

June 2, 2009

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 2, 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 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. Commissioner Ayers did not attend the meeting.

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Gasaway opened the meeting in prayer.

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

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2009 and May 12, 2009 meetings. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve Rezone Z09030006 and Land Use Designation Change LU09030005 from B-2 to M-1 to bring property into compliance as A Septic Service/Construction Business for Billy T. Pittman. The affected property is located at 7484 Georgia Highway 81 and is further identified on WC Tax Map C 58, Parcel 81 Split. Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Planning Director Mike Martin presented the request. There was no one present in opposition to the rezone. Chairman Little closed the public hearing on the matter. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve the rezone and land use designation change as requested. She further moved to refund the application fee. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve Rezone Z09040002 from A-2 to B-2 to bring property into compliance for a small business use for Lisa Fowlkes. The affected property is located at 1600 Georgia Highway 138 and Camp Lake Road and is further identified on WC Tax Map C 76, Parcel 66. Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Lisa Fowlkes 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 Gasaway made a motion to approve the rezone and to refund the application fee. Commissioner Bagley seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Associate Planning Director Charna Parker presented a Planning Commission

recommendation to approve OA09030002 - Amendment to the Walton County Land Development Ordinance as shown on Errata Sheet dated 4/1/09 regarding Outdoor Recreation Facilities. 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 Atha made a motion to approve the amendment as recommended. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Finance Director Linda Hanna presented an FY 2009 Departmental Budget Amendment for the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$37,404.25 to reflect insurance proceeds and proceeds from the sale of scrap metal for an outbuilding that collapsed in March due to snow and ice. Commissioner Atha made a motion to approve the budget amendment as presented. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Ms. Hanna presented contracts & 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 Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Atha made a motion to approve a Sheriff's Office request to apply for a Bullet Proof Vest Grant. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Atha made a motion to approve a request from EMS to have a petty cash account. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve Engagement Letters from Mauldin & Jenkins for the FY 2009 Audit. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Chairman Little and the Budget Committee presented the proposed FY 2010 Budget. Commissioner Bagley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway to approve the budget as presented. All voted in favor.

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

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to ratify actions taken by the Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority at its meeting on May 28, 2009. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to reappoint Harry Knight as Walton County's Private Sector Representative on the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission Council. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Mr. Knight's one-year

term will begin on July 1, 2009 and end on June 30, 2010.

Commissioner Atha made a motion to appoint Commissioner Chuck Bagley as alternate representative for Commissioner Vickie Gasaway on the Hard labor Creek Reservoir Management Board, retroactively to January 1, 2009. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Bagley made a motion to appoint Rob Kiser as WCWSA Chairman Timmy Shelnett's alternate representative on the Hard Labor Creek Reservoir Management Board. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a Memorandum of Agreement with Harold Palmer, Consulting Forester as the County's Agent in the sale of timber and pine straw on County property located on U.S. Highway 78 in Between. Commissioner Palmer recused himself on the matter. Commissioner Atha made a motion to approve the Agreement. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. Commissioners Bagley, Gasaway, Atha and Dixon voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Atha made a motion to approve a Timber Sale Agreement with Crossed Timbers Harvesting, Inc. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve a Pine Straw Sale Agreement with Walter McCarty. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve an agreement with Neal Jackson Realty and Mortgage, Inc. for real estate acquisition services. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board discussed sending a letter of endorsement on behalf of Judge Samuel Ozburn for appointment to the Georgia Supreme Court. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon, to adopt a resolution endorsing Judge Ozburn. All voted in favor.

The Board discussed the need for improvements to the intersection of Old Monroe Madison Highway and Pannell Road.

At 6:27 p.m., Commissioner Atha 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 auxiliary file or addendum book under this meeting date.

KEVIN W. LITTLE, CHAIRMAN      LETA P. TALBIRD, CLERK

CHUCK BAGLEY, DISTRICT 2

VICKIE M. GASAWAY, DIST. 3      LAMAR PALMER, DISTRICT 4

GERALD ATHA, DISTRICT 5      KIRKLYN DIXON, DISTRICT 6