

September 6, 2011

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 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.

Carol and Lynn Jensen spoke during the public comment segment of the meeting regarding the Rivermist Subdivision helicopter issue.

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Ayers opened the meeting in prayer.

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

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve CU 11060001 - Guest House for H.L. Creek, LLC. The affected property is located at 2979 Mt. Paron Church Road and is further identified on WC Tax Map C 169, Parcel 28 and N 169, Parcel 86. Chairman Little stated that the public hearing on this matter was held at the August 2, 2011 meeting and that the Board would only hear comment from anyone present who had not previously made comment. No one present made comment. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the Conditional Use with the condition that the guest house can not be rented separately from the main house and that the applicant will abide by all regulations of the County. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve LU11060002 & ZCU11060003 - Land Use Amendment from Employment Center and suburban to Employment Center and Rezone 15.33 acres from A-2 to M-2 with a conditional use for a solar farm for AGR Renewables LLC, Direct Sun Solar. The affected property is located at 1181 Gratis Road and is further identified on WC Tax Map C 123, Parcel 43 Split. Chairman Little stated that the public hearing on this matter was held at the August 2, 2011 meeting and that the Board would only hear comment from anyone present who had not previously made comment. No one present made comment.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve the request with the condition that the transitional buffer applies only to the solar farm and that the access road to the site must be paved. Commissioner Bagley seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to deny CU11070002 – Conditional Use for a Special Event Facility (Private Recreation Center/Club) for Jeff Piehl. The affected property is located at 1067 Simmons Road and is further identified on WC Tax Map C 142, Parcel 4. Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. No one was present in support of the conditional use. Attorney Rob Kiser, representing residents of Simmons Road opposed to the conditional use, came before the Board and presented notebooks to each Board member containing documents related to the application and advertisements for special events the applicant planned to hold on the property. Mr. Kiser stated that the events would create undue noise and adversely affect the surrounding property owners. He also cited traffic and security concerns as additional reasons why the residents of Simmons Road oppose the conditional use. Chairman Little closed the public hearing on the matter. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to deny the conditional use based on the opposition of the neighborhood and the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to adopt a resolution adopting the Capital Improvements Element Annual Update for the Impact Fee Program. Commissioner Bagley seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to adopt a resolution amending the Capital Improvements Element of the Impact Fee Program. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered an amendment to the Impact Fee Ordinance. The proposed amendment reflects the adoption of an impact fee schedule that is 100 % of the maximum allowable impact fee for the categories of fire protection, Jail, Sheriff's Office, EMS and emergency communications and that is 50% of the maximum allowable impact fee for the categories of parks and library, as calculated in the October 13, 2010 Walton County Impact Fee Methodology Report. Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. There was no one present in opposition to the amendment. Chairman Little closed the public hearing on the matter. Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway to approve the amendment. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve the following matters as presented on the Administrative Consent Agenda:

1. Minutes for the August 3, 2011 and August 17, 2011 meetings.
2. Contracts & budgeted purchases of \$2,500.00 or greater.
3. Budget Amendments:
 - Animal Control: Budget amendment for Animal Control to accept donations. Total amendment is \$350.00. This is an amendment to both revenue and expenditure budgets with no effect on fund balance.
 - Probate Court: Budget amendment to comply with new state legislation regarding weapons carry permits. This is an amendment to increase expenditures for General Supplies by \$6,500.00 and Small Equipment by \$900.00. Total budget amendment is \$7,400.00 funds to be taken from fund balance.
 - Magistrate Court: Budget amendment to transfer funds from Temporary Employees to Contract Labor. Total amendment is \$6,500.00. This amendment has no effect on fund balance.
 - EMS: This is a request to accept the donation from GAEMS and approve a budget amendment for trauma equipment. Total amendment is \$2,357.00. This is an amendment to both revenue and expenditure budgets with no effect on fund balance.
4. Monthly EMS bad debt write-off.
5. Ratified actions taken by the Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority at its meeting held on August 30, 2011.
6. Acceptance of forfeited vehicle for use by the Sheriff's Office.
7. Acceptance of donated vehicle for use by the Sheriff's Office
8. Acceptance of three \$100.00 BP Gas Cards received from GEMA for use by the Fire Department and EMA.
9. Acceptance a Walton County Health Care Foundation Grant for a new ambulance.

Commissioner Bagley seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ayers, to approve a request by the Sheriff's Office to apply for The Innocent Justice Foundation Grant. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon, to approve the District Attorney's Office request to submit application for renewal of the VOCA Grant. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ayers, to approve, for the record, personnel actions for the period of 8/1/2011 through 8/27/2011. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the following staffing

requests:

1. Deputy Sheriff – Jail. Full-time replacement for employee who resigned in August. To be advertised internally only for an existing employee to fill the position. Salary is approved in the FY-2012 budget.
2. Detention Officers [2] – Jail. Full-time replacements for vacancies that will be created when 2 existing employees transfer to fill vacancies in Court Services. The Court Services vacancies were approved to be filled at the August BOC meeting. To be advertised externally and internally. Salaries are approved in the FY-2012 budget.
3. Corporals [2] – Jail. Promotions -- Two (2) corporals have requested to fill the Deputy Sheriff Senior positions, which were approved to be filled in Court Services at the August BOC meeting. To be advertised internally only for existing employees to be promoted. Sheriff agreed that salaries would not increase due to the hiring freeze.
4. Deputy Sheriff [4] – Jail. Promotions --Four (4) Detention Officers graduated from Mandate School in August. The Sheriff's policy is to promote the graduates to the rank of Deputy Sheriff upon completion of mandated training. No advertising has been requested. Sheriff agreed that salaries would not increase due to the hiring freeze.

Commissioner Bagley seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Atha made a motion to approve an agreement with Williams Gas Pipeline-Transco for the Charlotte Rowell Boulevard project. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a Clinical Services Agreement with the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy for employee flu shots. Lynn Jensen stated that FEMA may offer flu shots at a reduced cost. Commissioner Bagley made a motion to approve the agreement contingent upon finding no other service that is more economical for the County. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve a Public Depositor Election Form with Athens First Bank & Trust. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve a Juvenile Purchase of Services Contract with Greg Bullock. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve a Juvenile Purchase of Services Contract with WreckLess Driving, LLC. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to approve a Juvenile Purchase of Services Contract with Specialized Monitoring Services. All voted in favor.

Chairman Little read into the record a resolution joining the National Moment of Remembrance of the 10th Anniversary of September 11, 2001.

Chairman Little read into the record a proclamation recognizing Ms. Bessie Cooper, the world's oldest living person.

Road Superintendent Steve Chandler requested approval to remove the closed bridge on Cox Cemetery Road. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve removal of the bridge. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Atha made a motion to dedicate right of way on Georgia Avenue to the City of Monroe. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Facilities Manager Joyce Chambers presented a preliminary budget for improvements to the Diversion Center Building. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to go forward with the project and to approve the preliminary budget as presented. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

At 7:00 p.m., Ayers 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

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