

July 9, 2013

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 9, 2013 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 Kirklyn Dixon, Commissioners Clinton Ayers, Mark Banks, Lamar Palmer and Jeremy Adams, 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. Chairman Little and Commissioner Timmy Shelnett did not attend the meeting.

Hope Reese of The Providence Club Subdivision made a presentation to the Board regarding removal of trees within the right of way in the subdivision.

Vice Chairman Dixon led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Ayers gave the invocation.

Vice Chairman Dixon called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

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

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve Z13050003 – Rezone 1.0 acre from B-2 to M-1 for a recovered materials processing facility for Sheryl & Jari Turkia. The applicant also requested a variance to reduce the minimum lot width from required 100-ft. to proposed 40-ft. The effected property is located at 2147 U.S. Highway 78 and is further identified on WC Tax Map C61, Parcel 133B Split. Vice Chairman Dixon opened the public hearing on the matter. Jari Turkia came before the Board in support of the rezone. He presented the Board with a handout that included a drawing showing the requested zoning modification and a photo of a facility similar to the one that he is proposing. There was no one present in opposition. Vice Chairman Dixon closed the public hearing on the matter. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the rezone as proposed with the variance to reduce the minimum lot width. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve OA13050005 – Amendment to the Walton County Land Development Ordinance as per errata sheet dated 5-1-2013. Vice Chairman Dixon opened the public hearing on the matter. Planning Director Mike Martin stated that the amendments are administrative

corrections to add that no free-range animals/poultry shall be permitted within any platted subdivision. There was no one present in opposition. Vice Chairman Dixon closed the public hearing on the matter. Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Adams, to approve the amendment as presented. All voted in favor.

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

1. Approval of June 4, 2013 Meeting Minutes
2. Contracts & Budgeted Purchases of \$2,500.00 or greater
3. EMS Bad Debt Write-offs
4. Facility Service Agreement - Clearview Regional Medical Center - Jail
5. FY 2014 Family Connection Contract - Georgia Department of Human Resources
6. Health Services Agreement - CorrectHealth Walton, LLC - Jail
7. Contract - Georgia DNR EPD - Drinking Water Lab and Related Services - Water Dept.
8. VOCA Grant Application - Sheriff's Office Victim Assistance Program
9. Ratification of actions taken by Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority
10. Declaration of Surplus Property
11. Intergovernmental Agreement - City of Walnut Grove - Guthrie Cemetery Road
12. Counseling Services Agreement - Cathey Garey

Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve two refunds for Angela Robertson in the amounts of \$102.69 and \$215.20 for 2013 Ad Valorem taxes paid in error. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve a refund for Shane Kitchens in the amount of \$114.33 for Ad Valorem taxes paid in error. He further moved to deny a refund request in the amount of \$28.85 for Ad Valorem taxes paid by Mr. Kitchens on a 1994 Suzuki Samurai, as recommended by the Tax Commissioner's Office. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve a Tax Commissioner's Office recommendation to approve a refund for George Sammons in the amount of \$500.00 for 2013 title tax paid in error. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve a recommendation from the Tax Commissioner's Office to approve a refund for Travis Shelton for 2013 title tax paid in error. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion.

All voted in favor.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to re-appoint Harry Knight as Walton County's Private Sector Representative on the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

At 6:16 p.m., Commissioner Ayers made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss acquisition of real estate. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. Commissioners Ayers, Banks, Palmer and Adams voted in favor.

At 6:25 p.m., Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Adams, to return to regular session. Commissioners Ayers, Banks, Palmer and Adams voted in favor.

County Attorney Chris Atkinson presented a resolution consenting to the condemnation of the Willowford property for the Hard Labor Creek Reservoir project. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

At 6:26 p.m., Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Banks, 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.

KIRKLYN DIXON, V. CHAIRMAN

LETA P. TALBIRD, CLERK

CLINTON AYERS, DISTRICT 1

MARK BANKS, DISTRICT 2

LAMAR PALMER, DISTRICT 4

JEREMY ADAMS, DISTRICT 5