

December 6, 2011

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 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 Vice Chairman Gerald Atha, Commissioners Clinton Ayers, Chuck Bagley, Vickie Gasaway, Lamar Palmer 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. Chairman Kevin Little did not attend the meeting.

Walton County Fire Rescue Battalion Chief Kevin Haney presented a Metal of Valor to Driver Engineer Doug Brown.

David Jackson, President of the Walton County Little League Booster Club, presented a donation in the amount of \$15,000.00 to Walton County Parks and Recreation for construction of a training pavilion at Criswell Park.

Vice Chairman Atha called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Gasaway 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 CU11100005 – Conditional Use for a guesthouse for Don Henderson. The affected property, owned by Lacyntia McAdams, is located at 2351 Atkinson Road and is further identified on WC Tax Map C 51, Parcel 55. Vice Chairman Atha opened the public hearing on the matter. Don Henderson 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 Ayers made a motion to approve the Conditional Use subject to recommendations made by the Planning Commission and Planning and Development Department. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve OA11100002 – Amendments to the Walton County Land Development Ordinance as per Errata Sheet dated 11-1-2011, amending parking requirements in B-1, B-2, B-3, M-1 and M-2 to be consistent with O-I and amending parking lot landscaping requirements. Commissioner Ayers made

a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to approve the amendments as presented. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve OA11100006 – Amendment to Articles 2, 5 and 6 of the Walton County Land Development Ordinance adding Solar Energy Farm and Solar Collection. Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ayers, to approve the amendment. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve ZCU11100003 – Rezone 205.64 acres from A-1 to A with a Conditional Use for a solar farm for Simon Solar Farm, LLC. The affected property, owned by Glenda Ivey, is located at 916 Social Circle Fairplay Road and is further identified on WC Tax Map C 171, Parcel 17. Vice Chairman Atha opened the public hearing on the matter. Steve Ivey 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 Palmer made a motion to approve the rezone. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Planning Director Mike Martin proposed the following alternatives to address issues raised by the abandonment of streets located within Kensington Place Subdivision: Bond funds held by the county shall be returned/refunded (approximately \$19,000.00), a current list of development deficiencies to be provided, an approximate one-third (\$.25 to \$.17) reduction in the cost of building permits at the time of issuance, compliance by homebuilder of any and all ordinances and codes for completion of subdivision streets prior to issuance of building permits and agreement by Walton County to accept streets for rededication as per the Walton County Comprehensive Land Development Ordinance and appropriate bond as required by the Ordinance at the time offered by builder/developer. Mr. Martin explained that all of the proposed alternatives other than the reduction in the cost of building permits are already in place. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to refund the bond funds held by the County. Commissioner Bagley seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The Board took no action on the remaining issues.

Mike Martin presented a proposed code amendment adding a 1600 Open Space Conservation Overlay District. The Board took no action on the matter.

Mike Martin presented a proposal to reduce building permit fees on lots located within previously recorded subdivisions. The Board took no action on the matter.

Mike Martin presented a request from Scott Tripp of National Sign Plazas to consider elimination of the County's administrative fee collected per panel on kiosk signs. Mr. Martin stated that National Sign Plazas has reduced their fee by 35 percent. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to suspend the administrative fee. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered abandonment of the following streets located within undeveloped/incomplete subdivisions: Ashland Falls Subdivision - located off Bullock Bridge Road, recorded 2-6-07 in plat book 101 page 70; Road(s) to be abandoned: Ashland Falls Drive. (District 1); Palmer Place Subdivision - located off Tommy Dillard Road and Bunk Tillman Road, recorded 3-26-07 in plat book 101 page 50; Road(s) to be abandoned: Palmer Drive. (District 4); Glen Cove Subdivision - located off Roscoe Davis Road, recorded 2-10-06 in plat book 98 page 147; Road(s) to be abandoned: Charmond Drive and Margaux Court. (District 5); Haddonstone Subdivision - located off Miller Bottom Road, recorded 3-15-05 in plat book 96 page 9; Road(s) to be abandoned: Flagstone Lane, Flagstone Way. (District 2); Sterling Oaks Ph 1 (aka The Preserve at Cedar Lake) - located off Cedar Lake Trail, recorded 5-30-06 in plat book 99 page 127, 128; Road(s) to be abandoned: Amberwood Drive, Brackenwood Road, Chestnut Oak Court. (District 2); The Falls at Rocky Branch Phase III - located off Gum Creek Church Road, recorded 7-20-10 in plat book 106 page 101; Road(s) to be abandoned: Thomas Drive, Chase Drive. (District 2); Spring Creek Subdivision - located off Youth Monroe Road, recorded 1-30-09 in plat book 105 page 12; Road(s) to be abandoned: Spring Creek Drive, Willowbend Place, Spring Creek Way, Whiporwill Cove. (District 1); Ivey Brook Subdivision - located off June Ivey Road, recorded 10-20-06 in plat book 100 page 130; Road(s) to be abandoned: Evan Brook Lane, Kendall Lane. (District 5); Grady Smith Estates Subdivision - located off Grady Smith Road, recorded 3-26-07 in plat book 101 page 147; Road(s) to be abandoned: Bos Circle, Cedar Elm Circle, Sycamore Drive, Sycamore Lane, Autumn Olive Way, Amur Court. (District 1); Cedar Oaks Subdivision Phase II - located off Old Highway 138 & Cannon Farm Road, recorded 2-8-08 in plat book 103 page 129; Road(s) to be abandoned: Cedar Oaks Lane, Cedar Oaks Court. (District 3) and Creekside at Riverstone Subdivision - located off Clegg Farm Road, recorded 5-7-08 in plat book 103 page 194; Road(s) to be abandoned: Riverstone Drive, Riverstone Court. (District 4). Commissioner Palmer made a motion to initiate the abandonment process. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

County Attorney Chris Atkinson presented a resolution approving the execution and delivery of the second supplement to the Intergovernmental Contract - Reservoir Project with the Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority; to approve the issuance of revenue bonds by the Walton County

Water & Sewerage Authority; and for other purposes. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

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

1. Approval of the November 1, 2011 and November 15, 2011 meeting minutes
2. Budget amendments as follows: Animal Control - \$525.00 – Donations and Public Works – \$18,759.69 – Transfer of funds from the General Fund – Roads & Bridges to Solid Waste Fund for Recycling and Keep Walton Beautiful to cover the cost of a personnel transfer
3. Contracts & budgeted purchases of \$2,500.00 or greater
4. 2012 Payroll Schedule
5. Monthly EMS Bad Debt write-off
6. Application for a Walmart Community Grant – Community Center Senior Citizens Fitness Program
7. Ratification of actions taken by the Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority at its meeting on November 15, 2011

Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. Commissioners Ayers, Gasaway, Palmer and Dixon voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Bagley opposed the motion. The motion carried 4-1.

The Board considered the following personnel staffing requests:

1. Firefighter Driver Engineer – Fire Rescue. Full-time replacement for an employee who resigned in November 2011. To be advertised internally only. Salary is approved in the FY-2012 budget.
2. SAFER Grant TEMP – Fire Rescue. Replacement for temporary employee who resigned in November 2011. Required to maintain a certain number of temps to comply with the grant. To be advertised externally and internally. Salary is approved in the FY-2012 budget.
3. Assistant Public Defender – Public Defender’s Office. Full-time replacement for an attorney who has resigned effective 12-12-2011. To be advertised internally only. Salary is approved in the FY-2012 budget.
4. Detention Officers [2] – Jail – Full-time replacements for employees who resigned in November 2011. To be advertised externally and internally. Salaries are approved in the FY-2012 budget.
5. Network Administrator – Information Technology . Full-time replacement for employee who suddenly passed away. To be advertised externally and internally. Salary is approved in the FY-2012 budget.
6. Deputy Sheriff Senior [2] – Uniform Patrol. Full-time replacements for

one employee being reassigned to the Jail and one who is retiring in December 2011. To be advertised internally only. Salaries are approved in the FY-2012 budget.

7. Corporal – Court Services. Full-time replacement for an employee who was recently promoted and reassigned to Uniform Patrol. To be advertised internally only. Salary is approved in the FY-2012 budget.

8. Investigator – CID. Full-time replacement for an employee who requested a voluntary demotion to Deputy Sheriff Sr. and assigned to Uniform Patrol. To be advertised internally only. Salary is approved in the FY-2012 budget.

9. Paramedic –TEMP- EMS – Replacement for temp who will fill a full-time vacancy previously approved. To be advertised both externally and internally. Salary is approved in the FY-2012 budget.

10. EMT (2) – EMS – Replacements for 1 full-time and 1 temp for a recent transfer and one resignation. To be advertised internally only. Salaries are approved in the FY-2012 budget.

Commissioner Bagley made a motion to authorize the budget committee to review and make decisions on the aforementioned staffing requests and that the actions will be placed on the January 10, 2011 agenda for the record. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bagley made a motion to authorize the budget committee to review all future staffing requests. He further moved that going forward, staffing requests must be submitted to the Human Resources Department at least 14 days prior to the Tuesday before the monthly Board meetings. He further moved that the budget committee will review personnel additions, promotions/demotions and replacement requests and make a recommendation for action to the full board at the monthly meeting. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Vice Chairman Atha stated that the county has saved approximately \$750,000.00 in replacement costs on vacant positions since the hiring freeze was imposed in July 2011. He stated that the Board wants to recognize and thank all of the departments who have made this cost savings happen. He stated that we must continue to be cost conscious in the remaining months of the fiscal year.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the Americans with Disabilities Act Policy. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to re-appoint Dr. Joe Gaskins, Nancy Burgess and Mary Britton to the Walton County Board of Health. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway,

to re-appoint Rickey Dillard to the Board of Tax Assessors of Walton County. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to re-appoint Neal Byrd, Jacqueline McClendon and Mickey Lankford to the Walton County Personnel Advisory Board. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve 2012 Qualifying Fees as recommended by the Walton County Board of Elections. Commissioner Bagley seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Jimmy Parker of Precision Planning, Inc. gave an update on the status of the Charlotte Rowell Boulevard project. He presented a proposal from Mitigation Management, LLC for the purchase of mitigation stream credits in the amount of \$75,544.00. Commissioner Bagley made a motion to approve the purchase. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. Commissioners Bagley, Gasaway, Palmer and Dixon voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Ayers opposed the motion. The motion carried 4-1.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the installation of a flashing beacon at the intersection of Gratis Road/Bradley Gin Road/Shoal Creek Road/Mt. Vernon Road. Commissioner Bagley seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Jimmy Parker of Precision Planning, Inc. gave a status update on land acquisition and the bid schedule for the New Hope Church Road Bridge Replacement Project. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to accept the counter offer from the landowners for the purchase of right of way for the project. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve a contract with Sign Language Interpreting Specialists, Inc. for the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve a contract with Arista Information Systems, Inc. for credit card and E-Check payment processing for the Water Department. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a proposal from Precision Planning, Inc. for engineering services related to the Mount Carmel Church Road Bridge Replacement Project. After discussion, Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve going forward with the engineering and design process with the cost not exceed the proposal presented in the amount of \$49,580.00.

Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

At 6:50 p.m., Commissioner Ayers 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.

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GERALD ATHA, V. CHAIRMAN      LETA P. TALBIRD, CLERK

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CLINTON AYERS, DISTRICT 1      CHUCK BAGLEY, DISTRICT 2

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