

August 2, 2007

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting on Thursday, August 2, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Walton County Government Building, 303 South Hammond Drive, Suite 330, Monroe, Ga. Those present included Chairman Kevin Little, Commissioners Clinton Ayers, Michael Turner, Vickie Gasaway and Lamar Palmer, County Clerk Leta Talbird, County Attorney Kirby Atkinson, Personnel 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. Commissioners Robinson and Atha did not attend the meeting due to prior commitments.

David Haynes and Reagan Hammond of the Atlanta Regional Commission gave a presentation regarding the Regional Transportation Plan.

Guy Toole, representing a group of citizens interested in exploring the possibility of using the Historic Courthouse as a museum and welcome center, requested the Board's support in moving forward with forming a committee to study the proposal. The Board supported moving forward with the study.

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 6:48 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Gasaway opened the meeting in prayer.

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

Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2007 meeting. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Finance Officer Chris Edwards presented contracts and budgeted purchases of \$2,500.00 or greater for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve contracts and budgeted purchases as presented. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to table a decision on a request for an increase in cellular telephone allowances for the Chief Magistrate Judge, the Sheriff and the Chief Deputy until the August 7, 2007 meeting. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered acceptance of a Children & Youth Coordinating

Council Grant for the Walton County Boys & Girls Club in the amount of \$15,000.00. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to accept the grant. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to approve a Remote Express Deposit agreement with Athens First Bank & Trust. All voted in favor.

Personnel Director Karen Fraser presented employee new hires, promotions and transfers, for the record. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve new hires, promotions and transfers as presented, for the record. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ayers, to ratify actions taken by the Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority at its July 31, 2007 meeting. All voted in favor.

County Attorney Kirby Atkinson and Jimmy Parker of Precision Planning, Inc. gave an update on the Hard Labor Creek Reservoir Project. Mr. Parker also gave an update on negotiations for interim water supplies.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to appoint Judy Owens to the Walton County Board of Family & Services. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously. Ms. Owens' term will expire on June 30, 2012.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the 2007-2008 Keep Walton Beautiful, Inc. slate of officers as follows: Relma Sharp, Karen Corrigan, Shannon Seay, Marian Charpentier and Crista Carrell. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to appoint Carol Dearing to the Region Two Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Addictive Diseases Planning Board (MHDDAD). Commissioner Turner seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a contract with Qore Property Sciences to do site audits for commercial and industrial site storm water management as part of the County's MS4 compliance. County Attorney Kirby Atkinson stated that changes need to be made in the contract language pertaining to indemnification and new immigration law requirements. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the contract subject to appropriate changes in language as recommended by the County Attorney. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve the following Children & Youth Coordinating Council Grant Contracts for Walton County Juvenile Court's Evening Reporting Center: David Hunt, James Vaught and Thomas Evans. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to approve the 2008 Department of Human Resources Family Connection Contract, contingent upon review by the County Attorney. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a contract and engagement letter with Bates Carter & Company for the County's Fiscal Year 2007 audit. Finance Officer Chris Edwards reviewed changes in fee schedules and stated that he found the changes to be reasonable. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the contract and engagement letter as presented. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a proposal from Precision Planning, Inc. for engineering design services for Youth Jersey Road at S.R. 81 in the amount of \$42,160.00. Jimmy Parker of Precision Planning, Inc. stated that the proposal does not include traffic signal design. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to accept the proposal. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to approve a contract with Enviromanage, Inc. for chemical roadside spraying for FY 2008 in the amount of \$15,520.50. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve a contract with Terrell, Hundley & Carroll Right of Way Services, Inc. for right of way acquisition for Sharon Church Road and Center Hill Church Road Improvements. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve a contract with The Varsity for catering services for the County's Annual Meeting. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

At 7:50 p.m., Commissioner Ayers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. 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.

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KEVIN W. LITTLE, CHAIRMAN

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LETA P. TALBIRD, CLERK

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CLINTON AYERS, DISTRICT 1

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MICHAEL TURNER, DISTRICT 2

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VICKIE M. GASAWAY, DIST. 3

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LAMAR PALMER, DISTRICT 4

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GERALD ATHA, DISTRICT 5

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JOHN ROBINSON, DISTRICT 6