

May 7, 2013

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Courtroom at the Historic Walton County Courthouse, 111 South Broad Street, 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.

The Board recognized the Walton County 4-H Champion BB Team and Air Rifle Team.

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Dixon opened the meeting in prayer.

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

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve withdrawal of Z13010004 – Rezone 65 +/- acres from A-1 to A for aquaponics greenhouses powered by solar panels for MultiGreen Agriculture Comm. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

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

1. April 2, 2013 meeting minutes
2. Budget Amendments as follows:
 - Roads and Walkways: Budget amendment to record the receipt of LMIG funds (\$701,545.65) and for the supplies and materials and Mt. Carmel Church Bridge (\$913,309.35) approved for LMIG funds. Expenditure increase reflects the 30% cash match required by the State for the LMIG projects. This is an increase in the expenditure budget reducing fund balance.
 - Water Fund 507: Budget amendment to move allocations from Budget Unit 4447 to Budget Unit 4446 in the amount of \$25,000.00. No effect on Fund 507 fund balance.
 - Revenue Budget Amendment: Budget amendment to increase various revenue budgets in the amount of \$662,604.41 where

revenues have exceeded the budgeted amounts year to date. This is an increase to revenues in the General Fund increasing fund balance.

- Animal Control: Budget amendment to increase both expenditures and revenues for donation made to Animal Control in the amount of \$396.00. No impact on fund balance in the General Fund.
- 3. Contracts & budgeted purchases of \$2,500.00 or greater as presented
- 4. EMS Bad Debt Write-offs
- 5. Ratification of actions taken by the Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority at its meeting held on April 30, 2013
- 6. Acceptance of forfeited vehicle – Sheriff’s Office
- 7. Donation Agreement- City of Charlotte, N.C. – Equipment for Sheriff’s Office
- 8. Proposal – IBM – Software Upgrade – Sheriff’s Office
- 9. Administrative Services Agreement – ACCG 401 (a) Defined Contribution Plan

Commissioner Shelnutt seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Chairman Little presented the proposed FY 2014 budget to the Board. A public hearing will be held on May 23, 2013 for comment and the budget will be voted on at the June 4, 2013 meeting.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to adopt a resolution approving transmittal of the revised Capital Improvements Element of the Impact Fee Program to the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission for Regional and State review. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to adopt a resolution approving the Amended and Restated Association of County Commissioners 457 (b) Deferred Compensation Plan. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to adopt a resolution to amend the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia Defined Benefit Plan for County Employees and to approve the Adoption Agreement Amendment. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board held a public hearing and second reading of a proposed amendment to the Walton County Animal Control Ordinance. Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Marsha Blackmon spoke in support of the ordinance amendment. There was no one present in

opposition. Chairman Little closed the public hearing on the matter. Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Adams, to adopt the Walton County Animal Control Ordinance as amended. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a request from the Development Authority of Walton County for the Board to approve Hitachi Automotive Systems Americas, Inc. request that a new jail not be built within a two mile radius of their facility. Commissioner Banks made a motion to table a decision on the matter indefinitely until the Board has the opportunity to explore all options and select a site based on the site itself and what it has to offer. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. Commissioners Ayers, Banks, Shelnett and Dixon voted in favor. Commissioners Palmer and Adams opposed the motion. The motion carried 4-2. Yosh Mizokawa and Michael Schoon of Hitachi came before the Board to reiterate that they do not prefer or want a jail within a two mile radius of their facility. He added that if it is the will of the community through a referendum or majority vote of the Board, they would ask that the jail not be visible from U.S. Highway 78, that an ordinance be put into place to prohibit jail related businesses such as bail bond shops and pawn shops within a two mile radius and that the County will ensure that the landscaping and upkeep of the area around the jail will be well maintained. Commissioner Dixon asked Commissioner Banks to amend his motion to table the matter for 30 days. Chairman Little requested the motion be amended to table the matter for 60 days. Commissioner Banks amended his motion to table the matter for 60 days. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. After further discussion, all voted in favor.

Jimmy Parker of Precision Planning, Inc. presented bids received for Mt. Carmel Church Road at Turkey Creek bridge replacement. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to award the bid to McCarthy Improvement Company in the amount of \$514,740.81. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the purchase of water from Albert Floyd for irrigation at Felker park and to move forward with the project. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. Commissioner Ayers stated that he cannot see the savings this project will have for the County. After further discussion, Commissioners Banks, Shelnett, Palmer, Adams and Dixon voted in favor of the motion with Commissioner Ayers abstaining. The motion carried 5 in favor with one abstention.

At 6:55 p.m., Commissioner Dixon 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.

KEVIN W. LITTLE, CHAIRMAN LETA P. TALBIRD, CLERK

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TIMMY SHELNUTT, DIST. 3 LAMAR PALMER, DISTRICT 4

JEREMY ADAMS, DISTRICT 5 KIRKLYN DIXON, DISTRICT 6