

January 6, 2009

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Walton County Government Building, 303 South Hammond Drive, Suite 330, Monroe, Georgia. Those present included Chairman Kevin Little, Commissioners Clinton Ayers, Chuck Bagley, 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.

Kim Smith of Loganville Community Ministry Village, Carlos Thompson and Norman Garrett spoke during the public comment segment of the meeting.

The Board recognized Shana Stone, 1st Place Winner of the National Radon Poster Contest.

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 6:13 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 Gasaway made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2008 meeting. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board held a public hearing to consider the abandonment of Towler Road. 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, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to abandon Towler Road. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve Rezone Z08110002 – R- 1 to A-1 on 10.28 acres to allow horses for Ellen Cooper. The affected property is located at 127 Meadow Wood Lane and is further identified on WC Tax Map C 87, Parcel 20. Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Ellen Cooper 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 Atha made a

motion to approve the rezone with the stipulation that only horses will be allowed with a maximum of two horses. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve Rezone Z08110003 – R-1 to A-1 on 3.025 acres to allow horses for Charles H. & Dorothy D. Corbett. The affected property is located 3969 Governors Circle and is further identified on WC Tax Map C 9, Parcel 30D. Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Charles Corbett 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 Bagley made a motion to approve the rezone with the condition that only horses will be allowed with a maximum of two horses. Commissioner Ayers 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 Atha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to approve contracts and budgeted purchases as presented. All voted in favor.

Jimmy Parker of Precision Planning presented bids received for the construction of the Parkway Extension. The Parkway is located at the front of the Government Building. Commissioner Atha made a motion to approve the low bid from Simpson Trucking & Grading, Inc. in the amount of \$390,856.73 as recommended by Precision Planning, Inc. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to accept a Criminal Justice Coordination Council Victim Assistance Grant for the record. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Keith Fitzgerald of the Sheriff's Office presented a Federal Equitable Sharing Program for the Board's consideration. Finance Director Linda Hanna stated that a bank account for the Federal funds will need to be established. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the request. He further moved to authorize opening a bank account for the funds. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Recreation Director Jody Johnson presented proposed user fees for the new Community Centers. The Board discussed the need to establish a separate fee schedule for out of county residents. Commissioner Bagley made a motion to table a decision on the matter until the February meeting in order to acquire fees schedules from surrounding counties. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. After further discussion, Commissioner Bagley withdrew his motion and Commissioner Atha withdrew his second.

Commissioner Bagley made a motion to approve fees for Walton County Residents as presented. He further moved to add fees for out of county residents once additional information is acquired. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

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

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to adopt a resolution setting the time, date and location of monthly Board meetings for 2009 at 6:00 p.m. on the 1st Tuesday of each month. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to adopt a resolution reaffirming the \$1.50 911 fee on telephone subscribers. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to proclaim January 2009 as Radon Action Month in Walton County. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to appoint Leta Talbird as County Clerk for 2009. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Atha made a motion to appoint Rhonda Hawk as Assistant County Clerk for 2009. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Atha made a motion to appoint Kirby Atkinson as County Attorney for 2009. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to appoint Commissioner Gerald Atha as Vice Chairman for 2009. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to table a decision on appointments to the Walton County Hospital Authority until the February 3, 2009 meeting. Commissioner Bagley seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to table a decision on an appointment to

the Walton County Board of Family & Children Services until the February 3, 2009 meeting. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the renewal of a Fire Protection Contract with the City of Good Hope. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Central Communications Director Wendra Williams presented an Intergovernmental Agreement between Walton County, Athens-Clarke County, Green County, Morgan County and Oconee County for the Oconee Areawide Radio System. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the agreement as presented. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Development Authority of Walton County Executive Director Nancy Kinsey requested the Board participate in a Walton County Opportunity Zone Project, which will piggyback on the project being implemented by the City of Monroe. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to go forward with the project. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Ms. Kinsey and Development Authority Chairman Morris Jordan presented a proposed abatement program for the Unisia Expansion Project. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the abatement program and to authorize the Chairman to execute the necessary documents. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a recommendation from the Public Works Department to abandon Horace Jones Road. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to initiate the abandonment process. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

At 7:01 p.m., Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ayers, 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.

KEVIN W. LITTLE, CHAIRMAN

LETA P. TALBIRD, CLERK

CLINTON AYERS, DISTRICT 1

CHUCK BAGLEY, DISTRICT 2

VICKIE M. GASAWAY, DIST. 3

LAMAR PALMER, DISTRICT 4

GERALD ATHA, DISTRICT 5

KIRKLYN DIXON, DISTRICT 6