

April 5, 2011

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 5, 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, 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.

Walton County Development Authority Executive Director Nancy Kinsey presented board members with framed photographs.

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

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

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve withdrawal of rezone application Z11020002 - O-I to B-1 for Hibbymo Properties-Monroe, LLC at the request of the applicant. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a request from the Board of Appeals to suspend the \$50.00 per month per diem paid to each member for the months when no meeting is held. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Bagley seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve the following items as presented on the administrative consent agenda:

1. FY 2011 Budget Amendments as follows:

Roads and Bridges: Budget amendment to cover the cost of installing the traffic signal and required road modification at US 78 and New Hope Church Road. Total amendment \$85,655.00. Funds will come from fund balance.

Traffic Engineering: Budget amendment to cover the cost of installing the traffic signal and required road modification at US 78 and New Hope Church Road. Total amendment \$91,953.00. Funds will come from fund balance.

Animal Control: Donations to be used for Medicine and Drugs 1) Jennifer Westhaven - \$25.00, 2) Marilyn Elliot - \$20.00, 3) Akemi Rumphrey - \$80.00, 4) Robert Weaver - \$50.00. Total amendment \$175.00. This is an amendment to both revenue and expenditure budgets with no effect on fund balance.

Coroner: Budget amendment to transfer funds to purchase a vehicle. Total amendment \$14,000.00 Funds are being transferred from one expense line to another with no effect on fund balance.

Water Department: Budget amendment to transfer funds to purchase excavator to replace nonfunctioning equipment. This is the net amount after trade-in. Total amendment \$14621.00. Funds are being transferred from one expense line to another with no effect on fund balance.

Public Defender: Budget amendment to purchase copier to replace copier that has broken down and is un-repairable. Total Amendment \$4,000.00. Funds will come from fund balance.

Sheriff: Budget Transfer to move funds from one temp account to another. Total amendment \$10,000.00. Funds are being transferred from one expense line to another with no effect on fund balance.

Cooperative Extension: Budget Transfer to move funds from one retirement account to another. Total amendment \$5,000.00. Funds are being transferred from one expense line to another with no effect on fund balance.

Parks and Recreation: Budget amendment for small equipment and donation revenue for EC Healthcare Foundation grant. Total amendment \$50,000.00. Both revenue and expenditure budgets will increase by the same amount with no effect on fund balance.

Communications E-911: Budget amendment for replacement of main UPS. Recent storm required operation to move to generator and 1/2 of system computers were down. Total amendment \$67,240.00. Funds will come from fund balance.

2. EMS Bad Debt Write-Off
3. Contracts & Budgeted Purchases of \$2,500.00 or greater
4. Acceptance of Walton Healthcare Foundation Grant - \$50,000 - Fitness Equipment for Community Centers
5. Declaration of surplus property (*A list of the property declared surplus is on file in the auxiliary file under this meeting date.*)
6. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes - March 1, 2011

Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a Sheriff's Office request to purchase four 2011 Ford Crown Victoria Patrol Cars. Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to approve the purchase, along with the necessary departmental budget transfer. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a request from the Water Department to purchase a mini-excavator and to surplus an old excavator and backhoe to be traded for credit toward the purchase of the new machine. Commissioner Bagley made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve, for the record, the purchase of a used 2006 Ford F150 for the Coroner's Office. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve an agreement with American Express for acceptance of payments at the Water Department, contingent upon review by the County Attorney. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bagley made a motion to accept the SAFER grant award for the Fire Department. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve an application for a Walton County Health Care Foundation Grant for funds to purchase a new ambulance. He further moved to accept proposals solicited for a 2011 ambulance contingent upon the grant award. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve an application for the FY 2011 EMS Vehicle Equipment Replacement Grant. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve, for the record, personnel actions for the period of 3/1/11 through 3/25/11. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Bagley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to approve the following staffing requests:

Equipment Operators (2). Full-time replacements for Equipment Operators who resigned or were transferred on 11/18/2010 and 9/13/10, respectively.

To be advertised externally and internally. Salaries are approved in the FY-2011 budget.

Deputy Sheriff Corporal (2) – Jail. Full-time replacements one for employee who is taking a voluntary demotion to a Deputy Sheriff Senior and the other who is transferring to Court Services division. To be advertised internally only. Salary is approved in the FY-2011 budget.

Deputy Sheriff Senior - Patrol. Full-time replacement for an employee who was promoted on 3/21/11. To be advertised internally only. Salary is approved in the FY-2011 budget.

Parks Maintenance Worker I – Parks and Recreation. Full-time replacement for an employee who was promoted on 2/28/11. To be advertised externally and internally. Salary is approved in the FY-2011 budget.

Athletic Aide – Full-time replacement for employee who resigned on March 15, 2011. To be advertised externally and internally. Salary is approved in the FY-2011 budget.

Tag and Tax Clerk – Tax Commissioner’s Office. For the record. Full-time replacement for employee who resigned in January 2011. To be advertised externally and internally. Salary is approved in the FY-2011 budget.

Firefighter/Driver Engineer – TEMPS (4 or 5) – For the record. Replacements for employees who have resigned or can no longer respond to call-up when needed. To be advertised externally and internally. Salaries are approved in the FY-2011 budget.

All voted in favor.

Human Resources Director Karen Fraser presented a proposal from the ACCG Blue Cross/Blue Shield Employee Health Insurance Program for the Board’s consideration. Ms. Fraser provided the Board with a comparison sheet showing the current County health insurance program’s costs, deductibles and benefits versus Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Michael Zelner of ACCG was present to answer questions from the Board. Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to proceed with the ACCG Blue Cross/Blue Shield Employee Health Insurance Program. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve a refund request in the amount of \$135.76 for John Marshall King, Sr. for Ad Valorem taxes paid in error. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a Software Maintenance Agreement with Eagle Advantage Solutions, Inc. for the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the agreement and to give the Chairman the authority to sign the agreement contingent upon changes recommended by the County Attorney. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to approve an Engineering Services Proposal from Precision Planning, Inc. for the New Hope Church Road Bridge Replacement Project in the amount of \$87,100.00. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve, for the record, an Engineering Services Proposal from Precision Planning, Inc. for intersection improvements on U.S. Highway 78 at Jim Daws Road in the amount of \$2,400.00. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Planning Director Mike Martin presented an amendment to the contract with National Sign Plazas, Inc. expanding the sign program to allow all businesses within the County to participate in the program by purchasing sign panels to be displayed on plaza signs for directional purposes. Commissioner Atha made a motion to approve the contract amendment. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Chairman Little entered into the record a proclamation designating April as National Donate Life Month in Walton County.

The Board discussed issues with the community well that supplies water to Mountain Creek Subdivision. No action was taken on the matter.

At 7:00 p.m., Commissioner Atha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bagley, 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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