

February 4, 2014

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jessie Romer requested the Board consider an amendment to the Walton County Animal Control Ordinance approving a tethering ban.

PRESENTATIONS

Keep Walton Beautiful – The Governor’s Circle Award

Walton County Public Works employees were recognized for their service during the most recent inclement weather event.

MEETING OPENING

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Dixon gave the invocation.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

***Motion:** Commissioner Palmer made a motion to adopt the agenda, tabling Item 8.01 – Refund Request – Mark Watson until the March 4, 2014 meeting. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Decision on Planning Commission recommendation to approve amendment to the Walton County Land Development Ordinance – Article 6 – Private Drive

***Motion:** Motion made by Commissioner Ayers, seconded by Commissioner Dixon, to table the amendment until the April 1, 2014 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.*

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Public Hearing – Recommendation to approve Z13120003 – Rezone 167.11 acres from R-12 PUD to A-1 for one single family residence for Michael E. & Debra T. Brown – 5032 Jack Pittman Road – District 1 – WC Tax Map C58.

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The applicant, Mike Brown, came before the Board in support of the rezone. There was no one present in opposition. Chairman Little closed the public hearing.

***Motion:** Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Adams, to approve the rezone as presented. The motion carried unanimously.*

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of January 7, 2014 Meeting Minutes
2. Budget Amendments
 - Firefighting: Amendment to move allocations from Vehicle/Parts to Vehicles because the cost of repair exceeded the capital threshold in the amount of \$21,741.00. This is a transfer from one expenditure line to another with no effect on fund balance.
 - Animal Control: Amendments for donations in the amount of \$295.00. The amendment is an increase to both revenues and expenditures. No effect on fund balance in the General Fund.
3. Contracts & Budgeted Purchases of \$2,500.00 or greater
4. Monthly EMS Bad Debt Write-offs
5. Grant Award - Purchase of Services Grant for Juvenile Offenders
6. Contract - eZCourtPay - Probate Court
7. MOU - Great Promise Partnership, Inc.
8. Acceptance of Walton County Health Care Foundation Grant Award - Parks & Recreation Department
9. Declaration of Surplus Property
10. Ratification of actions taken by the WCWSA at its meeting held on February 4, 2014

***Motion:** Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the Administrative Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Shelnut seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

EMPLOYEE BENEFIT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Proposed Amendment to the 2014 Holiday Schedule

Employee Benefits Committee Chairman Ray Johnson requested the Board approve the following change in the 2014 holiday schedule: Wednesday, 12/14/14 - One-half day for Christmas Eve, Thursday, 12/15/14 – Christmas Day and Friday, 12/26/14 – Day after Christmas. Commissioner Ayers stated that he would like for the Committee to consider implementing one floating holiday each year.

***Motion:** Commissioner Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to approve the amendment as presented. The motion carried unanimously.*

FIRE/RESCUE

Presentation by Fire Recovery USA

Winston Minor presented programs for accident/incident cost recovery from non-county residents. Commissioner Ayers stated that he would want a policy in place before considering implementation. Chairman Little will work with Fire/Rescue on a policy to present to the Board. No vote was taken on the matter.

PUBLIC WORKS

Proposed upgrades to Old Braswell Road

Jimmy Parker of Precision Planning, Inc. presented a cost estimate for widening and correcting drainage problems on Old Braswell Road. The estimated project cost including engineering, surveying, construction and 20% contingency is \$200,820.00. Chairman Little inquired if the road will be paved after the upgrades are completed. Road Superintendent Steve Chandler stated that the majority of the residents do not want the road paved.

***Motion:** Commissioner Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to approve the project as presented. The motion carried unanimously.*

RESOLUTION

Resolution 2014-5 – Commending the Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) on the Occasion of its Centennial

Chairman Little read the resolution into the record.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Little read a proclamation proclaiming the week of February 3-7 2014 as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Walton County.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

***Motion:** At 6:40 p.m., Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to enter into executive session to discuss the future acquisition of real estate and a personnel matter. Commissioners Ayers, Banks, Shelnett, Palmer, Adams and Dixon voted in favor of the motion.*

***Motion:** At 7:04 p.m., Commissioner Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to return to regular session. Commissioners Ayers, Banks, Shelnett, Palmer, Adams and Dixon voted in favor of the motion. No votes were taken while in executive session.*

***Motion:** Commissioner Ayers made a motion to appoint Hank Shirley as Facilities Director effective on 2/4/2014. Commissioner Dixon seconded the*

motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: *Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Adams, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.*

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

Attest:

Leta P. Talbird, County Clerk