

December 2, 2008

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 2, 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.

Troy Preston of the Walton Healthcare Foundation presented a check in the amount of \$75,000.00 for the purchase of fitness equipment for the new community centers.

Bill Johnston of Raymond James & Associates presented options for credit substitution for the Joint Development Authority of Walton, Morgan, Newton & Jasper Counties.

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 6:12 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 Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2008 meeting. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered abandonment of a portion of Mt. Paran Church Road from its intersection with Social Circle Fairplay Road for a distance of approximately one mile to a newly constructed cul-de-sac. Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. There was no one present in opposition. Chairman Little closed the public hearing on the matter. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve abandonment of the aforementioned portion of Mt. Paran Church Road. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve a rezone from A-2 to R-1 on 1.0165-acre Tract A for proposed new home and a variance for 1.8835-acre Tract B for a reduction at the 50 ft. building line

from required road frontage 150 ft. to 137.1 ft. for Doyan B. Keaton - Z08100005. The affected property is located on Georgia Highway 81 and is further identified on WC Tax Map C 16, Parcel 13A. Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Doyan Keaton came before the Board in support of the rezone. There was no one present in opposition. Chairman Little closed the public hearing on the matter. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the rezone as presented. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to deny a rezone from A-1 to A-2/OSC Overlay on 80.12 acres for an Open Space Conservation Overlay Subdivision with Airstrip for Bill Patterson - Z08100003. The affected property is located at 333 Cheek Road and is further identified on WC Tax Map C 190, Parcels 5 & 6 Split. Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Planning Director Mike Martin stated that the applicant was not in attendance and due to the recommendation for denial; requests the Board approve withdrawal of the application. There was no one present in opposition. Chairman Little closed the public hearing on the matter. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve withdrawal of the rezone application. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve amendments to the WC Land Development Ordinance as shown on Errata Sheet Dated 11-06-08. Planning Director Mike Martin reviewed the proposed amendments, adding the definition of a feral cat and repealing and replacing Article 11, Part 1, Section 100 – River and Stream Corridor Protection. Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the amendments as presented. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to accept right of way on the following roads: Crystal Springs Estates II - Honey Lane, Kennedy Court; Isabella Plantation - Isabella Lane; Peyton Woods - Macy Drive, Brittany Court, Katherine Court; River Green Estates - Hope Lane; Sharon Church Manor - Braswell Lane; Silver Thorne II - Silver Thorne Drive, Silver Thorne Court, Amber Drive. All voted in favor.

The Board considered an annexation request from the City of Social Circle – Interstate 20 west of Georgia Highway 278. Planning Director Mike Martin stated that approximately 2.5 acres of the total annexation is in Walton County and the remainder is located in Newton County. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the annexation. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Finance Director Linda Hanna presented contracts and budgeted purchases of

\$2,500.00 for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve contracts and budgeted purchases as presented. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon, to approve the 2009 Payroll Schedule. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a resolution establishing an Identity Theft Policy. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to adopt the resolution approving the Policy contingent upon review by the County Attorney. She further moved to authorize the Chairman to execute the document after the County Attorney reviews it. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve a Criminal Justice Coordinating Grant for the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Recreation Director Jody Johnson presented bids received for fitness equipment for the County's two new community centers. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to accept the bid and approve the purchase of the equipment as presented, based on the recommendation of the Recreation Director. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Personnel Director Karen Fraser presented employee new hires and promotions for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to approve new hires and promotions as presented, for the record. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to ratify actions taken by the Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority at its meeting on 11/25/08. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to approve the following System of Care Grant Contracts: Boys & Girls Club, Accountability Measures LLC (2), Athens Technical College, The Partnership for Families, Children & Youth, UGA Cooperative Extension Service, Walton County Juvenile Court, Melinda Quinn, Walton County BOE, Walton County Health Department. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to approve a Juvenile Court Purchase of Services Contract with Michael Baldwin. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha to approve a Reciprocal Easement Agreement and Second Amendment to Covenants and Restrictions with Baker Street Limited Partnership, LLLP. All voted in favor.

Planning Director Mike Martin presented resolutions adopting the 2006, 2007 and 2008 Impact Fee Program Capital Improvement Updates. Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to adopt the aforementioned resolutions as presented. All voted in favor.

The Board considered the abandonment of Towler Road. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to initiate the abandonment process. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered 2008 & 2009 Alcoholic Beverage License applications. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve 2008 & 2009 Alcoholic Beverage Licenses as presented. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Palmer, Atha and Dixon voted in favor of the motion with Commissioner Gasaway abstaining. The motion carried. *(A list of approved licenses is on file in the auxiliary file under this meeting date.)*

County Attorney Kirby Atkinson presented a resolution to approve an amendment to the Intergovernmental Contract with the Joint Development Authority of Jasper County, Morgan County, Newton Count and Walton County regarding credit substitution. Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to approve the resolution and authorize the Chairman to execute all appropriate documents, subject to final review and approval by the County Attorney. All voted in favor.

The Board deferred discussion regarding the County Vehicle Policy until later in the meeting.

Melinda Quinn, Rich Reynolds and Christa Reynolds spoke during the public comment segment of the meeting.

At 7:12 p.m., Commissioner Atha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon, to enter into executive session to discuss potential litigation and real estate matters. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Gasaway, Palmer, Atha & Dixon voted in favor.

At 7:25 p.m., Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to return to regular session. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Gasaway, Palmer, Atha & Dixon voted in favor. Chairman Little

stated that no votes were taken while in executive session.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to authorize the County Attorney to negotiate acquisition of right of way as discussed in executive session. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board discussed the County's Vehicle Policy. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to make a copy of the Policy available to each employee who drives a county owned vehicle. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

At 7:28 p.m., Commissioner Atha made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Palmer 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