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SUPERINTENDENT**

August 1, 2011

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing and their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, August 1, 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 proposed Fiscal Year End 2012 Budget.

At this time, the Chairman gave everyone in attendance the opportunity to speak in favor of, or in opposition to, the proposed Fiscal Year End 2012 Budget.

No one spoke in favor of, or in opposition to the Proposed Fiscal Year End 2012 Budget.

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.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion for the board to approve the minutes from the July 7<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> Called Meetings and the July 11<sup>th</sup> regular Board Meeting. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Roger O'Steen Representing Fort Benning 192<sup>nd</sup> Brigade introduced the new brigade commander, Colonel Clark to the Board.

Colonel Clark informed the Board that he is committed to building a community partnership with Talbot County.

Donna Colwell approached the Board, and expressed her appreciation to the Talbot County Road Department Superintendent, for the commencement of the Anderson Road Bridge repairs.

She informed the Board that the Talbot County dirt does great on the roads, and requested that the Road Department Superintendent put some on Anderson Road.

Mary Chappell approached the Board, with a request for Talbot County to put an access road to the cemetery in Box Springs that is adjacent to her property.

She informed them that people are crossing her property in order to enter the cemetery and she would like for it to stop.

The County Attorney told Ms. Chappell that he would need to see a deed to the property to determine who the owner is, and they would be the ones to request the access road into the cemetery.

Katie Howard representing the River Valley Regional Commission (RVRC) gave a synopsis of the Economic Development services that they offer.

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Tina Rust representing the River Valley Regional Commission (RVRC) updated the Board on the reapportionment of districts in Talbot County.

The County Manager told them that Representative Debbie Buckner needed the approved district reapportionment by August 15<sup>th</sup> to introduce at the Special Sessions being held in Atlanta.

The Chairman directed the County Manager to schedule a workshop, the second week in August, to further discuss the reapportionment.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve the request for Gavin Hall to proceed with the grant application for the 2011 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG). Vote passed 5-0-0.

Adoption of the proposed Talbot County Zoning Ordinance Amendments was postponed. Chairman Montgomery would like to schedule a workshop with the Building and Zoning Director to discuss the proposed amendments.

The Road Department Superintendent Josh Buckner, gave the Board an update on the work that is being done to the bridge on Anderson Road. He informed them that he removed the bridge and installed two six inch culverts.

He also informed them that he would be testing a new road widener this month.

Vice Chairman Holmes directed Josh to contact Epps brothers regarding the resurfacing that was done on Copeland Road a few years ago. He informed him that the road was disintegrating and would need to be busted up and resurfaced with gravel.

The County Manager informed the Board, that the Talbot County Health Department was requesting that Talbot County pay a portion of their house keeping cost.

No decision was made.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, and Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the execution of the Intergovernmental Agreement between Talbot County and the City of Talbotton for a Building inspector. Vote passed 4-1-0. Commissioner Lanier abstained.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, and Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve paying for half of the travel expense for the County Attorney to attend the City/County Attorneys Seminar in Athens. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, and Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the travel request for Joe Weldon to attend Coroner's refresher training in Albany, August 8 -10, 2011. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the travel request for Carol Ison to attend the Clerks Conference in Athens, September 11-13, 2011. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to reappoint Charles Kelley to serve a two year term (July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013) on the Region 7 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) council. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes 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 been adopted. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Walker made a motion, and Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve the proposed Workplace Wellness Policy. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Chairman Montgomery directed the County Clerk/ Assistant Manager to contact the Talbot County Tax Appraiser and have him get a firm estimate on the cost of the Equipment Assessment and have ready to present at the next Board Meeting, September 6, 2011.

**COMMISSIONER UPDATES**

Commissioner Lanier asked the County Manager for an update on the lawn maintenance at the library.

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Commissioner Chapman made a motion, and Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to go into executive session at 6:43 p.m. to discuss personnel, possible litigation, and real estate. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Chairman Montgomery called the meeting back to order at 8:08 p.m.

No decisions were made in executive session.

There being no further business Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion for the Board Meeting to adjourn. Commissioner Lanier seconded. Vote passed 5-0-0.

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Freeman Montgomery, Chairman

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Carol Ison, County Clerk

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