

**TALBOT COUNTY
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SUPERINTENDENT**

May 22, 2012

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held a Called Meeting/Workshop on Tuesday, May 22, 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, with the exception of Commissioner Chapman, due to the death of his mother, were present. The County Attorney, County Manager, and the County Clerk/Asst. County Manager also attended.

Chairman Montgomery called the meeting to order and informed everyone that the meeting was being held to discuss the renegotiating of the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) as required by the State.

Attorney Gary Byrd and Charle Ellis, the Clerk for the City of Woodland began by requesting a 6% increase in their portion of the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) Distribution, due to the cities serious financial state.

Chairman Montgomery informed Attorney Byrd and Ms. Ellis that Talbot County has always done things to help the city of Woodland and named several services that are provided to them at no charge.

Commissioner Lanier excused himself from the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Chairman Montgomery recommended that the distribution remain the same due to the declining economy and the effect that changes would have on the other municipality distribution amounts, as well as the overall LOST Renegotiation Process.

Attorney Byrd and Ms. Ellis requested a 5 minute recess to allow them to discuss the City of Woodland's status in private.

Upon returning to the meeting, Attorney Byrd and Ms. Ellis informed the Board that they were in agreement for the distribution amount to remain the same. Attorney Byrd asked the Board if they would consider agreeing to the following requests:

- 1) Entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Woodland to conduct their building inspections, the same agreement the county has with the City of Talbotton.
- 2) Allow the Building inspector to inspect 2 of the City of Woodland's buildings at no charge.
- 3) Allow the Talbot County Water Department to perform services for the City of Woodland during the normal work day (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.), when possible, and for the County not to charge the City for services performed. After hour water emergencies will continue to be handled by the City of Woodland.
- 4) Talbot County Road Department filling in pot holes in the City of Woodland.

Chairman Montgomery thanked them and informed them that the Board agreed to help with their request.

The County Manager told Attorney Byrd and Charlie Ellis that she would prepare the Certificate of Distribution Form and contact them when it was ready to be signed.

There being no further business, Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion for the Called Meeting to adjourn. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. Vote passed 3-0-0.

Freeman Montgomery, Chairman

Carol Ison, County Clerk/Asst. Manager

Date