

April 6, 2010

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 6, 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.

The Board dedicated the Executive Session Room in honor of former County Commissioner and Vice Chairman John C. Robinson. Mrs. Joyce Robinson, Mr. Robinson's widow, and daughter Khalilah Robinson were present at the dedication.

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Dixon opened the meeting in prayer.

Commissioner Bagley made a motion to adopt the agenda with a requested addition. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 9, 2010 meeting. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve Rezone Z10020003 – I-1 (M-1) to B-3 for a gymnastics center for Properties of B & F, LLC. The affected property is located at 3299 U.S. Highway 78 and is further identified on WC Tax Map C43, Parcel 3A. Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. The applicant, Norman Beaudry, 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 Ayers made a motion to approve the rezone as presented. Commissioner Bagley seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve OA10020005 - Amendments to the Walton County Land Development Ordinance as shown on an errata sheet dated 2/1/10. Associate Planning Director Charna Parker presented the proposed amendments as follows: 1. Article 4, Part 3, Section 170 – District Development Standards, changing minimum building size in commercial zoning from 900 sq. ft. to 400 sq. feet. 2. Adding regulations for Door-to-Door Sales to Article 6. After discussion, Commissioner Atha made a motion to approve the amendments with the following changes to the regulations for Door-to-Door Sales: No persons may contact citizens door to door before 9:00 a.m. or after sunset or 8:00 p.m., which ever comes first; a business license shall be required to obtain a permit and badges shall be required to be turned in to

the Sheriff's Office when the 90-day permit period expires. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Finance Officer Linda Hanna presented FY 2010 departmental budget transfers for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve the following: Departmental budget transfer – Animal Control - \$3,000.00 to cover the cost of overtime for employees working Saturday hours; Departmental budget transfer – Water Department - \$7,000.00 to cover unexpected increased cost associated with dress up due to water leaks and \$5000.00 to cover higher than expected cost to repair an excavator. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve contracts and budgeted purchases of \$5000.00 or greater as presented. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a request from the Sheriff's Office to purchase a jail transport van with inmate funds. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the purchase and the necessary budget amendment. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve application for the 2010 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program Grant. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Bagley made a motion to authorize the Chairman to award the low bid on equipment for four Sheriff's vehicles when bids are opened on April 12, 2010. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Human Resources Director Karen Fraser presented personnel actions for the period of 2/25/10 through 3/30/10. Commissioner Bagley made a motion to approve personnel actions as presented, for the record. Commissioner Gasaway 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.

The Board considered ratification of actions taken by the Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority at its meeting held on 3/30/10. Water Department Director Morris Jordan reviewed actions taken with the Board. After discussion, Commissioner Bagley made a motion to ratify the actions taken by the Authority with the exception of Item 7.B.4 – Golder & Associates Work Order No. 8 for Final Bridge Foundation Report at Hard labor Creek Crossing in the amount of \$38,316.00. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve a contract change order for Caldwell Tanks, Inc. in the amount of \$5,017.00 for underground electrical service to the tank site for the Between II Tank Water System Improvements Project. Commissioner Ayers

seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve a Georgia Department of Transportation Right of Way Agreement for Project S012014-PR – Intersection Improvement on U.S. 278/SR 12 @ East Hightower Trail. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve a recommendation from the Walton County Tax Commissioner to refund Joseph Austin Ivey \$145.70 for 2010 Ad Valorem Tax & Tag Fees. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve a recommendation from the Walton County Tax Commissioner to refund James Bradford Bland \$500.00 for a property tax late penalty. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to deny a refund of property taxes in the amount of \$401.35 for Tim and Nancy Schnabel, based on the recommendation of the Walton County Board of Tax Assessors. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Chairman Little entered into the record a Proclamation recognizing April 19, 2010 as Patriots Day.

Chairman Little entered into the record a Proclamation declaring the week of April 11 through April 17, 2010 as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week in Walton County.

Chairman Little entered into the record a Proclamation declaring April 2010 as National Donate Life Month.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to appoint John Allman to the Northeast Georgia Solid Waste Authority. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

County Attorney Chris Atkinson presented a resolution to approve the designation of a Recovery Zone within Walton County; and for other purposes. Commissioner Bagley made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

At 6:36 pm. Commissioner Atha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, 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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