

March 3, 2009

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

Karen Corrigan, Chairman of Keep Walton Beautiful, Inc. and George Clay spoke during the public comment segment of the meeting.

Probate Judge Greg Adams inducted new members of The Partnership for Families, Children and Youth Board of Directors.

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Dixon opened the meeting in prayer.

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

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 3, 2009 meeting. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Planning Director Mike Martin presented the first reading of a resolution to adopt an ordinance to adopt an Urban Redevelopment Plan, to define the geographic boundaries of the plan, to define development and land use within the plan area; and for other purposes. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to initiate the ordinance adoption process. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Planning Director Mike Martin presented a Planning Commission recommendation to approve amendments to the Walton County Land Development Ordinance as shown on Errata Sheet dated 2-5-09. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the amendments as presented. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Associate Planning Director Charna Parker presented a Planning Commission recommendation to approve proposed Character Area Designation amendments. Commissioner Bagley made a motion to approve the amendments as recommended by the Planning Commission. Commissioner Atha 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 Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to approve contracts and purchases as presented. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a request from EMS for an FY 2009 departmental budget transfer from overtime to temporary salaries in the amount of \$85,000.00. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the transfer as requested. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a request from EMS for an FY 2009 departmental budget amendment in the amount of \$8,810.00 for the remainder of the Walton Health Care Foundation Grant, which was made in FY 2008. Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to approve the amendment as requested. All voted in favor.

Finance Director Linda Hanna presented a proposed 2007 SPLOST budget amendment, allocating interest earned on bond funds for the Garrett property purchase (Drivers License Facility) in the amount of \$1,200,000.00, Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Monroe for funding of the Monroe Bypass in the amount of \$800,000.00 and the addition of a parkway at the Drivers License Facility in the amount of \$600,000.00. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the budget amendment as presented. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a request from the Sheriff's Office for an FY 2009 departmental budget amendment in the amount of \$92,824.34 to cover purchases of radios and batteries to be reimbursed from the Inmate Phone Account. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon, to approve the amendment as requested. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ayers, to accept an FY 2009 Georgia Local Emergency Planning Committee Award in the amount of \$4,075.00 for EMA training and planning activities. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Atha made a motion to accept an FY 2009 Emergency Management Performance Grant Award in the amount of \$18,206.00. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the Walton County Board of Commissioners as fiscal agent for The Partnership for Families, Children and Youth for FY 2009. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Facilities Manager Joyce Chambers presented a list of equipment to be declared surplus. Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to declare the equipment surplus as requested. All voted in favor. *(A list of the equipment declared surplus is on file in the auxiliary file under this meeting date.)*

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

Walton County Water Authority General Manager Wendell Geiger presented actions taken by the Authority at its February 24, 2009 meeting for the Board's consideration. Mr. Geiger reviewed the Authority's Sanitary Survey Audit conducted by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division. The Board also discussed possible options for assistance to install water meters for people whose wells have failed. Jimmy Parker of Precision Planning, Inc. presented an updated recommendation to award the low bid from D & J's Trenching Service, Inc. for the Youth Jersey Road Transmission Main Project in the amount of \$2,847,099.69. Commissioner Atha made a motion to ratify actions taken by the Authority at its February 24, 2009 meeting with the amendment awarding the low bid from D & J's Trenching Service, Inc. for the Youth Jersey Road Transmission Main Project. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve a software Maintenance Agreement with ESRI for the Central Communications Department. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer to approve a Juvenile Court Evening Reporting Center Contract with James Vaughn. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Atha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer to approve, for the record, a contract with Simpson Trucking and Grading, Inc. for construction of the Government Building Parkway (Russell Drive

Extension). All voted in favor.

Fire Chief Mike Moore came before the Board to present a proposal to pursue a joint project with the City of Monroe for the construction of a fire training facility. The Board authorized Chief Moore to pursue the project.

Commissioner Palmer discussed his concerns regarding monitoring of landfills. Planning Director Mike Martin stated that his department would begin ride throughs at each facility and would begin random offsite counting of trucks entering each facility.

The Board considered a request for deannexation from the City of Loganville – 3610 and 3614 Highway 81 South – 5.388 acres. Commissioner Bagley made a motion to approve the deannexation as requested. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

At 7.45 p.m., Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, 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

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CHUCK BAGLEY, DISTRICT 2

VICKIE M. GASAWAY, DIST. 3

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