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February 6, 2012

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing and their regular scheduled Board Meeting Monday, February 6, 2012 at 6 p.m. The meetings were held at the Commissioner's Office located at 74 West Monroe Street, Talbotton, Georgia. All Commissioners were in attendance. The County Manager and County Attorney were also present.

The Chairman called the Public Hearing to order and informed everyone that the Hearing was being held in reference to a rezoning request made by J.F. Alexander and Hamilton Harrison III, to rezone 1000 plus acres, for a rock quarry, from Agricultural (A-1) to Industrial (I-1). He also reviewed the procedures for a public hearing.

Attorney G. Douglas Dillard, Esq/Weissman, Nowack, Curry & Wilco, PC, representing J.F. Alexander, Hamilton Harrison, III and J.F. Alexander Lumber Company, LLP, and Larry Ennis/General Manager, Environmental Resource Development LLC, both spoke in favor of the proposed rezoning request for a rock quarry.

Attorney Bryant Culpepper/James, Bates, Pope & Sprivey LLP and Cliff Elliott/Property Appraiser spoke in opposition to the rezoning request.

There being no other speakers, the Public Hearing was closed by Chairman Montgomery.

The regular monthly Board Meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

He led everyone in a moment of silence and the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Walker made a motion for the Board to approve the Minutes from the January 9, 2012 Board Meeting, and for the Called Meeting that was held on January 30, 2012. Commissioner Lanier seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Chairman Montgomery asked for a motion to approve, as presented, the request made by J.F. Alexander and Hamilton Harrison III to rezone 1000 plus acres from Agricultural (A-1) to Industrial (I-1) for a rock quarry.

The rezoning request died due to lack of motion.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion and Commissioner Walker seconded for the Board to approve, subject to attorney review, the Resolution Authorizing the Pre-Application for a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant for a park in the Box Springs area. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Tina Rust, representative of River Valley Regional Commission (RVRC) informed the Board that the Meriwether Board of Commissioners were inviting them to participate in a feasibility study for securing rural broadband connectivity for a multi-regional area. No decision was made.

W. T. Sizemore requested the Board's consideration in waiving a water connection fee in the amount of \$1000. No decision was made.

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Commissioner Lanier made a motion and Commissioner Chapman seconded for the Board to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application with the Georgia Department of Transportation and the United States Department of Transportation , for a Grant for Public Transportation Assistance under Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Laws Under Chapter 53 of Title 49 of the United States Code.

The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion for the Board to reappoint Jeff Ingram/District 5 and appoint Ronnie Hendricks /District 2 to serve on the Talbot County Planning Commission Board for a period of three years. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, and Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to adopt an Ordinance authorizing the Talbot County Board of Commissioners to provide Emergency Management within Talbot County. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, and Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the Georgia Emergency Management Agency--Homeland Security Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the Election Systems & Software, LLC Election Services Agreement. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Walker made a motion for the Board to approve purchasing, from A-Com Protection Services, Inc., security cameras that will be placed at the Talbot County Senior Center, Tax Offices Annex, Gymnasium, and the County Commission Office, at a total cost of \$6,630.00. Chairman Montgomery seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

The County Attorney, Andy Dodgen, informed the Board that he would have the Flood Plain Ordinance, that is required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, completed and will present to them, for their adoption, at the March 2012 Board Meeting.

The County Attorney discussed with the Board "Sunday Alcohol Sales", and informed them that a Resolution Calling for a Referendum would have to be adopted prior to being placed on the ballot. The decision was postponed pending further research.

Commissioner Walker informed the Board that she and Chairman Montgomery were pursuing a grant for recreational purposes in the South end of the County.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, and Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to move into Executive Session at 7:05 p.m., to discuss personnel matters, possible litigation, and real estate. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Upon returning to regular session, Chairman Montgomery called the meeting back to order.

No decisions were made in Executive Session.

There being no further business, Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned. Chairman Montgomery seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Freeman Montgomery
Chairman

Sandra N. Higginbotham
County Manager

Date