

September 7, 2010

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 7, 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.

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Gasaway opened the meeting in prayer.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to adopt the agenda, tabling Item 6.01 – Wastewater Treatment Facility – City of Walnut Grove and moving item 11.01 – Proclamation – National Preparedness Month to Item 6.01. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2010 meeting. All voted in favor.

Rick Mayson of the Walton County Citizen Corps read a proclamation into the record proclaiming September 2010 as Nation Preparedness Month in Walton County.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve Rezone Z10070003 – A-1 to A for an organic produce and fruit farm and installation of a commercial driveway for Richard E. Brown. The affected property is located at 4121 Bullock Bridge Road and is further identified on WC Tax Map C 59, Parcel 39. Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Richard Brown 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 with the condition that only organic farming could be done and that the only products that can be sold there will be those grown there. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to adopt a resolution reaffirming the moratorium on the acceptance of applications for building and development permits within the proposed Hard Labor Creek Regional Water Reservoir pool level boundaries and 150 ft. buffer. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Finance Officer Linda Hanna presented an FY 2011 budget amendment for the Superior Court in the amount of \$2,400.00 to reflect an increase in the Alternative Dispute

Resolution Coordinator's supplement, as requested by the 10th District Judicial Administrative District. Commissioner Atha made a motion to approve the budget amendment as presented. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

District Attorney Layla Zon requested an FY 2011 budget amendment in the amount of \$12,666.41 from the RICO Fund to the General Fund to reimburse the state-paid District Attorney employees for 17 State furlough days. Commissioner Bagley made a motion to approve the budget amendment as requested. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. Commissioners Bagley, Gasaway and Palmer voted in favor of the motion. Commissioners Ayers, Atha and Dixon opposed the motion. Chairman Little voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried 4-3.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve contracts and budgeted purchases of \$5000.00 or greater as presented. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve writing off EMS bad debt. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Atha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to adopt a resolution amending Walton County's Fiscal Policies by adding Section VIII – Capitalization Policy. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Bagley made a motion to approve a request from Fire Chief Mike Moore to apply for the FY 2010 Staffing for Adequate fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Atha made a motion to approve a request from Walton County EMA to apply for the FY 2010 Citizen Corps Council Grant. Commissioner Bagley seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to accept FY 2010 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant in the amount of \$5,196.00 and to approve the appropriate budget amendment. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve a request from the District Attorney to apply for renewal of a 2010-2011 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council VOCA grant. Commissioner Bagley seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve a request from the Sheriff's Office to apply for renewal of a 2010-2011 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council VOCA grant. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Personnel Director Karen Fraser presented Personnel Actions for the period of 8/2/2010

through 8/30/2010. Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve personnel actions as presented, for the record. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bagley made a motion to approve a staffing request from the Parks and Recreation Department for a Crew Supervisor for the Community Centers. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Water Department Director Morris Jordan presented actions taken by the Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority at its meeting held on August 31, 2010. Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to ratify actions taken by the Authority at its August 31, 2010 meeting. All voted in favor.

Scott Daniel, Athletic Director for The Barons, a high school sports organization for homeschoolers, came before the Board to request a reduction in the fee for use of West Walton Legion Field. Parks & Recreation Director Jody Johnson presented the Board an option of changing the fee structure to include an alternate fee for partial time usage of the fields. After further discussion, Commissioner Bagley made a motion to deny the request for reduction in the fee for use of West Walton Legion Field. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously. Commissioner Bagley then made a motion to have the Parks & Recreation Director develop an additional fee structure for partial time usage of athletic fields. Commissioner Atha 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.

Chairman Little updated the Board regarding the Parks & Recreation Department budget. He stated that the budget committee met with Director Jody Johnson and Finance Officer Linda Hanna to go over the Parks & Recreation Department budget. He stated that the Parks & Recreation budget appears to be in line with other departments and that the FY 2011 budget is actually less than the FY 2009 budget. Chairman Little stated that the Walton County Chamber of Commerce has appointed a committee to study the economic impact of tournaments being hosted in Walton County. He stated the committee will make a presentation to the Board at the November 2010 meeting. He further stated that he thought the November meeting would be a good opportunity to hold a public forum for Parks & Recreation issues. No action was taken.

Coroner Joe Page requested approval to purchase a new storage cooler. He stated that the Coroner's Office is in dire need of a storage cooler because the cooler at Walton Medical Center is old and does not work well. After discussion, Commissioner Bagley made a motion to approve the purchase of a new cooler and to approve the necessary budget amendment out of Fund Balance with the condition that Mr. Page try to negotiate for a lower price, if possible. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve a Forest Fire Protection Agreement with

the Georgia Forestry Commission and the necessary budget amendment to reflect an increase from four cents to ten cents per acres of privately held forestlands in the County. Commissioner Bagley seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Atha made a motion to approve, for the record, a proposal from Precision Planning, Inc. in the amount of \$10,150.00 for the signal design for US 78 at New Hope Church Road. Commissioner Bagley seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Atha made a motion to approve a proposal from Precision Planning, Inc. for surveying and engineering services to design two detention ponds at Criswell Park in the amount of \$7,645.00. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

At 7:08 p.m., Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to enter into executive session. Commissioners Ayers, Bagley, Gasaway, Palmer, Atha and Dixon voted in favor.

At 7:15 p.m., Commissioner Atha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ayers, to return to regular session. Commissioners Ayers, Bagley, Gasaway, Palmer, Atha and Dixon voted in favor. Chairman Little stated that no votes were taken in executive session.

Commissioner Bagley made a motion to adopt a resolution and order consenting to condemnation of the Coleman Property as previously agreed upon by the Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously. (*The Coleman property is part of the land acquisition for the Hard Labor Creek Reservoir project.*)

At 7:16 p.m., Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon, 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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