

January 4, 2011

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 4, 2011 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.

Emily Russell, Youth Development Coordinator for The Partnership for Families, Children & Youth and Paris Crawford, a Social Circle High School Senior and member of The Partnership Youth Advisory Board, made a presentation for the Campaign to Stop Texting and Driving.

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Dixon opened the meeting in prayer.

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

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2010 meeting. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve CU10110001 – Conditional Use for a guesthouse for Jennifer L. Young. The affected property is located at 1403 Hidden Cove and is further identified on WC Tax Map N51F, Parcel 42. The applicant requested approval for a 1,300 sq. ft. guesthouse. The maximum square footage allowed by Code for a guesthouse is 800 sq. ft. Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Jennifer Young 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 Gasaway made a motion to approve the Conditional Use for a 1,300 sq. ft. guesthouse with the condition that it cannot be rented or sold. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Chairman Little stated that CU10100002 – Conditional Use – Residential Substance Abuse Facility for Otis Nixon had been withdrawn by the

applicant. The Planning Commission recommended denial of the application prior to the applicant's withdrawal. Planning Director Mike Martin explained the process Mr. Nixon would have to complete in order for the application to be heard again. Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. The applicant was not present and no one spoke in opposition of the withdrawal. Chairman Little closed the public hearing. Commissioner Gasaway made motion to approve withdrawal of the application. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve Z10090007 – Rezone 37.38 acres from R-1 and R-1/OSC to A-2 for the conservation program for Toby Trice. The affected property is located at 3208 Old Monroe Madison Highway and is further identified on WC Tax Map C 183, Parcel 14. Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Planning Director Mike Martin presented the rezone request. The applicant was not present and 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 recommended by the Planning Commission. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to suspend the \$50.00 Per Diem paid to each member of the Planning Commission each month due to the decrease in the cases currently being reviewed. The members asked that the Board suspend the Per Diem pay with the understanding that the pay may be reinstated should the number of cases increase in future years. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to suspend the monthly Per Diem paid to members of the Planning Commission. Commissioner Bagley seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Atha made a motion to approve an annexation request for the City of Monroe for 13.6 acres located at 1401 Alcovy Street. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Adam Fraley of Mauldin & Jenkins Certified Public Accountants, LLC presented the annual financial report and Fiscal Year 2010 audit. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ayers, to accept the FY 2010 audit as presented. All voted in favor.

Finance Director Linda Hanna presented FY 2011 budget amendments for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$5,050.00 from the Drug Abuse and Treatment Fund to provide supplies and materials for the DARE/CHAMPS Program. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve an FY 2011 budget amendment for Juvenile Court in the amount of \$23,000.00 to be taken from Fund Balance for Indigent Defense services. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve an FY 2011 budget amendment for Animal Control in the amount of \$475.00 to reflect three donations to be used for animal drugs and medicine. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bagley made a motion to approve an FY 2011 budget amendment in the amount of \$197,000.00 from Fund Balance to replace the system that controls fire alarms, doors, communications and intercoms in the jail. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve contracts and budgeted purchases of \$2,500.00 or greater as presented. Commissioner Bagley seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bagley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ayers, to approve writing off EMS bad debt. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to accept two trailers received by Court Order for use by the Sheriff's Office and Public Works. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to accept a seized vehicle for use by the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve the FY 2012 budget calendar as presented. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the 2011 Payroll Schedule as presented. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve a Parks and Recreation Department's application for a Walton Health Care Foundation grant for exercise equipment for the community centers. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve a request from Keep Walton Beautiful to apply for a grant from the Curbside Acceleration Recycling

Program. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Human Resources Director Karen Fraser presented personnel actions for the period of 12/1/2010 through 12/31/2010. Commissioner Bagley made a motion to approve personnel actions as presented, for the record. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Bagley made a motion to approve the following staffing requests: Distribution Development & Repair Supervisor – Water Department, (4) Temporary Paramedics – EMS, (2) Temporary EMTs – EMS, Communications Shift Supervisor – E-911, Communications Officer – E-911 and Investigator – District Attorney’s Office. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to adoption the 2008 Model Defined Benefits Plan and to authorize the Chairman to execute all necessary documents. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Adoption of the Plan is required to meet IRS mandates for retirement plans.

Water Department Director Morris Jordan presented actions taken by the Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority at its meeting held on December 28, 2010. Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bagley, to ratify actions taken by the Authority at its December 28, 2010 meeting. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to adopt a resolution setting the time, date and place of the regular meetings of the Board of Commissioners each month. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously. *The regular monthly meeting will be held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.*

Commissioner Bagley made a motion to adopt a resolution reaffirming the \$1.50 charge on telephone subscribers for 2011. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon, to reappoint Leta Talbird as County Clerk for 2011. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to reappoint Rhonda Hawk as Assistant County Clerk for 2011. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to reappoint Kirby Atkinson as County Attorney for 2011. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and

carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to reappoint Gerald Atha as Vice Chairman of the Board for 2011. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Associate County Attorney Chris Atkinson presented an Assignment and Assumption Agreement between Unisia of Georgia Corporation and Hitachi Automotive Systems Americas, Inc. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to acknowledge the aforementioned agreement. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve an Intergovernmental Wastewater Reclamation Agreement with the City of Walnut Grove. Commissioner Bagley seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to deny a refund request from Jaymie L. Flood for tag fees based on the recommendation of the Walton County Tax Commissioner. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to deny a refund request from Chris Payne for tag fees based on the recommendation of the Walton County Tax Commissioner. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Road Superintendent Steve Chandler came before the Board to discuss purchasing ice and snow removal equipment. After discussion, Commissioner Bagley made motion to approve the purchase of one spreader. He further moved to approve the necessary budget amendment to cover the purchase. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

At 6:58 p.m., Commissioner Ayers 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 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

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LAMAR PALMER, DISTRICT 4

GERALD ATHA, DISTRICT 5

KIRKLYN DIXON, DISTRICT 6