

January 5, 2010

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 5, 2010 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, Finance Director Linda Hanna, Human Resources Director Karen Fraser 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.

Tom Kirby spoke during the public comment segment of the meeting regarding funding for the Walton Career Academy.

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Bagley 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 December 1, 2009 meeting. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve Rezone Z09100002 – A-1 & B-1 to B-3 for truck and equipment sales and storage with a buffer reduction for New London Land, LTD. The affected property is located at U.S. Highway 78 and Tommy Dillard Road and is further identified on WC Tax Map C 178, Parcels 48 and 48DP. Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Stacey Britt, 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 and buffer reduction with the condition that the back entrance will be allowed on Tommy Dillard Road as recommended by the Planning Commission. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

WCPC – Approved
Z09100002 – A-1 & B-1 to B-3 & buffer reduction for New London Land, LTD w/ condition – U.S. 78 & Tommy Dillard Rd.

Commissioner Bagley made a motion to table a decision on ACU09110004 – Alteration to Conditional Use for Billie Faye Green until the February 2, 2010 meeting as requested by the applicant. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

WCPC – Tabled decision on ACU09110004 – Alteration to Conditional Use for Billie Faye Green until the February 2, 2010 meeting as requested by the applicant

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve Rezone Z09110001 – R-1 to A for creating a small family farm for Daniel and Kelly Campbell. The affected property, containing 25.49 acres, is located at 4475 Jersey Walnut Grove Road and is further identified on WC Tax Map C 66, Parcel 4A. Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Daniel Campbell 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 subject to the following conditions: Sales of honey, sales of goat milk, sales of eggs and sales of produce grown on site. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

WCPC – Approved
Z09110001 – R-1 to A for creating a small family farm for Daniel and Kelly Campbell w/ conditions - 4475 Jersey Walnut Grove Road

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve Rezone Z09110005 – R-1/OSC to A-2 on 9.48 acres for one personal home

WCPC – Approved
Z09110005 – R-1/OSC to A-2 for one personal home for Toby Trice - 3222 Old Monroe Madison Highway

for Toby Trice. The affected property is located at 3222 Old Monroe Madison Highway and is further identified on WC Tax Map C 183, Parcel 15. Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Toby Trice 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 presented. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

FINANCE – Accepted the FY 2009 Audit (Annual Financial Report)

Adam Fraley of Mauldin & Jenkins Certified Public Accountants, LLC presented the Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2009. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to accept the FY 2009 Audit. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

FINANCE – Approved FY 2010 capital budget amendment to reduce the budget in the amount of \$1,449,400.00

Finance Director Linda Hanna presented an FY 2010 capital budget amendment to reduce the budget in the amount of \$1,449,400.00. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve the budget amendment as presented. Commissioner Bagley seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

FINANCE - Approved FY 2010 budget transfer for Facilities Management in the amount of \$13,375.00

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve an FY 2010 budget transfer for Facilities Management in the amount of \$13,375.00 from R & M Buildings to Dues & Fees and Equipment to cover the cost of GRA Certification and emergency replacement of the compressor on the chiller at the Historic Courthouse. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

FINANCE - Approved FY 2010 budget transfer for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$2,950.00

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve an FY 2010 budget transfer for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$2,950.00 from Buildings to Equipment to cover a journal entry. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

FINANCE - Approved FY 2010 budget amendment for Keep Walton Beautiful/Recycling in the amount of \$3,600.00

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve an FY 2010 budget amendment for Keep Walton Beautiful/Recycling in the amount of \$3,600.00 from Regular Employees to Overtime to help cover overtime paid while filling a position and absences due to illness. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

FINANCE - Approved FY 2010 budget amendment for Animal Control in the amount of \$500.00 to reflect a donation made by Mr. & Mrs. Wayne McMillan

Commissioner Bagley made a motion to approve an FY 2010 budget amendment for Animal Control in the amount of \$500.00 to reflect a donation made by Mr. & Mrs. Wayne McMillan specifically for animal vaccinations to promote adoptions and rescues. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

FINANCE - Approve FY 2010 budget amendment to adjust the longevity budget to actual amounts paid

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve an FY 2010 budget amendment to adjust the longevity budget to actual amounts paid. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

FINANCE – Approved FY 2010 budget transfers for the Water Department (see minutes)

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve the following FY 2010 budget transfers for the Water Department: \$11,000.00 from Ground to Gasoline/Diesel and Vehicle/Equipment Parts, \$10,000.00 from Ground to General Supplies and R & M Service Agreements, \$37,500.00 from 4415 Communications to 4446 Communications, \$8,000.00 from 4447 R & M GPS System & R & M Radio/Electronics to 4446 R & M GPS System & R & M Radio/Electronics, \$5,581.97 from 4447 Energy to 4446 Energy, \$125,000.00 from 4447 System Inventory to 4446 General Supplies & Materials and \$53,000.00 from 4447 R & M Landscape Road & ROW and R & M Pump and Valve to 4446 R & M Landscape Road & ROW and R & M Pump and Valve. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

FINANCE - Approved the FY 2011 Budget Calendar

Commissioner Bagley made a motion to approve the FY 2011 Budget

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

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

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to approve 2010 Qualifying Fees as presented by the Board of Elections. All voted in favor.

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

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve a Sheriff's Office request to purchase a replacement vehicle with proceeds received from Insurance. He further moved to approve the necessary budget amendment. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Chairman Little presented a request from the City of Social Circle for funding for water line improvements associated with the General Mills Project. Chairman Little stated that the City would repay the County through a long-term loan. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the need for implementation of a hiring freeze. After discussion, the Board directed the Human Resources Director to work with Chairman Little to come up with a hiring procedure for the Board's consideration at the February 2, 2010 meeting.

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

Water Department Director Morris Jordan presented a contract change order for Astra Grading & Pipeline, LLC in the amount of \$8,836.58 for the New Hope Church Road Water System Improvement Project. Commissioner Bagley made a motion to approve the change order. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Jimmy Parker of Precision Planning, Inc. presented a proposal for engineering services for the 2010 Water Supply Improvements Project. Commissioner Bagley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to approve the proposal in the amount of \$53,850.00. All voted in favor.

Road Superintendent Steve Chandler presented a contract change order for Todd Smith Grading, Inc. for the S.R. 81 & Bay Creek Church Road Intersection Improvement Project. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the change order in the amount of \$1,560.00. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve a Memorandum of Agreement between the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and Walton County for the Systematic Alien Verification of Entitlement Program. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

FINANCE - Approved contracts and budgeted purchases of \$2,500.00 or greater as presented

ELECTIONS – Approved 2010 Qualifying Fees

SURPLUS PROPERTY – Declared list of property as surplus

PURCHASING - Approve Sheriff's Office request to purchase a replacement vehicle with proceeds received from Insurance. Also approved necessary budget amendment

FINANCE – Approved request from City of Social Circle for County to fund water line improvements associated with General Mills through a long-term loan

PERSONNEL – Discussed implementation of hiring freeze. No action taken

PERSONNEL – Approved new hires and promotions as presented for the record

CONTRACT – Approved change order for Astra Grading & Pipeline, LLC for the New Hope Ch. Rd. Water Improvement Project

WATER DEPARTMENT – Approved proposal from Precision Planning, Inc. for 2010 Water Supply Improvements Project

CONTRACT – Approved change order for Todd Smith Grading, Inc. for S.R. 81 & Bay Creek Ch. Rd. intersection project

CONTRACT – Approved MOA w/ Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services & Walton County for the S.A.V.E. Program

RESOLUTION 2010-01 – Setting time, date and location of monthly BOC mtgs.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to adopt a resolution setting the time,

date and location of the monthly Commission meetings for 2010 on the first Tuesday each month at 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

RESOLUTION 2010-2
Reaffirming the \$1.50 911
charge for telephone
subscribers

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to adopt a resolution reaffirming the \$1.50 911 charge for telephone subscribers. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2010-03 –
Adopted supporting Walton
Career Academy

Commissioner Bagley read a resolution supporting the Walton Career Academy into the record.

APPOINTMENT – Leta
Talbird as County Clerk for
2010

Commissioner Atha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to appoint Leta Talbird as County Clerk for 2010. All voted in favor.

APPOINTMENT – Rhonda
Hawk as Asst. County Clerk
for 2010

Commissioner Atha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon, to appoint Rhonda Hawk as Assistant County Clerk for 2010. All voted in favor.

APPOINTMENT – Kirby
Atkinson as County Attorney
for 2010

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to appoint Kirby Atkinson as County Attorney for 2010. All voted in favor.

APPOINTMENT – Gerald
Atha as Vice Chairman for
2010

Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to appoint Gerald Atha as Vice Chairman for 2010. All voted in favor.

RECREATION – Approved
County continuing to host
tournaments and to
compensate Jody Johnson &
Brad Huff in the amount of
\$100 per team

Recreation Director Jody Johnson presented revenue reports for all sports tournaments held by Walton County in 2009. Commissioner Ayers made a motion for the County to continue to host tournaments and to compensate Jody Johnson and Brad Huff in the amount of \$100.00 per team. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. Commissioners Ayers, Bagley, Gasaway, Palmer and Atha voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Dixon opposed the motion. The motion carried 5-1.

At 7:15 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 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

VICKIE M. GASAWAY, DIST. 3

LAMAR PALMER, DISTRICT 4

GERALD ATHA, DISTRICT 5

KIRKLYN DIXON, DISTRICT 6