

March 4, 2014

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 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 Chris 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.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Edward Dubose of the Georgia NAACP presented a video of an interview of Wayne Watson regarding the Moore's Ford lynching.

911 Operator Ashley Allen was presented a Letter of Commendation by Fire Chief Mike Moore.

## **MEETING OPENING**

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Ayers gave the invocation.

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

***Motion:** Commissioner Palmer made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mark Watson came before the Board to request a refund in the form of a credit for penalties and interest on his taxes in the amount of \$7,099.33. Commissioner Ayers stated that the Board needs to find out the possible repercussions of setting a precedent and that he would like to hear from the Tax Commissioner and the County Attorney before making a decision on the refund.

***Motion:** Motion made by Commissioner Banks to table a decision on the refund request in order to have it reviewed by the County Attorney. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

## **PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS**

Approval of Z13120008 - Rezone 0.585 acres from A-1 to B-2 for gas station with convenience store - Planning & Development Department for Shaan Bros. Inc. - 5365 Georgia Hwy. 20 - District 2 – WC Tax Map C8, Parcel 2

Planning Director Mike Martin presented the rezone. He stated that in the Department's review process, information was found that showed the property had been rezoned to B-2 by the Board of Commissioners in 1993 for an existing grocery store, but it had not been recorded on the zoning maps. He stated that this is simply an administrative correction to the maps. Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. No one was present in opposition. Chairman Little closed the public hearing on the matter.

***Motion:** Commissioner Banks made a motion to approve the rezone with the condition that the privacy fence on the property will be painted. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

## **PERSONNEL**

Staffing request from the Fire Department for a Driver Engineer position along with the necessary budget amendment

***Motion:** Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the staffing request. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

## **ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of February 4, 2014 Meeting Minutes
2. Budget Amendments
  - Firefighting: Amendment to increase salary and benefits budget for new personnel for last four months of FY15. This is an increase in the budget of \$13,921.43 reducing fund balance in the General Fund
  - Animal Control: Amendments for donations in the amount of \$551.00. The amendment is an increase to both revenues and expenditures. No effect on fund balance in the General Fund.
  - Sheriff: Amendment in the amount of \$64,682.00 transferring allocations from Vehicle capital line to Small Equipment to cover purchase of equipment for newly purchases vehicles. No effect on fund balance in the General Fund.
  - Parks and Recreation: To move allocations to cover cost of new truck and replace existing back stops in the amount of \$4,250.00. No effect on fund balance in the General Fund.
  - Sheriff: Amendment to increase equipment budget in the amount of \$9,000.00, reducing fund balance.
3. Contracts & Budgeted Purchases of \$2,500.00 or greater
4. Monthly EMS Bad Debt Write-offs
5. Contract - Flagship GIS - Update for Sex Offender Website
6. Declaration of Surplus Property
7. Ratification of actions taken by the WCWSA at its meeting held on 2/25/14

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

## **REFUND REQUESTS**

Gina G. Meadows – Tag fee, Ad Valorem Tax and penalty - \$165.12

**Motion:** Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the refund as recommended by the Tax Commissioner. Commissioner Shelnett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Harry Hudson McGaughey – Tag fee & Ad Valorem Tax - \$21.02

**Motion:** Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve the refund as recommended by the Tax Commissioner. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

Walton County Board of Tax Assessors

**Motion:** Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ayers, to re-appoint Mark Peevy and Glenn Barton to the Board of Tax Assessors. The motion carried unanimously.

Both appointments are six-year terms to expire on March 30, 2020.

## **EXCECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion:** At 7:25 p.m., Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Adams, to enter into executive session to discuss potential litigation. Commissioners Ayers, Banks, Shelnett, Palmer, Adams and Dixon voted in favor of the motion.

**Motion:** At 7:50 p.m., Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Adams, to return to regular session. Commissioners Ayers, Banks, Shelnett, Palmer, Adams and Dixon voted in favor of the motion. No votes were taken in executive session.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Adams, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

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

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LETA P. TALBIRD, CLERK