

April 4, 2017

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Historic Walton County Courthouse, 111 South Broad Street, Monroe, Georgia. Those present included Chairman Kevin Little, Commissioners Tommy Stringer, Mark Banks, Timmy Shelnett, Lee Bradford, Jeremy Adams and Kirklyn Dixon, County Clerk Leta Talbird, County Attorney Chris Atkinson, Finance Director Linda Hanna, 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.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Wendra Williams spoke during the public comment segment of the meeting.

## **MEETING OPENING**

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Dixon gave the invocation.

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

## **PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS**

Approval of CU17010004 - Conditional Use for a church - Applicant - Gratis Church, Inc. Property Owner: Jeffrey Hosford & Susan Tanner - Property Located on Perry Smith Road - Map/Parcel C1610080A - District 5

Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Pastor Mike Peevy came before the Board in support of the Conditional Use. Grant Wallace spoke in opposition. Chairman Little closed the public hearing on the matter.

***Motion:** Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the Conditional Use as presented. Commissioner Bradford seconded the motion. All voted in favor.*

## **ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of March 7, 2017 & March 16, 2017 Meeting Minutes
2. Contracts & Budgeted Purchases of \$5,000.00 or greater
3. Declaration of Surplus Property
4. Acceptance of donation from Cattlemen's Association

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

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

### Sheriff's Department Salary Adjustment

**Motion:** Commissioner Banks made a motion to approve a ten percent salary increase for all sworn officers and jailers effective May 1, 2017 to be taken out of the Sheriff's budget this year. Commissioner Bradford seconded the motion. Commissioners Banks, Bradford and Adams voted in favor of the motion. Commissioners Stringer, Shelnutt and Dixon opposed the motion. The motion died due to a tied vote.

**Motion:** Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve a flat \$3,000.00 salary adjustment for full time deputies and jailers effective May 1, 2017 to be taken out of the Sheriff's current budget. Commissioner Shelnutt seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### Transmittal of CIE Annual Update - Impact Fee Program

**Motion:** Commissioner Adams made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

### Creating a Special Fire District for the Purpose of Providing and Funding Fire Protection Services

**Motion:** Commissioner Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shelnutt, to adopt the resolution. All voted in favor.

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

### Child Abuse Awareness Month

Chairman Little read the proclamation into the record.

### National Donate Life Month

Chairman Little read the proclamation into the record.

## **APPOINTMENT**

### Walton County Planning Commission – District 1 Representative

**Motion:** Commissioner Stringer made a motion to appoint Bo Warren. Commissioner Bradford seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### Discussion of the future acquisition of real estate

**Motion:** At 6:41 p.m., Commissioner Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon enter into executive session. Commissioners Stringer, Banks, Shelnutt, Bradford, Adams & Dixon voted in favor.

**Motion:** At 7:13 p.m., Commissioner Adams made a motion to return to regular session. Commissioner Bradford seconded the motion. Commissioners Stringer, Banks, Shelnutt, Bradford, Adams & Dixon voted in favor.

No action was taken.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Commissioner Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 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