

**TALBOT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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JOSHUA BUCKNER, ROAD
SUPERINTENDENT

April 2, 2012

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, April 2, 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 Attorney, County Manager, and the County Clerk/ Assistant County Manager were in attendance. Chairman Montgomery and Commissioner Chapman arrived late.

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

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the Minutes from the March 5th Regular Meeting and March 26th Called Meeting. Vote passed 3-0-0.

Helen Sanford and William Lowe were not present.

Colonel Clark, representing Fort Benning and the 192nd Brigade informed the Board of upcoming events that are going to be held at Fort Benning.

Vice Chairman Holmes directed the County Manger to schedule a workshop, to discuss the E-911 Signage.

The County Manager updated the Board on the successful completion of Enhanced 911 Services that are now available in Talbot County.

Commissioner Walker made a motion, and Commissioner Lanier seconded, for the board to approve contracting with GIS1, for Aerial Photos, that will go underneath the parcel lines in the mapping that is in the Tax Assessor's Office. The purchase will be included in the Fiscal Year End 2013 Budget, with a cost not to exceed \$5,000. Vote passed 3-0-0.

The Board verbally agreed that Izella Bryant was to continue to receive and pay for the garbage service.

Commissioner Walker said she would contact Ms. Bryant, and inform her that there were fines for burning garbage in Talbot County.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the National Donate Life Proclamation. Vote passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to reappoint Cliff Arnett, Arthur Denson, Raines Jordan, Reggie Meyers, and King Murray to serve a four (4) year term on the Development Authority Board, retroactive to July 2010. Vote passed 3-0-0.

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Josh Buckner, Talbot County Road Department Superintendent, submitted three bids to the Board, for rebuilding a transmission in one of the road department trucks. The bids are as follow:

- 1) Joe Cunningham - \$900.00 (the Road Department Mechanic will be responsible for removing the existing transmission)
- 2) Mr. Transmission - \$1,500.00 (includes removal of transmission)
- 3) Sledge - \$1,780.00 (includes removal of transmission)

Following the discussion, Commissioner Walker made a motion, and Commissioner Lanier seconded, for the Board to approve the bid from Joe Cunningham for \$900.00 to rebuild the transmission, and for the mechanic in the county road department to remove the transmission. Vote passed 3-0-0.

Josh Buckner also made a request to hire temporary, part-time help, during grass cutting season.

The County Manager directed Josh to include the request in his proposed, Fiscal Year End 2013 Budget.

Vice Chairman Holmes recommended that Josh look into the school summer work program for temporary help.

The County Manager gave the Board a brief update on the Local Option Sales Tax (L.O.S.T) Renegotiation process.

Commissioner Walker made a motion, and Commissioner Lanier seconded, to approve the travel request for Alicia Neal to attend the 33rd Annual Georgia Rural Water Association (GRWA) Conference, May 19-22, in Jekyll Island. Vote passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the travel request for the Tax Commissioner's staff to attend the annual Georgia Association Tax Officials (GATO) Convention, May 14-17, in Athens. Vote passed 3-0-0.

No decision was made on Sunday alcohol sales.

The County Attorney recommended the Board review Terrell County's Animal Control Ordinance, prior to deciding if they would like to amend Talbot County's current Ordinance.

Commissioner Walker commended the Road Department Superintendent on the great job he is doing maintaining the roads in District 3.

Commissioner Lanier informed the Board that he would like to schedule a workshop to discuss the bad condition of property throughout the county.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to go into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m., to discuss personnel, possible litigation, and real estate. Vote passed 3-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes called the regular meeting back to order at 7:30 p.m.

No decisions were made in Executive Session.

Commissioner Lanier left during Executive Session.

Chairman Montgomery and Commissioner Chapman arrived during Executive Session.

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Chairman Montgomery made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the purchase of eight acres on Highway 80, from Peoples Bank for \$30,000, with Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Funds. Vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, and Chairman Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the purchase of the Medical Building that is located at 141 North Jefferson Avenue, for \$140,000 from Columbus Medical. Vote passed 4-0-0.

Chairman Montgomery made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve paying Alvin Malone for five (5) vacation days and twelve (12) sick leave days, to settle any claims, back pay, etc. that would hold Talbot County liable. Vote passed 4-0-0.

There being no further businesses, Chairman Montgomery made a motion for the Board Meeting to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. Vote Passed 4-0-0.

Freeman Montgomery, Chairman

Carol Ison, County Clerk

Date