

October 4, 2011

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

The Board recognized winners of several State 4-H competitions. Chairman Little read a proclamation into the record designating October 2-8, 2011 as National 4-H Week in Walton County.

The Board recognized members of Mt. Enon Baptist Church as good Samaritans for rendering aid to two young accident victims until emergency medical personnel arrived at the accident scene.

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 6:13 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 Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

County Attorney Chris Atkinson gave a status report on the non-binding Terms and Conditions (term sheet) provided by Forum Municipal Development Services, Inc. and prepared by ORIX Municipal Finance, LLC for the proposed DFACS facility. Don Chandler and Margaret Bowen of Forum were in attendance and made comment regarding the term sheet. Commissioner Bagley made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the term sheet once the language contained in the term sheet is satisfactory to both the County Attorney and Forum. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. Commissioners Bagley, Gasaway and Atha voted in favor of the motion. Commissioners Ayers, Palmer and Dixon opposed the motion. Chairman Little voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried 4-3.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve Z11080004 – Rezone 1.2 acres from B-2 to B-3 for major auto repair for Francis Williams. The affected property is located at 2416 Lance Court and is further identified on WC Tax Map C7, Parcel 5D. Chairman Little opened

the public hearing on the matter. There was no one present in opposition. Chairman Little closed the public hearing on the matter. Commissioner Bagley made a motion to approve the rezone as presented. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a resolution placing a three-month moratorium on the issuance of occupational tax certificates to Pain Management Clinics. Planning Mike Martin stated the moratorium would provide sufficient time to analyze the impact of Pain Management Clinics on the community. Commissioner Ayers directed Mr. Martin to contact the Sheriff, Judges and District Attorney for input into an ordinance restricting the Clinics. Commissioner Dixon made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Planning Director Mike Martin requested the Board consider abandonment of streets within Chapman Grove and Kensington Place subdivision due to incomplete development. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to initiate the abandonment process. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

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

1. Approval of meeting minutes – September 6, 2011
2. Budget Amendments:
 - Animal Control – For donations received in the amount of \$155.00
 - Partnership for Families – To comply with change in grant amount - \$1,750.00
 - Public Works SPLOST – To transfer funds from Equipment line to expenditure lines used for current SPLOST projects
 - Sheriff – For donation from Dekalb Farmers Market for firing range improvements - \$500.00
3. Contracts and budgeted purchases of \$2,500.00 or greater
4. Monthly EMS bad debt write-off
5. Ratification of actions taken by the Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority at its meeting held on September 27, 2011
6. Acceptance of 2011-12 Purchase of Services for Juvenile Offenders Grant Award

Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a request from the Sheriff's Office to purchase forensic equipment in the amount of \$8,084.99 with the District Attorney's Office paying half the cost from the Forfeited Drug Fund. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the purchase. He further moved to approve

the necessary budget amendment. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Human Resources Director Karen Fraser presented personnel actions for the period of 9/1/11 through 9/26/11. Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to approve the personnel actions as presented, for the record. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the following staffing requests:

1. Deputy Sheriff Senior – TEMP – Court Services.
2. Paramedics (2) TEMP and EMTs (2) TEMP – EMS
3. Lieutenant – Promotion – Sheriff’s Uniform Patrol
4. Sergeant – Promotion – Sheriff’s Uniform Patrol
5. Corporal – Promotion – Sheriff’s Uniform Patrol
6. Deputy Sheriff Senior - Promotion – Sheriff’s Uniform Patrol
7. Deputy Sheriff – Promotion – Sheriff’s Uniform Patrol

Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Walton County Chamber of Commerce President Teri Wommack presented the annual renewal of the contract between Walton County and the Walton County Chamber of Commerce for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. Commissioner Bagley made a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve a contract with Cathy Garey for drug counseling services for probationers. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bagley, to accept property from Monroe Walton Properties, LLC on which the detention pond at the Walton County Government Building was expanded. Commissioner Bagley seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to adopt a resolution to approve an amendment to the Intergovernmental Contract with the Joint Development Authority of Jasper County, Morgan County, Newton County and Walton County; and for other related purposes in order for the Authority to replace the current Letter of Credit that secures the Authority’s Taxable Adjustable Mode Revenue Bonds (Industrial Park Project) Series 1999. Commissioner Bagley seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Chairman Little asked for clarification regarding the Board's decision earlier in the meeting to approve promotions for the Sheriff's Office. He inquired if the Board intended to include increases in salaries for the promotions or whether the promotions were approved for rank only until the hiring freeze is lifted. Commissioner Palmer clarified his motion that the promotions were approved for rank only until funding is available. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

At 6:55 p.m., Commissioner Dixon 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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LAMAR PALMER, DISTRICT 4

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