

February 1, 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, Monroe, Georgia. Those present included Vice Chairman Gerald Atha, Commissioners Clinton Ayers, Chuck Bagley, Vickie Gasaway, Lamar Palmer and Kirklyn Dixon, County Clerk Leta Talbird, County Attorney Kirby Atkinson, Finance Director Linda Hanna, Human Resources Director Karen Fraser and Associate Planning Director Charna Parker. A list of citizens and other employees in attendance at this meeting is on file in the auxiliary file under this meeting date.

Holly Bell spoke during the public comment segment of the meeting to request an amendment to the Walton County Animal Control Ordinance banning tethering dogs.

The Board recognized Fire Chief Mike Moore for being named the Walton County Chamber of Commerce's Public Servant of the Year.

Vice Chairman Atha called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Gasaway opened the meeting in prayer.

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

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve CU10110006 – Conditional Use – Guesthouse for Joyce Ariail. The affected property is located at 4752 Jennifer Court and is further identified on WC Tax Map C58, Parcel 48A. Vice Chairman Atha opened the public hearing on the matter. Joyce Ariail came before the Board in support of the conditional use. She stated that she wants to build an addition onto her house, but the configuration of the house prevents her from adding on to the house directly and that it will have to be connected by a porch or breezeway. She stated that the addition to her house would be for a family member or friend to live in to help care for her. Ms. Ariail stated that she did not want a restriction on the conditional use that would prevent her from renting the main house or guesthouse in the future. Associate Planning Director Charna Parker explained that if an addition is attached to the house by a breezeway or covered porch it is considered a guesthouse and that the code prevents a guesthouse from being rented. There was no one present in opposition. Vice Chairman Atha closed the public hearing on the matter. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the conditional use. Commissioner Bagley

seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve CU10120002 – Conditional Use – Church for Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Inc. The affected property, owned by Norma Jo Billingsley, is located at the corner of Bailey Circle and Georgia Highway 20 and is further identified on WC Tax Map C 7, Parcel 20. Vice Chairman Atha opened the public hearing on the matter. Attorney John Spence, representing the applicant, came before the Board in support of the conditional use. There was no one present in opposition. Vice Chairman Atha closed the public hearing on the matter. Commissioner Bagley made a motion to approve the conditional use as recommended by the Planning Commission. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve Z10110004 – Rezone from A-1 to A for a Christmas Tree Farm for Greg Morgan. The affected property, owned by Marie Yvonne Morgan, is located at 1175 Penland Road and is further identified on WC Tax Map C 79, Parcel 18. Vice Chairman Atha opened the public hearing on the matter. Greg Morgan came before the Board in support of the rezone. There was no one present in opposition. Vice Chairman Atha closed the public hearing on the matter. Commissioner Bagley made a motion to approve the rezone with the condition that it will be restricted to use only as a Christmas Tree Farm. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. Commissioners Ayers, Bagley, Palmer and Dixon voted in favor of the motion with Commissioner Gasaway abstaining. The motion carried.

At 6:45 p.m., Commissioner Ayers exited the meeting.

Andrew Tritt of Merchant Capital, LLC presented the proposed refinancing of S1996 Water & Sewerage Revenue Bonds, GEFA Loan and Radio Loan. County Attorney Kirby Atkinson presented a resolution approving the Walton County Water and Sewerage Authority issuing bonds for the purpose of (I) Refunding the outstanding portion of \$8,070,000.00 Walton County Water and Sewerage Authority Water and Sewerage Revenue Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 1996; (II) The outstanding portion of a loan from the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority in the original principal amount of \$1,221,694.62; and (III) The outstanding portion of a \$4,500,000.00 Walton County Water and Sewerage Authority Revenue Note (Meter Project), Series 1996 and paying costs of issuance; Authorizing the approval and execution of an Intergovernmental Contract and Supplement with such Authority relating to such refunding; Approving the execution and delivery by Walton County of documents and pleadings relating to the validation of such Refunding Bonds to be issued by the Authority; and for

other purposes. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve and adopt the resolution as presented. Commissioner Bagley seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Finance Director Linda Hanna presented the following FY 2011 budget amendments for the Board's consideration: Roads and Bridges: Budget amendment to cover the cost of snow/ice removal equipment, including salt hog and other miscellaneous small equipment – blades etc. Total amendment \$10,000.00. Monies being moved from another line item with no impact on fund balance; Fire Department: Donation from Wal-mart for an overhead projector for \$500.00. This is an amendment to both revenue and expenditure budgets with no impact on fund balance; Animal Control: Two donations to be used for Medicine and Drugs 1) Martha Campbell \$60.00 2) Terry Turner \$100.00. Total amendment \$160.00. This is an amendment to both revenue and expenditure budgets with no effect on fund balance; Pension Trust Fund: Budget amendment to increase the budget due to the increase in the annual amount required by the actuary to comply with pension funding requirements. Total amendment \$155,019.24. Funds will come from fund balance; Healthcare Trust Fund: Budget amendment to increase budget due to the increase in claims. Total amendment \$587,697.93. Funds will come from fund balance; SPLOST 2007 Debt Service Fund: Budget amendment to increase budget due to short fall in estimated SPLOST collections to cover January debt service payment. Shortfall caused by a combination of the timing of the receipt of SPLOST collections from the State of Georgia and declining SPLOST revenues during the last quarter of 2010. Total amendment \$1,017,658.43. Funds will come from fund balance. Commissioner Bagley made a motion to approve the FY 2011 budget amendments as presented. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

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

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve EMS Bad Debt write-off. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve a Petty Cash Account for the Jail. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve a request from the Sheriff's Office to accept an armored personnel carrier donated to the County by the Georgia Emergency Management Agency. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve the County acting as Fiscal Agent for the Partnership for Families Children and Youth. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve Automated Clearing House Agreements with Athens First Bank and Trust for all Walton County Government bank accounts. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Jimmy Parker of Precision Planning, Inc. presented a proposed budget for construction and right of way acquisition for intersection improvements and traffic signal for the intersection of US 78 at New Hope Church Road. Commissioner Bagley made a motion to approve the budget in an amount not to exceed \$186,055.00, along with the necessary budget amendment. He further moved to authorize the Chairman to review bids received for the project, award the bid to the successful bidder and to execute all necessary documents. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Human Resources Director Karen Fraser presented personnel actions for the period of 1/1/2011 through 1/24/2011 for the record. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer to approve personnel actions as presented, for the record. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Bagley made a motion to approve the following staffing requests: Detention Officers [3] - Jail, Deputy Sheriffs [3] - Uniform Patrol, Deputy Sheriff Senior -Court Services, Deputy Sheriff-Investigator - CID, Crew Leader I - Parks and Recreation, Office Manager - Public Works and an Assistant District Attorney. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve a refund for Tim White in the amount of \$241.89 for 2009 and 2010 tag and tax fees paid in error. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to adopt a resolution adopting the Northeast Georgia Regional Solid Waste Management Plan 2009 Short Term Work Program Update. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve an Engineering Services Proposal from Precision Planning, Inc. for Georgia Environmental Protection Division Permitting for the proposed Wastewater Treatment and Collection Systems Improvements for the City of Walnut Grove in the amount of \$4,925.00. She further moved to approve the necessary budget amendment.

Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. (*\$4,925.00 represents Walton County's 50 percent contribution toward the project.*)

The Board considered a contract with Traylor Business Services, Inc. for the Business Personal Property Verification Program for the Tax Assessors Office. County Attorney Kirby Atkinson stated that after discussion with the Tax Assessor's Office, he would recommend approving the contract pending final review by the County Attorney and renegotiation of the fee structure by the Tax Assessors Office. Commissioner Bagley made a motion to approve the contract pending final review by the County Attorney and renegotiation of the fee structure by the Tax Assessors Office. After discussion, Commissioner Bagley withdrew his original motion and made a motion to table a decision on the contract until the March 1, 2011 meeting. After further discussion, Commissioner Bagley restated his motion to approve the contract pending final review by the County Attorney and renegotiation of the fee structure by the Tax Assessors Office. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered adoption of Standard Contract Documents and Technical Specifications for the Construction of Roads and Bridges. County Attorney Kirby Atkinson stated that he had not completed his review of the document and requested the Board table the matter. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to table a decision on the matter until the March 1, 2011 meeting. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Recreation Director Jody Johnson presented a proposed Travel Team Field Usage Program. Commissioner Bagley made a motion to approve the Program as presented. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

At 7:22 p.m., Commissioner Dixon 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.

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