

**TALBOT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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COUNTY MANAGER
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JOSHUA BUCKNER, ROAD
SUPERINTENDENT**

June 21, 2012

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held a Called Meeting/Workshop on Thursday, June 21, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the County Commission Office, located at 74 West Monroe Street, Talbotton, Georgia. Chairman Freeman Montgomery, Commissioner's Robert Lanier, Ken Chapman, and Sher'Londa Walker were in attendance. Also in attendance was the County Manager, and County Clerk/Assistant County Manager. Commissioner Lanier arrived late.

Chairman Montgomery called the meeting to order.

Slade Johnson approached the Board representing Pam Jordan, Henry Persons, and Tom Persons in reference to the old train depot that is located in Talbotton. His request was for the Board to leave the depot standing, and allow the Historical Society to pursue researching available funding to renovate the depot.

Following the discussion Commissioner Chapman made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve leaving the old depot standing, and to allow the Historical Society to pursue researching available funding for the renovation of the depot. Vote passed 3-0-0.

Chairman Montgomery made a motion, and Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to appoint Alice Johnson to serve a five year term on the Talbot County Family and Children Services Board, beginning July 1, 2012. Vote passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the renewal of the ACCG General Liability Insurance, for \$67,969.00. Vote passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the bid from Anytime Heating and Air for \$1,514.40, to replace the compressor in the air conditioning unit at the jail. Vote passed 3-0-0.

Sammy Sizemore approached the Board with a request to amend the conditions that was placed on a rezoning approval at the April 4, 2012 Board Meeting. Mr. Sizemore asked the Board if they would agree to change the height of the privacy fence from 10 feet to 5 feet at the Recycling Center on Columbus Highway in Box Springs.

Chairman Montgomery told Mr. Sizemore that Commissioner Walker would like time to research the height of the fence, and that he would contact Judge Terry to see if the court date scheduled for July 2, 2012 could be postponed until the second Tuesday in August 2012.

Jeff Ingram representing Talbot County Farm Bureau, informed the Board of the 3% increase in the Blue Cross Blue Shield Group Health Insurance premium, handouts listing alternative plans were given to the Board for their review and discussion, with a savings of \$90.00 per person.

Following the discussion Commissioner Chapman made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve changing the current Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) Preferred Provider Plan (PPO), to the BCBS Blue Open Access Point of Service (POS) Plan for \$554.13 per month, per employee. Vote passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier arrived at the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to allow the Road Department employees to demolish the old Packing Shed Building. Vote passed 4-0-0.

The Board held a brief discussion with Sheriff Bobby Gates in reference to the conditions of the Talbot County Jail, and the need to find funding to build a new jail.

Chairman Montgomery recommended that Sheriff Gates pursue putting a bond issue on the November Ballot, to fund a new jail.

The County Clerk was directed to contact the County Attorney and request that he research the bond issue, and have the information ready to present at the July 2, 2012 Board Meeting.

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The County Manager presented the proposed Fiscal Year End 2013 Budget to the Board for their review and discussion.

The presentation included a synopsis of all departmental requests and the proposed Fiscal Year End 2013 Budget.

No decisions were made.

Chairman Montgomery called for a fifteen minute recess at 8:10 p.m.

Chairman Montgomery called the meeting back to order at 8:55 p.m.

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

Freeman Montgomery, Chairman

Carol Ison, County Clerk/Asst. Manager

Date