

**TALBOT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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SUPERINTENDENT**

March 5, 2012

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, March 5, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the County Commission Office, located at 74 West Monroe Street, Talbotton, Georgia. All Commissioners, the County Manager, County Clerk/ Assistant County Manager, and the County Attorney were present.

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

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, and Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the Minutes from the February 6, 2012 Board Meeting. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Tina Rust, representing the River Valley Regional Commission (RVRC), gave the Board an update on the Broadband Technology Project that Meriwether County is pursuing, and asked the Board of Commissioners to consider participating in the feasibility study.

Helen Sanford and William Lowe were not present.

Elmyre Bunkley approached the Board with a complaint on Bunkley Road. She told them that Talbot County Water Department Employees dug a trench for her water lines, and left the dirt piled up in the road, creating a lot of mud.

Chairman Montgomery directed the Road Department Superintendent to put some gravel on the road.

Peggy Seldon approached the Board and stated, "the garbage service fee is too high for the Talbot County Tax Payers and for people on a fixed income".

Chairman Montgomery informed Ms. Seldon that Talbot County Citizens were being charged exactly what Dependable Waste charged the county.

Josh Buckner, Talbot County Road Department Superintendent, gave the Board an update on work being done throughout the County.

Commissioner Walker directed Josh to cut the limbs off of the county rights of way, on North Elps Road and Waverly Hall Road.

LTC Roger O'Steen, representing Fort Benning and the 192nd Brigade informed the Board of upcoming events that are going to held at Fort Benning.

Commissioner Lanier informed the Board that he would like to discuss the E-911 address signs in Executive Session, due to possible litigation.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, and Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve the Contract with GIS1 for \$2,500, to create a printable file for Map Books of Talbot County. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve changing the following Road names for E-911:

- 1) County Line Road to County Line Church Road
- 2) Country Lane Road to County Line Road

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Vice Chairman Holmes seconded for the Board to approve the proposed bid to purchase 34 digital radios for the Volunteer Fire Departments and the EMS Department.

The proceeding motion was withdrawn without rejection, and was corrected with the subsequent motion.

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Commissioner Chapman made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the proposed bid from Motorola, \$22,516.00, to purchase digital radios for the Volunteer Fire Departments, and EMS, with Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) funds. Vote passed 5-0-0. (Number of Radios)

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve an invoice in the amount of \$7,638.22, to refurbish Engine 11 at the Talbotton Volunteer Fire Department. Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) funds will be used to pay the invoice. Vote passed 4-1-0. Commissioner Walker abstained due to lack of information.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, and Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve moving forward with the Health and Wellness Grant Application process. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the Volunteer Emergency Services Insurance renewal with Selective for an annual premium of \$26,446. Vote passed 5-0-0.

The County Manager informed the Board that a Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) Renegotiation Meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 19, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

The County Attorney, Andy Dodgen, informed the Board that the Flood Plain Ordinance would be ready to vote on at the April Board Meeting.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve placing Sunday Alcohol Sales on the Referendum for the November Election.

After discussion, Commissioner Lanier withdrew his motion, and Commissioner Walker withdrew her second, for further discussion. No decision was made.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, and Chairman Montgomery seconded, for the Board to adopt a Resolution to create and implement the Talbot County Fleet Card Policy. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, and Commissioner Lanier seconded, for the Board to approve the reappointment of Franklin Holmes, Slade Johnson, and David Jordan on the Valley Partnership Board. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Walker made a motion, and Chairman Montgomery seconded, for the Board to go into Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. to discuss personnel matters, real estate, and possible litigation. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Upon returning to regular session at 8:40 p.m., 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 Board Meeting to adjourn. Commissioner Lanier seconded the motion. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Freeman Montgomery, Chairman

Carol Ison, County Clerk

Date