

November 6, 2012

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 6, 2012 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, Lamar Palmer, Jeremy Adams and Kirklyn Dixon, County Clerk Leta Talbird, County Attorney Kirby Atkinson, Human Resources Director Karen Fraser, Finance Director Linda Hanna 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. Commissioner Gasaway did not attend the meeting.

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Ayers opened the meeting in prayer.

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

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve, with conditions Z12090001 – Rezone 46.01 acres from A-1 and B-2 to B-3 with a variance to reduce 50 ft. buffer for Rhonda C. Parks. The effected property is located at 6050-6100 Georgia Highway 20 and is further identified on WC Tax Map C 9, Parcels 4 & 5. Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Attorney Paul Rosenthal, representing the applicant, came before the Board in support of the rezone. Mr. Rosenthal stated for the record that a letter preserving the applicant's Constitutional rights was submitted to the Planning & Development Office. Mr. Rosenthal presented a conceptual site plan for the Board's review. He stated that the applicant has agreed to the following conditions as recommended by the Planning Commission:

1. All lots must have access on interior road with the exception of the one lot located off Georgia Highway 20 that already has a curb cut to retain that access off of Georgia Highway 20. The remaining lots will have access on the interior road.
2. Provide undisturbed 25' natural vegetative buffer along perimeter and that the transitional buffer be reduced from 50' to 25' along the southwestern and rear portions of the property with the installation of a 6' opaque fence.
3. Three-sided brick or rock façade on any buildings abutting Georgia Highway 20.
4. Lots fronting on Georgia Highway 20 shall be zoned B-2 with B-3 on the remainder.

5. No construction of any structure which would require a sprinkler system prior to confirmation by the WCWD that sufficient fire flow is available unless the applicant installs a fire pump or fire reservoir that will provide fire flow to meet NFPA requirements.
6. No adult entertainment establishments
7. No package liquor store/sales of any kind
8. No storage of sanitation equipment (garbage trucks)
9. No sanitation services of any type.

Terry Mitchell, Norma Billingsley, Herman McCart and Jim Bailey spoke in opposition to the rezone. Chairman Little closed the public hearing on the matter. Commissioner Bagley made a motion to approve the rezone with the stated conditions recommended by the Planning & Development Department and the Planning Commission. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Commissioner Dixon requested the motion be amended to require the applicant remove the existing driveway on Lot #3 that fronts on Georgia Highway 20. Commissioner Bagley amended his motion to include that the applicant will be required to remove the existing driveway on Lot #3 that fronts on Georgia Highway 20. Commissioner Adams seconded the amended motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve Z12090004 – Rezone 10 acres from A-1 to A for an equine veterinarian facility for New South Equine Medicine. The effected property is located at the Northeastern intersection of Georgia Highway 186 and Jones Woods Road and is further identified on WC Tax Map C 200, Parcel 10A. Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Ross Kittrell came before the Board in support of the rezone. There was no one present in opposition. Chairman Little closed the public hearing on the matter. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the rezone with the stipulation that the property will be used for veterinary purposes only. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve Z12080013 – Rezone 3.755 acres from B-1 to M-1 for steel fabrication or similar use for Jeff Timler. The effected property is located on Old Broadnax Mill Road and is further identified on WC Tax Map C 44, Parcel 6. Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. The applicant, Jeff Timler, Vice President of Panel Steel, came before the Board in support of the rezone. He stated that he acquired this parcel for future expansion of his existing business. There was no one present in opposition. Chairman Little closed the public hearing on the matter. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the rezone with the condition that the applicant will use the same landscape design as was used on the existing facility. Commissioner Bagley seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

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

1. Approval of the October 2, 2012 meeting minutes
2. Approval of budget amendments as follows:
 - Animal Control: Budget amendment for Animal Control to accept six donations. Total amendment is \$245. This is an amendment to both revenue and expenditure budgets with no effect on fund balance.
 - Sheriff's Office: Budget amendment for State mandated metal recycling registration fee collection and distribution to the Sheriff's Association in the amount of \$1,600.00 for revenues and \$800.00 for expenditures. This is an amendment to both expenditure and revenue budgets with a net of effect of increasing fund balance.
 - Probate Court: Budget amendment to purchase replacement copier. Probate copier has ceased working and replacement parts are no longer available. The amount is \$3,800.00 for a refurbished copier. This is an amendment to increase the expenditure budget only.
 - Recycling: Fund 540 - Budget amendment and approval to purchase a truck for recycling in the amount of \$15,000.00. This is an amendment to increase the expenditure budget only.
 - Sheriff's Office: Budget amendment and acceptance of donation from GA Sheriff's Association in the amount of \$1,000.00. This is an amendment to both expenditures and revenue budgets with no effect on fund balance.
3. Contracts & budgeted purchases of \$2,500.00 or greater
4. Monthly EMS bad debt write-offs
5. Water rate increase as presented by the Water Department
6. Acceptance of two trailers for use by the Sheriff's Office and the County Extension Office
7. Renewal Agreement – University of Georgia College of Pharmacy
8. Acceptance of FY 2012 Bulletproof Vest Grant – Sheriff's Office
9. Acceptance of State Criminal Alien Assistance Program Grant – Sheriff's Office
10. Acceptance of Walton County Health Care Foundation Grant – EMS
11. Approval of GDOT FY 2012 Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant Application
12. Declaration of surplus property (a list of property is on file in the auxiliary file for this meeting)

Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Adams,

to approve Personnel Actions for the period of 10/1/2012 through 10/29/2012 as presented for the record. All voted in favor.

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

Replacement Positions

1. Clerical – TEMP - Public Defender. Temporary replacement for employee who is resigning in November to return to school. To be advertised externally and internally. Salary is approved in the FY-2013 budget.
2. Deputy Sheriff Sergeant - Jail. Full-time replacement for employee who retired in November. To be advertised internally only. Salary is approved in the FY-2013 budget. For the record.
3. Athletic Coordinator – Parks and Recreation. Full-time replacement for an employee who was promoted within the department. To be advertised internally only. Salary is approved in the FY-2013 budget.
4. Equipment Operator Senior – Public Works. Full-time replacement for an employee who resigned in October. To be advertised externally and internally. Salary is approved in the FY-2013 budget.
5. Equipment Operator – Public Works. Full-time replacement for employee who resigned in October. To be advertised externally and internally. Salary is approved in the FY-2013 budget.
6. Supervisor - Real Estate – Clerk of Superior Court. Full-time replacement for employee who resigned in October. To be advertised externally and internally. Salary is approved in the FY-2013 budget.
7. Deputy Clerk – TEMPS [2] – Clerk of Superior Court. Temporary replacements for one temp who filled the full-time vacancy in the department and the other temp who transferred to a full-time vacancy in Juvenile Court. To be advertised externally and internally. Salaries are approved in the FY-2013 budget.
8. Detention Officer – Jail. Full-time replacement for an employee who resigned in October. To be advertised externally and internally. Salary is approved in the FY-2013 budget.
9. Utility Locator – Water. Full-time replacement for an employee who is retiring in December. To be advertised externally and internally. Salary is approved in the FY-2013 budget.

Promotions

1. Battalion Chief – Fire Rescue. Full-time replacement for employee who will be promoted to Assistant Fire Chief. To be advertised internally only. Salary is approved in the FY-2013 budget.
2. Fire Captain [2] – Fire Rescue. Full-time replacements for employees who will fill vacancies that occur due to higher level promotions within the department. To be advertised internally only. Salaries are approved in the FY-2013 budget.

Additions to staff

1. Assistant Fire Chief – Fire Rescue. This position was approved in the budget. The, promotion was delayed due to the hiring freeze imposed in FY 2012. To be advertised internally only. Salary is approved in the FY-2013 budget.
2. Development Inspector – Planning & Development. The second development inspector was unfunded in the FY2012 budget due to lack of work and remained unfunded in FY2013. The volume of special projects necessitates the request an additional inspector. This is a request for a full-time inspector. To be advertised externally and internally. A budget amendment will be required to fund this position.
3. Shift Supervisors [2] – EMS. Addition of two shift supervisors to the EMS staff. This enables each shift to have a working supervisor on the three shifts. Incumbents will be sought to promote to shift supervisors. To be advertised internally only. Funds will be used for the promotions by using the salary for the Assistant Director, which remains unfilled in FY2013.

All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve a refund for Robin Lynn Griffin in the amount of \$234.29 for tag fees paid in error. Commissioner Bagley seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

At 6:36 p.m., Commissioner Ayers 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

CLINTON AYERS, DISTRICT 1

CHUCK BAGLEY, DISTRICT 2

LAMAR PALMER, DISTRICT 4

JEREMY ADAMS, DISTRICT 5

KIRKLYN DIXON, DISTRICT 6