

October 1, 2013

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 1, 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 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 called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Shelnett gave the invocation.

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

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to deny LU1306005 & Z13060006 – Change in land use from Neighborhood Residential to Highway Corridor and rezone 3.885 acres from A-1 to B-3 for a boat, auto and trailer storage area for Bobby Bullard/Todd Hicks. This application was tabled at the August 6, 2013 meeting because the applicant changed his request from B-3 to B-2 with no buffer variance and to only develop the front area of the property. The effected property is located at 2955 Georgia Highway 81 and is further identified on Walton County Tax Map CN47A, Parcel 3. Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Bobby Bullard came before the Board to request a change in the application from A-1 to B-2 with indoor storage, not outdoor storage. He stated he was no longer requesting a buffer variance, so the natural buffer would remain between properties. Mr. Bullard stated that exterior lighting would be the type that shines downward and would not affect the adjacent neighbors. He added that the neighbors' view would be blocked by trees. Mr. Bullard presented a revised site plan and photos of a similar indoor storage facility. There was no one present in opposition. Chairman Little closed the public hearing on the matter. Commissioner Shelnett made a motion to approve the revised application with the conditions stated. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to deny CU13080007 – Conditional Use for an event facility on 29.29 acres for Bob Poston. The effected property, owned by Harold R. Cape, is located at

3316 Pannell Road and is further identified on WC Tax Map C 169, Parcel 19 Split. Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Sam Scarborough, the partner of the applicant, came before the Board in support of the Conditional Use. He stated that the proposed facility would be for weddings and other events not biker rallies or wild parties. He stated that he never intends to apply for a liquor license. Sheryl Malcom, Mrs. Harold Adcock, and Christina Warren spoke in opposition, stating change to the character of the neighborhood, potential change in property values, concerns about the wetlands on the property, lack of fire protection, lack of water or sewer, serving of alcoholic beverages and traffic problems as reasons for opposition. In Rebuttal, Mr. Scarborough stated that Mrs. Malcom's house is 300 yards down the street from the driveway of the proposed facility. Chairman Little closed the public hearing on the matter. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to deny the Conditional Use as recommended the Planning Commission. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Cassie Baldoni requested permission from the Board to build a Skate Park at South Walton Park. She presented a concept drawing of the park and construction cost estimates for the Board's review. She stated that the Robbie Baldoni Memorial Skate Park Foundation will pay the costs of construction with donations and grants. Commissioner Ayers noted that there was no fence on the plan. Ms. Baldoni stated that she would look into prices for fence. Chairman Little stated that he would get questions answered from the Facilities Department and Parks & Recreation and bring this matter back as an agenda item at the November 5, 2013 meeting.

At 6:25 p.m. Commissioner Adams entered the meeting.

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

1. Approval of September 10, 2013 meeting minutes
2. Budget amendments as follows:
 - Animal Control: Amendment to increase both expenditures and revenues for donations made to Animal Control in the amount of \$160.00. No effect on fund balance in the General Fund.
 - Sheriff's Office: Amendment to both revenue and expenditure budgets to record donation received from Monroe Veterinary Clinic for the purchase of a bullet proof vest for drug dog in the amount of \$1,000.00. No effect on fund balance in the General Fund.
 - KWB/Recycling: Amendment to transfer allocations from Equipment to R&M in the amount of \$6,887.00. No effect on fund balance in the General Fund.
3. Contracts & Budgeted Purchases of \$2,500.00 or greater
4. EMS Bad Debt Write-offs

5. KWB/Recycling Write-offs
6. Ratification of actions taken by the WCWSA at its meeting held on 9/24/13

Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Walton County Employee Benefits Committee Chairman John Allman presented a recommendation to change holiday pay to accrual time for firefighters. Fire Chief Mike Moore stated that 100% of the firefighters support the change. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the change from holiday pay to accrual time for firefighters. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve a refund request in the amount of \$35.93 for Mark Alton West as recommended by the Tax Commissioner. Dixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve a refund request in the amount of \$217.42 for Marlece E. Bettis as recommended by the Tax Commissioner. Commissioner Shelnutt seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Shelnutt made a motion to approve a refund request in the amount of \$117.61 for Sharon Schmidt as recommended by the Tax Commissioner. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

At 6:32 p.m., Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shelnutt, 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

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