

August 4, 2009

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 4, 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, 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 Gasaway did not attend the meeting due to a prior commitment.

Gary Werneke and Roger Hale spoke during the public comment segment of the meeting.

Probate Judge Greg Adams requested the Board appoint Randolph Jeffery as Associate Probate Judge. This matter is to be voted on later on the agenda.

The Board held a public hearing on a Georgia Department of Community Affairs Employment Incentive Grant application. Debra Smith and Page McCormick of Allen Smith Consulting were present to answer questions regarding the grant. There was no one present in opposition to the grant application.

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 6:21 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Ayers opened the meeting in prayer.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented, with the addition of a Budget Amendment for the Board of Elections. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Atha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2009 meeting. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve Conditional Use CU09050007 – Guest House with a variance to increase the required size of 800 ft. to 1008 ft. for Patricia A. Jenkins. The affected property is located at 1288 Criswell Road and is further identified on WC Tax Map C 137, Parcel 21. Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Patricia Jenkins came before the Board in support of the request. There was no one present in opposition. Chairman Little closed the public

hearing on the matter. Commissioner Atha made a motion to approve the Conditional Use as requested on the conditions that neither residence will be rented and that a Third Party Engineering Report will be submitted to ensure the structure has been brought up to Code prior to occupancy. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve Conditional Use CU09050012 – Increasing the capacity of an existing Personal Care “Family” Home from 6 persons to 15 persons – Personal Care “Group” Home for Shaundell Blege. The affected property is located at 3400 Youth Monroe Road and is further identified on WC Tax Map C 51, Parcel 168A. Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Shaundell Blege came before the Board in support of the request. Gary Werneke commented on the application, but did not oppose it. Chairman Little closed the public hearing on the matter. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the Conditional Use conditioned upon the following Staff recommendations: Providing an engineered Site Plan with paved parking, handicap accessibility and architectural stamped plans for the additions to the house. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Planning Director Mike Martin presented a Planning Commission recommendation to approve an amendment to the Walton County Land Development Ordinance as shown on Errata Sheet #1, dated 6-1-09, adding a definition and guidelines for yard sales. There was no one present in opposition to the amendment. Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to approve the amendment as presented. All voted in favor.

Mr. Martin presented an amendment to the Walton County Land Development Ordinance as shown on Errata Sheet #2, dated 6-1-09. The Planning Commission forwarded the proposed amendment to the Board without recommendation. Mr. Martin stated that in an effort to promote development within the County during these economically challenging times, the Planning Department suggests deleting guidelines for substandard streets for a period of six months. After discussion, Commissioner Ayers made a motion to deny the amendment. Commissioner Bagley seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Mr. Martin presented a Planning Commission recommendation to approve an amendment to the Walton County Land Development Ordinance as shown on Errata Sheet #3, dated 6-1-09. Mr. Martin explained that this is an administrative correction. He stated that there are extensive guidelines within the Code that address Floodplain. He stated that this portion of the Ordinance was inadvertently overlooked when the extensive guidelines were added and should have been deleted. Commissioner Dixon made a motion to

approve the amendment as presented. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Mr. Martin presented a Planning Commission recommendation to approve an amendment to the Walton County Land Development Ordinance as shown on Errata Sheet #4, dated 6-1-09. Mr. Martin stated that the amendment would add a 1600 Open Space Conservation Overlay District to allow greater flexibility of building arrangement and site planning. He stated the overlay zoning district would only be available in the R-1 zoning district and would expire 6 months from the date of adoption. After discussion, Commissioner Bagley made a motion to deny the amendment. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered an Annexation request from the City of Walnut Grove to annex the new Walnut Grove High School property, located at 1021 Park Street. The affected property is identified on WC Tax Map C 52, Parcel 111A. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the annexation. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

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 Dixon, to approve purchases and contracts as presented. All voted in favor.

Ms. Hanna presented a Change Order on the Fire Truck Purchase Contract with Rosenbauer Firefighting Technology in the amount of \$730.00. Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve the Change Order as presented. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon, to adopt a resolution committing \$550,000.00 in local funds for the General Mills rail spur project as part of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs Employment Incentive Program Grant. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to accept an FY 2009 Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$33,301.00. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Atha made a motion to approve an FY 2010 Budget Amendment in the amount of \$28,092.00 for the Elections Office to purchase new voting machines. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Personnel Director Karen Fraser presented employee new hires, promotions, demotions, transfers and changes in status for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve the aforementioned personnel matters as presented. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Ms. Fraser presented an amendment to the Walton County Civil Service Personnel Rules & Regulations adding the following sentence to Section 200: All promotions and reclassifications are subject to the County's budget and funding availability.

The Board considered a request from the Finance Department for a new part-time position to work 20 hours per week due to the increased workload associated with the Water Department funds. Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to approve the position. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve transfer of assets from Nationwide to GEBCorp for the County's 401a Defined Contribution Plan. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the transfer of assets from the Water & Sewerage Authority Pension Plan to Walton County's Defined Benefit Plan. The resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to execute the Asset Transfer Agreement and the Plan Amendment #2 to the Association County Commissioners of Georgia Defined Benefit Plan for Walton County Employees. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

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

The Board considered an Alcoholic Beverage License application for Enver Siddiky – Four 11 Enterprise, LLC – d/b/a Highway 11 Truck Stop – 724 Georgia Highway 11. Commissioner Bagley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to approve the license. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to appoint Dan Bennett to the Oconee River RC&D Council. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to reappoint John R. Laseter, Charlotte George and Pricilla Floyd to the Walton County Board of Family & Children Services. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried

unanimously. Terms will expire on June 30, 2014.

Commissioner Atha made a motion to appoint Randolph Jeffery as Associate Probate Judge. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a Juvenile Community Service Contract with Grail Hall. County Attorney Kirby Atkinson recommended changes in the contract language. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the contract subject to the changes recommended by the County Attorney. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a supplemental agreement with Precision Planning, Inc. for GDOT Project CSSTP-0007-00 (103) – Charlotte Rowell Boulevard. Commissioner Atha made a motion to approve the supplemental agreement. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. Commissioners Bagley, Palmer, Atha and Dixon voted in favor. Commissioner Ayers opposed the motion. The motion carried 4-1.

Commissioner Atha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon, to approve the FY 2010 Family Connection Contract and Fiscal Agent Designation. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Bagley made a motion to approve a Water Supply Agreement with Gwinnett County. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bagley made a motion to adopt a resolution to readopt the Service Delivery Strategy for Walton County. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. Commissioners Bagley, Palmer, Atha and Dixon voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Ayers opposed the motion. The motion carried 4-1.

At 7:25 p.m., Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to enter into executive session. Commissioners Ayers, Bagley, Palmer, Atha & Dixon voted in favor.

At 8:10 p.m., Commissioner Atha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to return to regular session. Commissioners Ayers, Bagley, Palmer, Atha & Dixon voted in favor. Chairman Little stated that no votes were taken while in executive session.

Commissioner Bagley made a motion to appoint Morris Jordan as Director of the Walton County Water Department. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to appoint William Wise as Animal Control Director. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

At 8:12 p.m., Atha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bagley, 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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LAMAR PALMER, DISTRICT 4

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