

TALBOT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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SUPERINTENDENT**

July 11, 2011

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing and their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, July 11, 2011 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 Freeman Montgomery called the Public Hearing to order, and informed everyone that the Public Hearing was being held to discuss the rezoning application, submitted by Lafarge Building Materials, Inc., for the operation of a rock quarry.

Chairman Montgomery made a motion to defer the rezoning application submitted by Lafarge Building Materials, Inc. until the December 5, 2011 Board Meeting. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. Vote passed 5-0-0.

There was no objection by Lafarge Building Materials, Inc. to the deferment.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Montgomery closed the Public Hearing.

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".

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

The County Attorney added three items, the Memorandum of Understanding between Talbot County and Valley Partnership, Ordinance for Prepaid 911 fees, and the City of Talbotton's request for a building inspector.

Commissioner Walker added one item, Jennifer Rainey in reference to rezoning issue.

Commissioner Lanier added a request by Al Mitchell to hold a fund raiser at the gym.

Commissioner Walker made a motion, and Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the agenda. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the Minutes from the June 6, 2011 Regular Board Meeting. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Chairman Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the issuance of a Beer and Wine License, to Balwant Singh, for the Box Springs Country Store. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Tax Commissioner William Huff informed the Board that he received a letter, from the Executive Director of the Tri-City Housing Authority, stating that she did not intend to continue collecting the garbage service fees.

Chairman Montgomery directed the County Clerk/ Assistant County Manager to send a letter, to the Executive Director of the Tri City Housing Authority, informing them that they would need to continue collecting the garbage service fees, or the service would be discontinued.

Adoption of the Talbot County Zoning Ordinance Amendments was postponed for thirty days to allow the Board time to further review the amendments.

Roger O'Steen, representing Fort Benning, was not present.

The County Clerk/ Assistant County Manager was directed to contact Chairman Montgomery, when the remaining bids to replace the air conditioning unit at the Talbot County Health Department are received.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, and Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve the proposed Ordinance imposing a 911 charge on prepaid wireless service, subject to the County Attorney correcting an error in Section 4 of the Ordinance. Vote passed 5-0-0.

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Chairman Montgomery informed the Board that he would like to discuss the possibility of adopting a zero tolerance drug policy. No decision was made.

The Chairman scheduled a workshop/called meeting Wednesday, July 13, 2011, to discuss the Fiscal Year End 2012 Budget.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, and Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the Fiscal Year End 2011 Budget Amendments. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the proposed Spending Resolution to authorize the Board to continue making expenditures from all funds until the Fiscal Year End 2012 Budget has not been adopted. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, and Commissioner Lanier seconded, for the Board to approve the travel request for Cheyenne Pinkston and Wardell Willis to attend Elections Training at Kennesaw University, August 2nd – 5th. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, and Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve the travel request for Cheyenne Pinkston, Patricia Robinson, Pam Bulloch, and Kathy Buckalew to attend the Voter Registrars Association of Georgia Conference in Macon August 21st -24th. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Walker made a motion, and Commissioner Lanier seconded, for the Board to approve the request for O'Neal Volunteer Fire Department to proceed with the grant application for the Georgia Forestry Commission Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant. The county match will be fifty percent of the grant proceeds. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the increase in the Talbot County Health Department Environmental Fees. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to adopt the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement between Talbot County and the City of Talbotton, subject to the County Attorney's review and approval. Vote passed 5-0-0.

The Talbot County Building Inspector will conduct all of the cities building inspections. All associated fees will be paid to Talbot County,

The County Attorney informed the Board that he had reviewed the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between Talbot County and Valley Partnership, he feels it is okay to proceed with the execution of the agreement.

Jennifer Rainey approached the Board regarding the recycling center operated by Sammy Sizemore in Box Springs. She informed them that Mr. Sizemore was in violation of the Talbot County Zoning Ordinance. She asked if he was being cited for the violation.

Paul Higginbotham, the Building and Zoning Director, gave an explanation of the zoning ordinance violation procedures, and assured Ms. Rainey that the Planning Commission had already contacted Mr. Sizemore.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve the request by Gail Dillingham to have a fund raiser, for Al Mitchell at the Talbot County Gym. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Chairman Montgomery informed everyone that Superior Court Judge Frank Jordan was in attendance. He expressed his respect for the outstanding job that Judge Jordan does for Talbot County.

COMMISSIONER UPDATES

Commissioner Walker stated that she had roads in her district that needed attention, and she would be in contact with the Road Department Superintendent to discuss the issues.

Due to the heavy rains in the last few days, there are several culverts in Commissioner Chapman's District that are washed out and need to be repaired.

Due to the Road Department Superintendent being on vacation, the Chairman informed the Board of his request to purchase a road widener, vibratory roller, and a few used pick up trucks.

Commissioner Lanier informed the Board that he attended an E-911 Board Meeting in Americus, and was very pleased that Talbot County was a member of the authority.

Vice Chairman Holmes stated that he was very pleased with the progress of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project in the Flint Hill Area.

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Commissioner Walker attended a mental health services meeting, and told everyone that New Horizons will continue to provide services for Talbot County, one day a week.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to adopt a proposed Resolution of Approval for the Talbot County Department of Family and Children Services to close the office, to the public, on Tuesday and Thursday each week. The employees will continue to work on these days to perform their administrative duties. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to go into executive session at 6:45 p.m., to discuss personnel, real estate, and possible litigation. Vote passed 5-0-0.

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

No decisions were made in Executive Session.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, and Commissioner Lanier seconded, for the Board to approve the request for P.C. Flynn to proceed at a cost of \$300.00, with surveying the property where one of the Talbot County Water Tanks is located in the Flint Hill. Vote passed 5-0-0.

There being no further business, Commissioner Lanier made a motion for the Board meeting to adjourn. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Freeman Montgomery, Chairman

Carol Ison, County Clerk

Date