

March 1, 2011

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Board Room, 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 Kirby Atkinson, Finance Director Linda Hanna and Human Resources Director Karen Fraser. 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 6:01 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 Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2011 meeting. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered adoption of Standard Contract Documents & Technical Specifications for the Construction of Roads & Bridges. Associate County Attorney Chris Atkinson recommended several changes to the documents. Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to approve the Standard Contract Documents & Technical Specifications for the Construction of Roads & Bridges subject to the changes recommended by the County Attorney. All voted in favor.

Finance Director Linda Hanna presented FY 2011 budget amendments for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the following FY 2011 budget amendments: Roadways & Walkways 4220 – from Account #54.1423 to Account #54.1401 in the amount of \$150,000.00 for road improvements on Double Springs Church Road at Briscoe Reservoir and Walton County Sheriff's Office from Account 3325-51.1100 to 3300-51.1200 in the amount of \$10,000.00 for a position that went from full-time to temporary. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon, to approve contracts and budgeted purchases of \$2,500.00 or greater as

presented. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to write off EMS bad debt as presented. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to declare the following items as surplus to be sold as scrap metal and the proceeds to be returned to the general fund: 1 - used office trailer, 6 – 2 yard cans, 8 – 3 yard cans and 2 – 40 yard cans. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Finance Officer Linda Hanna presented a proposal from Bingham Arbitrage Rebate Calculation Services, Inc. for Arbitrage Rebate Compliance on the Series 2007 General Obligation Sales Tax Bonds. Ms. Hanna stated that the County Attorney had recommended changes to the proposal. Commissioner Atha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to approve the proposal subject to changes recommended by the County Attorney. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to accept an FY 2010 Homeland Security Citizen Corps Program Grant in the amount of \$11,000.00 and to approve the grant agreement. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Human Resources Director Karen Fraser presented personnel actions for the period of 12/2011 through 2/28/2011 for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Bagley made a motion to approve the personnel actions as presented, for the record. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Atha made a motion to approve the following staffing requests: Deputy Sheriff TEMP – Court Services. Replacement for a Temp who resigned on 2/18/2011. To be advertised externally and internally. Salary is approved in the FY-2011 budget; Firefighter/Driver Engineer Trainee – Fire Services. Full-time replacement for employee who is on active duty in the US Army for four (4) years. To be advertised externally and internally. Salary is approved in the FY-2011 budget; Assistant Public Defender – Public Defender's Office – For the record. This request to recruit for a full-time replacement was pre-approved by the Board on 2-17-2011; Animal Control Officer – Animal Control – for the record. This request to recruit for a full-time replacement was pre-approved by the Board on 2-18-2011; Records Clerk – Sheriff's Court Services – Full-time replacement for employee who is retiring in April 2011. There will be considerable training to be done by the incumbent for the new hire. To be advertised internally only. Salary is approved in the FY-2011 budget; Athletic Aides – 3 Temps – Parks and Recreation - Replacements for employees who have resigned or

transferred to other positions with the Parks and Recreation department. To be advertised externally and internally. Salaries are approved in the FY-2011 budget; Sergeant – Sheriff’s Uniform Patrol – Full-time replacement for employee who is transferring to Court Services. To be advertised internally only. Salary is approved in FY-2011 budget and a Corporal – Sheriff’s Uniform Patrol – Full-time replacement for employee who will be promoted to Sergeant based on promotion board results. To be advertised internally only. Salary is approved in FY-2011 budget. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Water Department Director Morris Jordan presented actions taken by the Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority at its meeting held on February 22, 2011. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to ratify actions taken by the Authority as presented. Commissioner Bagley seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Bagley made a motion to approve Tax Commissioner’s recommendation to approve a refund for Academy Lock & Key , Inc. in the amount of \$207.75 for 2011 Ad Valorem Taxes paid on a vehicle that had been traded. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon, to appoint Michele Thrailkill to the O’Kelly Memorial Library Board of Trustees. All voted in favor.

Facilities Manager Joyce Chambers and Fire Chief Mike Moore requested permission to relocate a modular home from the Hard Labor Creek Reservoir Pool Area to Fire Station 11. Commissioner Bagley made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a proposal to build a new Department of Family and Children Services Facility. Walton County DFACS Director Doug Morgan was present to answer questions. Commissioner Ayers stated that he has no doubt that the facility is needed, but that he is not comfortable with the proposed funding mechanism. Commissioner Dixon concurred. After discussion, Commissioner Bagley made a motion to approve the construction of the Walton County DFAC/Child Support Build-to-Suit Facility as proposed by Douglas Morgan, LCSW, Walton County Director and previously proposed by Forum Municipal Development Services at the Board of Commissioners meeting held February 1, 2011 subject to the following conditions: 1. Walton County Finance Director has until April 30, 2011 to secure alternative financing for the project that meets the same terms and interest rate as the proposed project. 2. County Attorney has 60 days to

review the final contract for execution. 3. Forum Municipal Development Services will make every effort to use local contractors and labor including if local bidder is not the low bid they be given an opportunity to match the low bid. 4. Any use of a Public Purpose Corporation will be noted on the Walton County Website for the purpose of full disclosure. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. Commissioner Gasaway discussed concerns regarding the Public Purpose Corporation with County Attorney Kirby Atkinson. After further discussion, Commissioners Bagley, Gasaway, Palmer, Atha and Dixon voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Ayers opposed the motion. The motion carried 5-1.

The Board considered bids received for Intersection Improvements on U.S. Highway 78 at New Hope Church Road. Commissioner Ayers recused himself, stating that he does business with one of the companies bidding on the project. Commissioner Bagley made a motion to award the bid to MHB Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$181,050.49, as recommended by Precision Planning, Inc. He further moved to give the Chairman the authority to execute the contract. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. Commissioners Bagley, Gasaway, Palmer, Atha and Dixon voted in favor of the motion with Commissioner Ayers abstaining. The motion carried.

Chairman Little presented a proposal from Edwards-Pitman Environmental, Inc. in the amount of \$9,500.00 for final environmental assessment on the Charlotte Rowell Boulevard Project. Chairman Little stated that fifty percent of the costs associated with this agreement would be reimbursed by the City of Monroe. Chairman Little stated that he was working with Federal Highway and the Georgia Department of Transportation in an effort to have the additional environmental assessment waived and that he would only accept the proposal if it became absolutely necessary. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Commissioner Bagley seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

At 6:36 p.m., Commissioner Bagley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, 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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