

January 8, 2013

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 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, Mark Banks, Timmy Shelnett, 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.

Randy Garrett, Vice Chairman of the Walton County Citizens Corps, gave the Board an overview of the Citizens Corps Program and recent activities.

Albert Floyd presented a proposal to the Board for the County to purchase water from him for irrigation at Felker Park.

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 6:24 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Dixon opened the meeting in prayer.

Chairman Little recognized and welcomed new District Commissioners Banks, Shelnett and Adams.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to accept withdrawal of CU12040003 – Conditional Use for transitional housing facility for troubled youth for Bengie Evans. The effected property, owned by MMM and J LLC, is located at 3229 Hodges Road and is further identified on WC Tax Map C 43, Parcel 13 Split. Commissioner Banks made a motion to accept the withdrawal. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously. The applicant requested a refund of his application fees. Chairman Little stated that the fees were used for administrative purposes and would not be refunded.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to accept withdrawal of Z12100008 – Rezone 4.6 acres from B-2 to M-1 for paint removal from steel components and a fabrication shop for steel lifting devices for Industrial Finishing Specialist. The effected property, owned by Donald Franklin, is located at 1791 U.S. Highway 78 and is further identified on WC Tax Map C 75, Parcel 128. Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon, to accept withdrawal. All voted in favor.

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

1. December 4, 2012 meeting minutes
2. Budget amendment – Animal Control - \$1,140.00 – Donations
3. Contracts & Budgeted purchases of \$2,500.00 or greater
4. Monthly EMS Bad Debt Write-offs
5. FY 2014 Budget Calendar

Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Adam Fraley of Mauldin & Jenkins Certified Public Accountants LLC presented the FY 2012 Audit. Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon, to accept the audit. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to authorize Walton County Tax Commissioner Derry Boyd to accept checks for all taxes, fees and licenses due his respective office. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Human Resources Director Karen Fraser presented personnel actions for the period of 12/01/2012 through 12/31/2012 for the record. Commissioner Banks inquired as to why the Board must vote on personnel actions for Constitutional Officers if the positions are approved in the budget. Chairman Little stated that he would draft a policy that Constitutional Officers' personnel actions do not have to be approved by the Board as long as they are budgeted and follow the Personnel Policies and Procedures. He stated that he would bring the proposed policy to the Board at its February meeting for approval. After discussion, Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve personnel actions as presented. He further moved that the Chairman will bring the Board back a policy that Constitutional Officers' budgeted personnel actions do not have to be approved by the Board as long as they follow the County Personnel Policies and Procedures. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

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

Replacement positions:

1. Athletic Aide - Parks & Recreation. Full-time replacement for employee who was promoted to Athletic Coordinator in November. To be advertised externally and internally. Salary is approved in the FY-2013 budget.

2. Assistant District Attorney - District Attorney's Office. Full-time replacement for employee who resigned in November 2012. To be advertised externally and internally. Salary is approved in the FY-2013 budget. For the record.

3. Assistant District Attorney - District Attorney's Office. Replacement for a County supplemented ADA who resigned in November 2012. To be advertised externally and internally. Salary is approved in the FY-2013 budget. For the record.

4. Investigator - District Attorney's Office. Full-time replacement for employee who resigned in December 2012. To be advertised internally only. Salary is approved in the FY-2013 budget. For the record.

5. Records Clerk - Sheriff's Office Administration. Full-time replacement for employee who resigned in December 2012. To be advertised externally and internally. Salary is approved in the FY-2013 budget.

6. Site Attendants - TEMP [2] - Solid Waste. Temporary employees to replace employees who are absent due to emergency medical reasons. Prognosis for their return is unknown. To be advertised externally and internally. Salaries are approved in the FY-2013 budget. For the record.

7. Deputy Clerk - Clerk of Superior Court. Full-time replacement for employee who was promoted to Deputy Clerk Senior in December 2012. To be advertised externally and internally. Salary is approved in the FY-2013 budget.

8. Utility Service Worker - Water Dept. Full-time replacement for employee who was promoted to Utility Locator in December 2012. To be advertised externally and internally. Salary is approved in the FY-2013 budget.

9. Equipment Operator - Public Works. Full-time replacement for employee who transferred to Shop Maintenance in October 2012. To be advertised externally and internally. Salary is approved in the FY-2013 budget.

Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to approve a Workplace Wellness Policy as presented. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to adopt a resolution setting the time, dates, and place of the regular monthly meetings of the Board of

Commissioners for 2013. He further moved that the established deadline for submission of items for the agenda should be adhered to. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to adopt a resolution reaffirming the \$1.50 911 charge on telephone subscribers for 2013. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to appoint Leta Talbird as County Clerk for 2013. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ayers, to appoint Rhonda Hawk as Assistant County Clerk for 2013. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to appoint Kirby Atkinson and or Chris Atkinson as County Attorney for 2013. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to appoint Commissioner Kirklyn Dixon as Vice Chairman for 2013. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon, to appoint Darren Vinson and Melinda Quinn to the Walton County Department of Family and Children Services Board. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to re-appoint Dr. Mark Shaffer, Ben Garrett and Sue McCullers to the Walton County Hospital Authority. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve a refund in the amount of \$62.97 for Thrower Electric, Inc. for Ad Valorem tax and tag fees paid in error. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Todd Parker of Precision Planning, Inc. presented a proposal for land surveying and engineering design services for the Bay Creek Church Road widening project for the Loganville Middle and Elementary School sites. He also presented project construction cost estimates. Commissioner Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shelnut, to approve the proposal in the amount of \$27,875.00. Commissioners Ayers, Shelnut, Palmer, Adams and Dixon voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Banks opposed the motion. The motion carried 5-1. Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon,

to approve a Memorandum of Agreement regarding Lease Structure and Valuation of Leasehold Interest with Hitachi Automotive Systems Americas, the Development Authority of Walton County, the City of Monroe, Walton County and the Walton County School District. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the Agreement. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. Commissioners Ayers, Banks, Palmer, Adams and Dixon voted in favor with Commissioner Shelnett abstaining. The motion carried.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve Georgia Environmental Finance Authority Loan Documents for the Hard Labor Creek Reservoir Project. Commissioner Shelnett seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

At 7:10 p.m., Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon, to enter into executive session. Commissioners Ayers, Banks, Shelnett, Palmer, Adams and Dixon voted in favor.

At 7:30 p.m., Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to return to regular session. Commissioners Ayers, Banks, Shelnett, Palmer, Adams and Dixon voted in favor. Chairman Little stated that no votes were taken while in executive session.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to adopt a resolution and order consenting to the condemnation of the Oglesby property, further identified on WC Tax Map C185, Parcel 69. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously. (This property is part of the Hard Labor Creek Reservoir Project.)

At 7:31, Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Adams, 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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KEVIN W. LITTLE, CHAIRMAN      LETA P. TALBIRD, CLERK

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CLINTON AYERS, DISTRICT 1      MARK BANKS, DISTRICT 2

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TIMMY SHELNUTT, DIST. 3

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LAMAR PALMER, DISTRICT 4

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JEREMY ADAMS, DISTRICT 5

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KIRKLYN DIXON, DISTRICT 6