

February 3, 2009

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 3, 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.

Melinda Quinn, Norman Garrett and Carlos Thompson spoke during the public comment segment of the meeting.

Athens Technical College President Flora Tydings gave an overview of the College's Annual Report, which includes classes offered and the number of students enrolled at the Walton County Campus.

Ellen Hester of Walton on Wheels Bicycle Club requested that "Share the Road" signs be erected on certain County roads.

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Bagley opened the meeting in prayer.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented, with the addition of finalizing the implementation of the Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority Lease Transfer Agreement. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2009 meeting. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Atha made a motion to appoint Bobby Laseter to the Walton County Board of Family and Children Services to fill the unexpired term of Gene Ensminger, which will expire on June 30, 2009. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to appoint the following persons to the Walton County Hospital Authority: Alan Duvall, Myra Smith and Dr. Stephen Baynham. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The aforementioned appointees' terms will expire June 30, 2013.

The Board held a public hearing to consider the abandonment of Horace Jones 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 Horace Jones Road. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve rezone Z08110012 – A-1 to A-2 on 1.851-acre tract to correct an encroachment for Karen Van Buren. The affected property is located at 5070 Grady Smith Road and is further identified on WC Tax Map C 60, Parcel 13P. Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Attorney Thomas L. Williams, representing the applicant, 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 Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Planning Director Mike Martin presented a request from Crown Point Properties, LLC to withdraw Rezone Z08120007 – MH to R-1 on 3.09 acres for (3) 1-acre lots with a Planning Commission recommendation to deny waiver of the Walton County Regulations concerning replacement of manufactured Homes. The affected property is located at 177 Adams Way and is further identified on WC Tax Map C 54, Parcel 189. There was no one present in opposition to the request for withdrawal. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve withdrawal of the rezone request with the condition that the application will be refiled within 30 days. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Associate Planning Director Charna Parker presented a request from the developer of Griffin Manor Subdivision to be allowed to pay \$50.00 per lot to Walton County to have street lights turned on in the subdivision. Ms. Parker explained that if approved, the subdivision would be added to the Street Light Tax District at the appropriate time. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Adam Fraley and Joe Black of Mauldin & Jenkins presented the FY 2008 Audit for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to accept the FY 2008 Audit as presented. Commissioner Palmer 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 Palmer made a motion to approve contracts and purchases as presented.

Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered an FY 2009 Departmental Budget Transfer for the Magistrate Court in the amount of \$348.26 from Temporary Employees to Contract Labor. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve the budget transfer. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a Finance Department request for an FY 2009 Budget Amendment in the amount of \$97,000.00 for auditing and accounting services. Commissioner Atha made a motion to approve the budget amendment as presented. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Finance Director Linda Hanna presented a proposed Grant Management Policy for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Atha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to approve the Grant Management Policy as presented. All voted in favor.

Ms. Hanna presented an Agreed Upon Services Agreement with Clifton, Lipford, Hardison & Parker, LLC for auditing services for the Juvenile Court's Supplemental Account. Commissioner Bagley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to approve the agreement. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the FY 2010 Budget Calendar. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Facilities Manager Joyce Chambers presented a list of property to be declared surplus. Commissioner Dixon made a motion to declare the property surplus. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor. *(A list of property declared surplus is on file in the auxiliary file for this meeting.)*

Purchasing Director Rhonda Hawk presented bids received for patrol car equipment. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to accept the bid from West Chatham Warning Devices in the amount of \$46,626.92. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

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

Ms. Fraser presented proposed revisions to the Walton County Family and Medical Leave Policy for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ayers, to approve the revisions as presented. All voted in favor.

The Board considered an Employee Benefit Committee recommendation to establish Employee Flexible Spending Accounts. Darlene Taylor of Taylor Benefit Services gave an overview of the program. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon, to approve Employee Flexible Spending Accounts as recommended. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to ratify actions taken by the Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority at its meeting on 1/27/2009. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to finalize the implementation of the Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority Lease Transfer Agreement and to give the Chairman the Authority to finalize the implementation. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to adopt a revised Speed Zone Ordinance. All voted in favor.

Donnie McCullough of Walton County Emergency Management Agency presented a City/County Government Emergency Management Resolution for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Atha made a motion to approve, for the record, a contract with Steelco Buildings, Inc. for the Walton County Senior Center Addition and to give the Chairman the authority to execute the contract pending final review by the County Attorney. Commissioner Bagley seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve a contract with TMC Construction Company for Walton County State Patrol Post 46 and to give the Chairman the authority to execute the contract contingent upon final review by the County Attorney. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding and Lease Agreement with the Georgia Forestry Commission. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve a Software Support Agreement Renewal with Governmental Systems, Inc. for the Tax Commissioner's Office contingent upon changes recommended by the County Attorney. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion proclaiming February 1-7, 2009 as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Walton County. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve an affidavit giving notice of limitation of use for 17 acres of park property for which Walton County will receive Department of Natural Resources grant funds to offset the cost of the property purchase. She further moved to give Chairman Little the authority to execute the necessary documents. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered establishment of policies for sports tournaments. Commissioner Bagley made a motion to allow Walton County to put on sports tournaments and to pay Jody Johnson and Brad Huff one hundred dollars per team participating in the tournaments for a period of one year. He further moved that financial data shall be maintained so the Board will know what to offer private individuals to come in and run tournaments subject to a set of guidelines adopted at a later date. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. Commissioner Atha stated that he would have to abstain from voting on the matter because he told people there would be a meeting to let everyone interested come and discuss it and express their opinion, so he feels that he would be going against his word if he voted on the matter either way.

After further discussion, Commissioner Bagley called for the question. There was no second to call for the question. Commissioners Ayers, Bagley, Gasaway and Palmer voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Dixon opposed the motion with Commissioner Atha abstaining. The motion carried 4-1.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to re-appoint Grady Lemonds to the Joint Development Authority of Morgan, Newton, Jasper and Walton Counties. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to re-appoint Anne Peppers to the Development Authority of Walton County. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a refund request from Daniel Thaxton for ad valorem

taxes paid in error to Walton County. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the refund request based on the recommendation of the Tax Commissioner. Commissioner Bagley seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered an Alcoholic Beverage License application for Krit Kritsanachaiwanich – Shell Food Mart – 1880 Highway 138. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the license. Commissioner Bagley seconded the motion. Commissioners Ayers, Bagley, Palmer, Atha and Dixon voted in favor of the motion with Commissioner Gasaway abstaining. The motion carried.

Attorney Chris Atkinson presented a Quitclaim Deed for the detention pond that was placed on county property by West Walton Properties in error. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the Quitclaim Deed. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

At 7:59 p.m., Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon, to enter into executive session to discuss potential litigation and personnel matters. Commissioners Ayers, Bagley, Gasaway, Palmer, Atha and Dixon voted in favor of the motion.

At 8:29 p.m. Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to return to regular session. Commissioners Ayers, Bagley, Gasaway, Palmer, Atha and Dixon voted in favor of the motion. Chairman Little stated that no votes were taken while in executive session.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to authorize the County Attorney to pursue litigation as discussed in executive session. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

At 8:30 p.m., Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, 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.

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