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July 2, 2012

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, July 2, 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, Vice Chairman Holmes, Commissioner's Robert Lanier, Ken Chapman, and Sher'Londa Walker, the County Attorney, County Manager, and the County Clerk/Assistant County Manager.

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."

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the Minutes from the June 4th Regular Meeting and the June 21st Called Meeting. Vote passed 5-0-0.

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

The County Attorney added Executive Session Minutes and amendments to the Public Records Custodian Resolution.

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.

Slade Johnson approached the Board with a request to have speed bumps placed on County Road 100 (Juniper Lake Road). He presented a petition signed by citizens living on the road, and informed the Board that the reason for the request was due to concerns of vehicles traveling at unsafe speeds, and the limited sight distance to two access roads and one dwelling.

Following the discussion, Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded for the Board to approve the installation of the speed bumps on County Road 100 (Juniper Lake Road). Vote passed 5-0-0.

Chairman Montgomery directed the Road Department Superintendent to proceed with the installation of the speed bumps.

Wiley Stinson approached the Board with a request for the Board to approve a beer and wine license so he could open a store on Columbus Highway, in the Box Springs area.

Chairman Montgomery informed Mr. Stinson that the property was not zoned properly, and would need to be rezoned from residential to commercial prior to applying for a beer and wine license.

Joretha Ryles was not present.

Sheriff Gates introduced Jim Ingram, Architect, representing IPG, Inc. to the Board. Mr. Ingram gave the Board a handout outlining the specifications for the construction of a new jail in Talbot County, and he gave a brief presentation on the proposed construction.

Chairman Montgomery recommended having a called meeting with the Development Authority, to discuss selling bonds to fund the construction of a new jail.

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Following the discussion, the County Attorney told the Board that he would research the necessary requirements to place a bond issue on the ballot, and would have it ready to present at the recommended called meeting.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve the Planning and Zoning Contract with the River Valley Regional Commission, to provide general planning and development controls technical assistance, with an annual cost of \$4,500. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the bid from Anytime Heating and Air for \$5,326.82, to replace the air conditioner at the Talbot County Library. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, and Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the invoice from Yancey Bros. for the Hydraulic Excavator Rental from June 4, 2012 thru July 1, 2012, for \$7,980.00. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Three bids were presented to the Board for the purchase and installation of electric wiring in the new building at the Box Springs Volunteer Fire Department. The bids were as follows:

- 1) James Strickland Electric, Inc. - \$3,495.00
- 2) Ronnie Hendricks Electrical - \$4,750.00
- 3) Bobby Hearn Handyman Hearn - \$5,365.00

Following the discussion, Commissioner Walker made a motion, and Chairman Montgomery seconded, for the Board to go with the lowest bidder, James Strickland Electric, Inc. for \$3,495.00. Vote passed 5-0-0

After further discussion, Commissioner Walker rescinded her motion, and Chairman Montgomery rescinded his second, to allow Commissioner Walker time to research the references on James Strickland Electric, Inc.

The decision was postponed until the called meeting that is scheduled for Thursday, July 2, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Cheyenne Pinkston was not present.

The County Manager informed the Board of Ms. Pinkston's request for the rental of a closed in vehicle, to deliver voting machines to various precincts.

Chairman Montgomery informed the Road Department Superintendent that he had a closed in van that could be used to deliver the voting machines, to protect them from inclement weather.

The County Attorney informed the Board that he received a pre-clearance letter from the Department of Justice approving the Redistricting maps. He commended Cheyenne Pinkston for her work and communication with him throughout the process.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the proposed amendments to the Road Addressing Ordinance. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve postponing the Intergovernmental Agreement between Talbot County and the City of Woodland, for a Building Inspector, until the August 6, 2012 Board Meeting. Vote passed 5-0-0.

The County Attorney informed the Board that he was making the following amendments to the Public Records Custodian Resolution, and would have it ready to present at the August Board Meeting:

- 1) Appointing Sandra Higginbotham as the secondary Records Custodian
- 2) Records Custodian will be responsible for records in the Board of Commissioners Office, Transit, Water, Road Department, and the Senior Center.

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Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to adopt the proposed Flood Plain Damage Prevention Ordinance, as required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Vote passed 5-0-0.

The County Attorney presented a Resolution to the Board outlining the steps for preparing the Executive Session Minutes.

Following the discussion, Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to adopt the Proposed Executive Session Minutes Resolution. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the travel request for Tax Assessor Tommy Bussey, to attend the Annual Georgia Association of Assessing Officials Conference, in Jekyll Island, July 15 - 18, 2012. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Updates

Commissioner Chapman informed the Board that trash was still being dumped on county rights of way.

Commissioner Lanier commended the Road Department Superintendent and his employees, for the outstanding job they did demolishing the old packing shed building, on Packing House Road.

Chairman Montgomery also commended them on the grading work that was done at the Junction City Park.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to go into Executive Session at 7:07 p.m. to discuss personnel, possible litigation, and real estate. Vote Passed 5-0-0.

Chairman Montgomery called the regular meeting back to order at 7:40 p.m.

No decisions were made in Executive Session.

There being no further business, Commissioner Walker made a motion for the Board Meeting to adjourn. Chairman Montgomery seconded the motion. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Freeman Montgomery, Chairman

Carol Ison, County Clerk

Date