

April 7, 2009

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 7, 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 and Gilbert Ray spoke during the public comment segment of the meeting.

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 6:10 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 Dixon made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2009 meeting. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered adoption of 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. Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. No one was present in opposition to adoption of the ordinance. Chairman Little closed the public hearing on the matter. Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to adopt the ordinance. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to deny Rezone Z09010007 - A-1 to A on 27.8 acres for a Dog Boarding Facility for Daniel and Leah Reppert. The affected property is located at 2769 Youth Monroe Road and is further identified on WC Tax Map C 62, Parcel 19. Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. There was no one present in support of the rezone. Those present in opposition to the rezone did not speak. Chairman Little closed the public hearing on the matter. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to uphold the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny the rezone. Commissioner Bagley seconded

the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve Rezone Z09010010 - R-1/OSC to A-1 on 12.0 acres for agricultural use for Gerald L. Carter. The affected property is located on Etchison Road & Etchison Spur and is further identified on WC Tax Map C 60, Parcel 73. Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Planning Director Mike Martin presented the request to the Board. There was no one present in support or opposition to the rezone. Chairman Little closed the public hearing on the matter. Commissioner Bagley made a motion to approve the rezone as recommended by the Planning Commission. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve Rezone Z09020004 - R-1/OSC to Rural Estate for agriculture use on 21.5 acres for Gerald L. Carter. The affected property is located on Etchison Spur and is further identified on WC Tax Map C 60, Parcel 29. Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Planning Director Mike Martin presented the request to the Board. There was no one present in support or opposition to the rezone. Chairman Little closed the public hearing on the matter. Commissioner Bagley made a motion to approve the rezone as recommended by the Planning Commission. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve Rezone Z09020001 - R-1 to A-1 on 6.49 acres for agricultural use for L. Lamar Bennett III. The affected property is located at 1380 Old Monroe Madison Highway and is further identified on WC Tax Map C 166, Parcel 184. Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Jerry Shore, 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 Palmer made a motion to approve the rezone as recommended by the Planning Commission. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered an annexation request from the City of Walnut Grove on 3.167 acres, 3.519 acres & 4.666 acres located on Old Highway 138. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to approve the annexations. All voted in favor.

Finance Director Linda Hanna presented an FY 2009 Departmental Budget Transfer for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$133,430.00 to purchase vehicles. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the Departmental Budget Transfer as requested. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

District Attorney Ken Wynn requested an FY 2009 Budget Amendment in the amount of \$2,888.67 to increase the County supplement for State paid employees in order to avoid the necessity of furloughing employees one day a month for the months of March, April and May 2009. Mr. Wynn stated that the funds would be reimbursed from drug forfeiture funds. Commissioner Bagley made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment as requested. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. Commissioners Bagley, Gasaway, Palmer and Dixon voted in favor of the motion. Commissioners Ayers and Atha opposed the motion. The motion carried 4-2.

Finance Director Linda Hanna presented an FY 2009 Budget Amendment for EMA in the amount of \$4,075.00 to reflect expenses associated with proceeds from the FY 2009 Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Grant. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment as requested. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Ms. Hanna presented an FY 2009 Budget Amendment for Parks & Recreation in the amount of \$75,000.00 to reflect the purchase of equipment with proceeds from the Walton Healthcare Foundation Grant and \$37,189.00 to reflect the purchase of equipment with proceeds from Impact Fees. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment as presented. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered an FY 2009 Departmental Budget Transfer from Public Works to Vehicle Maintenance in the amount of \$2,200.00 for the purchase of a Brake Lathe. Commissioner Atha made a motion to approve the Budget Transfer as requested. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered an FY 2009 Departmental Budget Transfer for the Magistrate Court in the amount of \$300.00 from Translators to Indigent Defense. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the Budget Transfer as requested. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to adopt a resolution amending the FY 2009 Budget adding funds created by the FY 2008 Audit. Commissioner Gasaway 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 Ayers made a motion to approve contracts and purchases as presented. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Jimmy Parker of Precision Planning presented bids received for Intersection Improvements at Guthrie Cemetery Road, Emmett Still Road and Park Street for the Walnut Grove High School. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve the low bid from Cummings Site Development, Inc. in the amount of \$491,324.60. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion approving a Sheriff's Office request to apply for a Justice Assistance Grant. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve a request from the Sheriff's Office to apply for the Cops Hiring Recovery Program Grant. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

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

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to ratify actions taken by the Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority at its meeting on March 31, 2009. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to proclaim April 2009 as National Donate Life Month in Walton County. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Morgan Wheeler of the Planning & Development Office presented a proclamation signed by Governor Purdue proclaiming May 3-9, 2009 as Building Safety Week in Georgia. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to proclaim May 3-9, 2009 as Building Safety Week in Walton County. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve a refund for Angela Phillips in the amount of \$247.25 for ad valorem taxes paid in error. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a contract with the Walton County Board of Education for a Literacy Instructor to be paid for with proceeds from the System of Care Grant. County Attorney Kirby Atkinson suggested changes in the contract language. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to approve the contract contingent upon changes recommended by the County Attorney. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a contract with Athens Technical College for a Career Instructor to be paid for with proceeds from the System of Care Grant. County Attorney Kirby Atkinson suggested changes in the contract language. Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bagley, to approve the contract contingent upon changes recommended by the County Attorney. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Bagley made a motion to approve the following Juvenile Court Community Service Supervisor Contracts: Henry Huff, Kirk McLeroy, David Briscoe, Michael Baldwin and Tammy Cabell. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered an AT&T Construction Agreement associated with the relocation of facilities for the construction of the roundabout at Walnut Grove High School. County Attorney Kirby Atkinson suggested changes in the contract language. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the contract and to give the Chairman the authority to execute the contract contingent upon changes recommended by the County Attorney. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Good Hope for paving services on Old Good Hope Road. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the Agreement. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a subscription agreement with Meteorlogix for weather notification services for Central Communications. County Attorney Kirby Atkinson suggested changes to language in the subscription agreement. Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon, to approve the agreement subject to changes recommended by the County Attorney. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a Vehicle Maintenance Agreement with Walton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. for the Senior Citizen Council's vehicles. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the Agreement. Commissioner Bagley seconded the motion. Commissioners Ayers, Bagley, Palmer, Atha and Dixon voted in favor with Commissioner Gasaway abstaining. The motion carried.

The Board considered a 911 Antenna Lease Agreement with the Georgia State Patrol. County Attorney Kirby Atkinson suggested changes to the agreement. Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to approve the agreement contingent upon changes recommended by the County Attorney. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the appraisal for property exchange for the Georgia State Patrol Post easement. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Road Superintendent Steve Chandler presented a revised SPLOST Road Project List for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to approve the SPLOST Road Project List as presented. All voted in favor.

The Board considered the abandonment of Pope Road from Locklin Cemetery Road to Cheek Road. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to initiate the abandonment process. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

At 6:55 p.m., Commissioner Dixon made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss real estate matters and potential litigation. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. Commissioners Ayers, Bagley, Gasaway, Palmer, Atha & Dixon voted in favor of the motion.

At 7:26 p.m., Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to return to regular session. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. Commissioners Ayers, Bagley, Gasaway, Palmer, Atha & Dixon voted in favor of the motion. Chairman Little stated that no votes were taken while in executive session.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve land acquisition within the range discussed during executive session. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

At 7:27 p.m., Commissioner Atha made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

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

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LAMAR PALMER, DISTRICT 4

GERALD ATHA, DISTRICT 5

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