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March 4, 2013

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m., Monday, March 4, 2013. The meeting was held at the County Commission Office, located at 74 West Monroe Street. Talbotton, Georgia. Those in attendance were, Chairman Montgomery, Vice Chairman Holmes, Commissioner's Robert Lanier, Ken Chapman, Sher'Londa Walker, Andy Dodgen, the County Attorney, County Manager, County Clerk/Assistant County Manager. Commissioner Lanier arrived late.

Chairman Montgomery called the regular Board Meeting to order, and led everyone in a moment of silence, and the recitation of the "Pledge of Allegiance".

At this time, Chairman Montgomery asked if there were any additional items to be added to the agenda.

The County Manager added the following two items:

1) **Memorandum of Agreement between Talbot County and the River Valley Regional Commission (RVCRC), whereby the RVRC will facilitate development of an Update to the original multi-hazard Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan.**
2) **City of Talbotton: Water Service Issue**

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the agenda add-ons. Vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier arrived at the meeting at this time.

Commissioner Walker made a motion, and Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the Minutes from the February 4th Regular Meeting, and February 19th Called Meeting, and Executive Session Minutes for February 4th and 19th. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Rick Morris, representing the River Valley Regional Commission approached the Board in reference to the 2013 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application. He informed them that each member of the Board had to complete and sign a conflict of interest form stating that they do not own property, or have relatives that own property on Welcome Church Loop, which is the target area for the proposed project.

Andrew Johnson, representing Construction Materials Services, Inc. and D.W. Smith, representing Design Group, Inc. gave the Board a brief synopsis of the services that they provide regarding the Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) projects and the Transportation Investment Act (TIA) projects.

Martha Roland approached the Board with a request to widen Daniel Road. She stated that "the road is very narrow, when you meet an oncoming car you have to pull to the side of the road to allow them to pass". Mrs. Roland informed the Board that Henry Daniels would be willing to deed a portion of his property, as the right of way, in order to have the road widened.

Chairman Montgomery directed the Road Department Superintendent to assess the situation, to determine the necessary steps to proceed with widening the road.

Major Toby Moore was not present.

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Commissioner Walker made a motion, and Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the 2012 Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) Contract Amendment, deleting the resurfacing of Baker Road and adding a pay item for patching and increasing the quantity for asphalt leveling on O/'Neal Road. The contract is $17,696.02 less than the original contract. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Walker made a motion, and Chairman Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the Grant Application with the Georgia Department of Transportation, for a Grant for Public Transportation Assistance under Section 5311 of the Federal Laws Under Chapter 53 of Title 49 of the United States Code. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, and Chairman Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the Public Safety Insurance Renewal with Selective Insurance, for $26,383.00. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, and Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve the Medical Transportation Services Agreement with, Medical Transportation Management, Inc. Vote passed 5-0-0

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, and Commissioner Chapman seconded for the Board to approve the request from EMS Management and Consultants, to write off $550.00 ambulance transport services for Lawrence Webb. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the reimbursement request for $1,578.14, from Box Springs Volunteer Fire Department, for materials purchased to renovate and expand the Box Springs Fire Department Building. Payment will be made using Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) funds. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to appoint Linda Lucas to serve a three year term on the Pine Mountain Regional Library System Board, beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2016. Vote Passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, and Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the invoice from Pleasant Valley Services for $4,000.00, for repairs and clean up at the old medical building. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Leigh Ann Erenheim, Talbot County EMA Director, presented three bids to the Board for the purchase of a computer, for the 2012 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG). The bids were as follows:

1) **Alboes - $3,950**
2) **Beck & Associates - $3,500**
3) **Mooring Tech - $4,265**

Following the discussion, Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, and Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the bid from Beck and Associates, for $3,500.00. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve paying the invoice from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Georgia for Inmate Medical Services, for $30,213.47. Vote passed 3-2-0. Commissioner Chapman opposed, and Commissioner Lanier abstained.

Drafting amendments in reference to travel expense reimbursement and advertising for vacant positions, to the current personnel policy was discussed.

Chairman Montgomery directed the county manager to include a clause in the current personnel policy stating "advertising for county positions is at the Boards discretion".

He also directed the County Manager to draft a travel policy, and have it ready to present at the next regular board meeting.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, and Chairman Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the proposed Transit System Standard Operating Procedures. Vote passed 3-2-0. Commissioner Walker and Commissioner Lanier opposed.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the Return to Work Program and Policy, as required by the Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) and Group Self-Insurance Workers Compensation Fund (GSIWCF). Vote passed 5-0-0.

The Road Department Superintendent, Josh Buckner, updated the Board on the condition of various roads throughout the county.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, and Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the proposed Memorandum of Agreement between Talbot County and the River Valley Regional Commission (RVCRC), whereby the RVRC will facilitate development of an Update to the original multi-hazard Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan.
Vote passed 5-0-0.

The County Manager informed the Board that Chairman Montgomery was going to meet with the Talbotton City Council, to discuss the continuance of water services at the Senior Center.

The County Attorney informed the Board that he would like to discuss issues that have developed regarding Woodland Roads in executive session.

<u>Commissioners Updates:</u>

Commissioner Lanier directed the Road Department Superintendent to trim the trees back at the intersection of Carter Road and the Industrial Park, to increase visibility.

Vice Chairman Holmes stated that he had noticed a lot of trash on the side of the roads in his district. He asked the county manager if community service workers were available to pick up the trash.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion to go into executive session at 7:18 p.m. Vice Chairman Holmes seconded the motion. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Chairman Montgomery called the regular meeting back to order at 8:35 p.m.

Personnel and litigation was discussed in executive session, no decisions were made.

Chairman Montgomery made a motion, and Commissioner Lanier seconded for the Board to approve adding the Constitutional Officers to the Retirement Plan. Vote Passed 5-0-0.

There being no further business, Commissioner Lanier made a motion for the Board meeting to adjourn. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. Vote passed 5-0-0.

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Freeman Montgomery, Chairman

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Carol Ison, County Clerk

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Date