase of equipment. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to approve an FY 2009 Budget Amendment for the Planning & Development

Office in the amount of \$3,300.00 for capital improvement updates for the Impact Fee Program from Impact Fees. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve an FY 2009 Budget Departmental Budget Transfer for the Fire Department in the amount of \$7201.25 to expense repairs to a fire truck into the capital account. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Personnel Director Karen Fraser presented employee new hires, promotions, a demotion and transfers for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to approve the aforementioned personnel matters 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 meeting on September 20, 2008 meeting. Commissioner Dixon made a motion to ratify the Authority's actions taken at its meeting on September 20, 2008. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to appoint Timothy Kemp to the Partnership for Families Children & Youth Board representing Commission District 6. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to accept a Department of Natural Resources Land and Water Conservation Grant in the amount of \$100,000.00 for purchase of property at the new Walnut Grove Park. She further moved to adopt a resolution accepting the grant and giving Chairman Little the authority to execute the necessary documents. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Recreation Director Jody Johnson requested approval to apply for two Walton County Health Care Foundation Grants, one for exercise equipment for the new Community Centers and one for a disc golf program. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve the grant applications. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon, to accept a Governor's Office for Children & Families Grant in the amount of \$325,000.00. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve an extension to the service agreement with Motorola for the County's radio system in the amount of \$39,389.72. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion; voted and carried

unanimously.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the following Juvenile Court Community Service Contracts: Michael Scott, Kirk McLeroy, Michael Baldwin, Tammy Cabell, Robert Gilbert, Kenneth Whelchel, David Briscoe and Richard Weed. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve an amendment to the Auditing Services Engagement Letter from Mauldin & Jenkins to cover auditing of grant funds. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Road Superintendent Steve Chandler presented a contract change order in the amount of \$11,310.00 for Pittman Construction to relocate fire hydrants for the Sharon Church Road Improvement Project. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the change order. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. Commissioners Turner, Gasaway, Atha and Dixon voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Palmer opposed the motion. The motion carried 4-1.

Interim Chairman Clinton Ayers opened a public hearing on the 2006 Capital Improvement Element Annual Update for the County's Impact Fee Program. No one was present in opposition. Chairman Ayers closed the public hearing on the matter. Commissioner Turner made a motion to adopt a resolution to submit the update to the Northeast Georgia Regional Development Center for Regional and State review, as per the requirements of the Development Impact Fee Compliance Requirements. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

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Impact Fee Compliance Requirements. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

At 7:07 p.m., Commissioner Palmer 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.

LETA P. TALBIRD, CLERK

CLINTON AYERS, DISTRICT 1

MICHAEL TURNER, DISTRICT 2

VICKIE M. GASAWAY, DIST. 3

LAMAR PALMER, DISTRICT 4

KIRKLYN DIXON, DISTRICT 6