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SUPERINTENDENT

June 4, 2012

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, June 4, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the County Commission Office, located at 74 West Monroe Street, Talbotton, Georgia. Those in attendance were Chairman Freeman Montgomery, Commissioner's Robert Lanier, Ken Chapman, and Sher'Londa Walker, the County Attorney, County Manager, and the County Clerk/Assistant County Manager. Vice Chairman Holmes was not in attendance.

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."

The County Attorney informed the Board of the amendment made by the State to House Bill 916, for Conservation Use Assessment. The new law states that the residence and its underlying land (up to 2 acres) must be excluded from Covenant.

The County Attorney will amend Talbot County's current Conservation Use Assessment Resolution, and present it to the Board for approval.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the Minutes from the May 7th Regular Meeting and May 3rd and 22nd Called Meetings. Vote passed 4-0-0.

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

The County Attorney added an Intergovernmental Agreement, with the City of Woodland, for a building inspector under new business.

Izella Bryant was not present.

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

The County Attorney informed the Board that a Resolution would need to be adopted, designating the County Clerk as the official records custodian, and that it would need to be advertised in the local newspaper.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded for the Board to appoint the County Clerk as the official records custodian. Vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Walker made a motion, and Chairman Montgomery seconded, for the Board to appoint Leigh Ann Erenheim as the Emergency Management Director, for Talbot County. Vote passed 4-0-0.

The County Manager informed the Board that the Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS) was requesting the appointment of a Board Member, to serve a five year term on the DFCS Board, and asked if they had any recommendations.

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Following further research, a decision will be made at the next Board Meeting.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to reappoint Slade Johnson and Kenneth Parker to serve a four year term on the Development Authority Board, beginning July 1, 2012 and ending on June 30, 2016. Vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Walker made a motion, and Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the request for Leigh Ann Erenheim to proceed with the grant application process for the 2012 Emergency Management Preparedness Grant and the Response and Recovery Grant. Vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the invoice from Harris Computer Systems for \$3,217.88, for printing and mailing the 2012 Property Assessment Notices for the Tax Assessor's office. Vote passed 4-0-0.

Two bids were reviewed by the Board to purchase billing software and a printer for the Water Department. The bids were as follows:

- 1) QS/1 Data Systems for \$9,720.00
- 2) Black Mountain Software for \$12,305.00

Following the discussion, Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the bid from QS/1 Data Systems for \$9,720.00, subject to the County Attorneys review and approval. Vote passed 4-0-0.

The County Attorney gave the Board an update on the proposed amendment to the Talbot County Road Addressing Ordinance.

The County Attorney informed the Board that he was preparing an Intergovernmental Agreement for a Building Inspector for the City of Woodland, and would have it ready to present at the next regular scheduled Board Meeting.

Chairman Montgomery directed the County Manager to schedule a workshop with the Water Department Superintendent, and the City of Woodland's Clerk, to discuss services that are being rendered at no charge, to the City.

Chairman Montgomery read a letter to the Board that he received from Sheriff Gates, regarding his previous request for funding, to build a new jail.

Chairman Montgomery directed the County Manager and County Clerk/Assistant County Manager to contact surrounding Counties in reference to housing Talbot County Inmates and their cost for building a new jail.

The Chairman also directed the County Manger to schedule a Called Meeting/Workshop, Thursday, June 14th at 6:00 p.m., to discuss the jail, and the Fiscal Year End 2013 Budget.

Commissioner Walker asked the County Manager if a citation was issued to Box Springs Recycling for non compliance of the Talbot County Zoning Ordinance.

The County Manager told Commissioner Walker that she was not sure, but she would follow up on the matter and let her know.

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The County Attorney informed the Board that the Redistricting Maps had been submitted to the Department of Justice, but they had not been approved due to the overabundance of maps that were submitted. He told the Board that he and the Election Board Chairperson, Cheyenne Pinkston, felt it was in the best interest of Talbot County to proceed with the new district lines, in the upcoming election.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to go into Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. to discuss personnel, possible litigation, and real estate. Vote Passed 4-0-0.

Chairman Montgomery called the regular meeting back to order at 7:35 p.m.

No decisions were made in Executive Session.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to authorize the County Manger to pay Mike Gamble for one week vacation time. Vote passed 4-0-0.

There being no further business, Commissioner Walker made a motion for the Board Meeting to adjourn. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. Vote passed 4-0-0.

Freeman Montgomery, Chairman

Carol Ison, County Clerk

Date