

May 4, 2010

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 4, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Walton County Government Building, 303 South Hammond Drive, 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 Chris 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.

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Ayers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 6, 2010 meeting. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a request from Georgia Power Company for an easement to bury electrical cable on County owned property located on Vine Street at the Public Works Department. County Attorney Chris Atkinson stated that there are changes that need to be made in the easement language. Commissioner Dixon made a motion to grant the easement subject to the changes recommended by the County Attorney. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve rezone Z10030002 & LU10030001 - Change Land Use from Neighborhood Residential to Commercial and Rezone 14.2 acres from A-1 & R-2 to A to have a small market, flower, vegetable & fruit production for Gail Zorn. The affected property is located at 3605 Claude Brewer Road and is further identified on WC Tax Map C 25, Parcels 5 and 6. Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Gail Zorn came before the Board in support of the rezone and land use change. There was no one present in opposition. Chairman Little closed the public hearing on the matter. Commissioner Bagley made a motion to approve the rezone and land use change subject to the conditions recommended by the Planning & Development Department. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve rezone Z10030004 - A-1 to A to have a commercial kennel for English Bulldogs only for Michelle & Jason Longley. The affected property is located at 1535 Riverstone Trail - Lot 4 - RiverStone Estates and is further identified on WC Tax Map C 190, Parcel 10. Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Michelle & Jason Longley

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 requested with the restriction pertaining to English Bulldogs only. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve Conditional Use CU10030003 - Use of residence for a Recreation Center and Private Club for Thomas J. Demilio. The affected property is located at 5520 Kent Rock Road and is further identified on WC Tax Map C 29, Parcel 22A. Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Planning Director Mike Martin presented the request. There was no one present in opposition. Chairman Little closed the public hearing on the matter. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve the Conditional Use as presented. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Associate Planning Director Charna Parker presented a draft Capital Improvements Element Annual Update for the Impact Fee Program. 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 Dixon made a motion adopt a resolution authorizing transmittal of the draft Capital Improvements Element Annual Update to the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission for regional and state review, as per the requirements of the Development Impact Fee Compliance Requirements. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a contract change order with Cummings Grading for construction of the GDOT portion of the U.S. 278 & East Hightower Trail Intersection Improvement Project in the amount of \$189,088.85. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the change order. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a request from the Sheriff's Office to purchase a truck and equipment using proceeds from insurance claims for damaged vehicles. Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to approve the request. All voted in favor.

Finance Officer Linda Hanna presented FY 2010 budget amendments and departmental transfers for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve the following: Budget Amendment in the amount of \$100.00 for Animal Control to increase both revenue and expenditure budgets to reflect a donation received from Bruce Peters for the purchase of animal care products; Departmental Budget Transfer for Elections in the amount of \$6,050.00 from Equipment Repairs to Capital Equipment to purchase a ballot counter and voting machine privacy panels; Departmental Budget Transfer for Central Communications in the amount of \$16,910.00 from Equipment to Small Equipment in the SPLOST Fund; Departmental Budget Transfer for the IT Department in the amount of \$9,974.51 from various line items to Service Agreements - \$4,402.97 and Small Equipment - \$9974.51 to cover overages, Expenditure Budget

Amendment for Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$23,681.89 for vehicle and equipment expenditures and Revenue Budget Amendment for Risk Management to allow for the truck and equipment purchase approved earlier in the meeting; Expenditure Budget Amendment for Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$128,625.00 for purchase of vehicles and Revenue Budget Amendment to reflect funds from the Alcovy Circuit Grant ; Budget Amendment for LEPC in the amount of \$7,516.00 to move monies from Small Equipment to Capital Equipment to purchase a Polaris Ranger. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve contracts and budgeted purchases of \$5,000.00 or greater with the exception of the line item approving the purchase of cheerleading uniforms. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bagley made a motion to approve a Parks & Recreation request to accept the quote from YSS Athletics, Inc. in the amount of \$21,750.00 for cheerleading uniforms. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Finance Officer Linda Hanna requested the Board change the procedures related to bad debt write-off for Walton County. She stated that the best practice is to present the Board with a monthly request to write off bad debt. In addition, Ms. Hanna requested the Board approve a request to clean up all past due amounts greater than 180 days past due that have become un-collectible at this point in time. Commissioner Atha made a motion to approve writing off past due amounts greater than 180 days past due that are uncollectible. He further moved to approve a policy whereby the Board will be presented monthly requests to write off bad debt. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The FY 2011 Budget Committee presented the proposed FY 2011 budget to the Board. Chairman Little stated that should members of the Board desire, a budget work session will be held in order for the Board to request additional information and have any questions they might have answered.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve a Sheriff's Office request to apply for the Bulletproof Vest Grant. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Bagley made a motion to approve a Fire Department request to apply for the FY 2010 Assistance to Firefighters Grant. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Personnel Director Karen Fraser presented personnel actions for the period of March 30, 2010 through April 26, 2010 for the Board's approval. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve personnel actions as presented, for the record. Commissioner Bagley 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.

Water Department Director Morris Jordan presented actions taken by the Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority at its meeting on April 20, 2010. Commissioner Bagley made a motion to ratify actions taken by the Authority at its April meeting. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a request from Joseph & Judy Walker for a refund of property taxes. Commissioner Ayres made a motion to deny the request based on the recommendation from the Walton County Board of Tax Assessors. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Water Department Director Morris Jordan requested the Board terminate the contract with Remote Dynamics, Inc. for G.P.S. Tracking on several vehicles and generators. Commissioner Bagley made a motion to terminate the contract as requested. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve, for the record, a contract with Garrard Construction Group, Inc. for construction of the Between Fire Station and the Drivers License Facility. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve, for the record, GDOT Contract S013014 – PR – U.S. 278 & East Hightower Trail Intersection Improvements. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bagley discussed ideas being considered for jump-starting Walton County's economy. He stated that a committee has been formed and one meeting has been held to brainstorm for a list of ideas. He stated that future meetings would determine if the various ideas are legal, if they would work and how the ideas would be funded, implemented and tracked.

Walnut Grove Mayor Don Cannon discussed the City's Sewer Project with the Board. After discussion, Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve a proposal from Precision Planning, Inc. whereby the City and the County will jointly fund Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Reports for the Proposed Wastewater Treatment and Collection System. Commissioner Bagley seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

At 7:02 p.m., Commissioner Atha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor.

KEVIN W. LITTLE, CHAIRMAN

LETA P. TALBIRD, CLERK

CLINTON AYERS, DISTRICT 1

CHUCK BAGLEY, DISTRICT 2

VICKIE M. GASAWAY, DIST. 3

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