

December 1, 2009

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 1, 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 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.

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Ayers opened the meeting in prayer.

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

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2009 meeting. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered adoption of a proposed Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance that will replace the current ordinance in its entirety. Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Steve Neilson spoke in opposition to the ordinance. Chairman Little closed the public hearing on the matter. Commissioner Ayers stated that he would like to see the ordinance reworded to reflect that licenses are treated like Conditional Uses, permitted and enforced by the Planning & Development Department and then recommended to the Board and the Board votes on them. Commissioner Gasaway agreed with Commissioner Ayers. She expressed her concern about the reduction in the distance requirement from churches from 300 feet to 100 feet and the new definition of House of Worship as just the main structure as opposed to the definition in the current ordinance, which is basically any other thing housed on the property of a church. Commissioner Atha made a motion to adopt the Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. Commissioners Bagley, Palmer, Atha and Chairman Little voted in favor of the motion. Commissioners Ayers, Gasaway and Dixon opposed the motion. The motion carried 4-3.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve Conditional Use CU09090009 – Recreation Center and Club, Private for Billy Joe Phelps. The affected property is located at 2090 Ike Stone Road

and is further identified on WC Tax Map C 163, Parcel 1. Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Joe Phelps came before the Board in support of the Conditional Use. There was no one present in opposition. Chairman Little closed the public hearing on the matter. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the Conditional Use with the stipulation that no alcoholic beverages can be sold in the building. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a request to table a Planning Commission recommendation to approve Rezone Z09100002 – A-1 & B-1 to B-3 for Truck and Equipment Sales and Storage on 5.39 acres with buffer reduction for New London Land, LTD. Commissioner Dixon made a motion to table a decision on the rezone until the January 5, 2010 meeting. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve contracts & budgeted purchases of \$2,500.00 or greater as presented. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the 2010 Payroll Schedule as presented. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Fire Chief Mike Moore requested the Board approve application for the 2009 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant. Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve the application. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Walton County Chamber of Commerce representative Jimmy Parker presented a request for funding for the One Walton Initiative Branding Project. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve funding in the amount of \$5,000.00. He further moved to amend the contract with the Chamber of Commerce to reflect the funding and to approve the necessary budget amendment from Fund Balance. Commissioner Bagley seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon, to approve employee new hires, promotions and transfers as presented, for the record. All voted in favor.

Fire Chief Mike Moore requested the Board approve filling a new firefighter position due to a current full time firefighter changing his military status from reserve to full time for four years. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve filling the new position with temporary labor and then to review the status of the position during the FY 2011 budget process. Commissioner

Bagley seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Water Department Director Morris Jordan presented actions taken by the Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority at its meeting on November 24, 2009. Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to ratify actions taken by the Authority at its meeting on November 24, 2009. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve a GDOT Contract for Right of Way Acquisition for Project CSSTP-0007-00 (103) Charlotte Rowell Boulevard – S.R. 138 Extension. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve an agreement with Allen Smith Consulting in the amount of \$30,000.00 for administration of the Department of Community Affairs Employment Incentive Program Community Development Block Grant for the General Mills Rail Spur. Commissioner Bagley seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

EMS Director Nancy Couch presented a contract with Emergency Billing, LLC for training EMS Staff on Medicare Billing. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve the contract contingent upon changes recommended by the County Attorney. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to appoint Brenda Correll to the Advantage Behavioral Health Systems Community Service Board. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Bagley made a motion to approve 2010 Alcoholic Beverage Licenses as presented. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. Commissioners Ayers, Bagley, Palmer, Atha and Dixon voted in favor of the motion with Commissioner Gasaway abstaining. The motion carried.

At 7:00 p.m., Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. 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.

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KEVIN W. LITTLE, CHAIRMAN

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LETA P. TALBIRD, CLERK

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CLINTON AYERS, DISTRICT 1

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CHUCK BAGLEY, DISTRICT 2

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VICKIE M. GASAWAY, DIST. 3

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LAMAR PALMER, DISTRICT 4

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GERALD ATHA, DISTRICT 5

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KIRKLYN DIXON, DISTRICT 6