

**TALBOT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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ROBERT LANIER, COMMISSIONER
SHER'LONDA WALKER, COMMISSIONER**



**SANDRA HIGGINBOTHAM
COUNTY MANAGER
CAROL ISON, CLERK/ASST. MANAGER
JOSHUA BUCKNER, ROAD
SUPERINTENDENT**

August 6, 2012

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m., Monday, August 6, 2012. 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 Franklin Holmes, Commissioner's Robert Lanier, Ken Chapman, and Sher'Londa Walker, the County Attorney, County Manager, and the County Clerk/ Assistant County Manager. Commissioner Lanier and Vice Chairman Holmes arrived late.

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.

There were no additional items added to the agenda.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the agenda as presented. Vote passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the Minutes from the July 2nd Regular Meeting, July 5th and 12th Called Meetings, and the July 26th Public Hearing. Vote passed 3-0-0.

At this time, Commissioner Lanier arrived at the meeting.

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

Terry Lawrence approached the Board with a complaint of the bad road conditions on Carlise Gap Road. He told them that he has been communicating with the Talbot County Road Department Superintendent for two years trying to get the road repaired. He requested a culvert pipe be installed and gravel put on the road to allow adequate drainage.

Mr. Lawrence's neighbors, Robert Nelson and Ray Duke also approached the Board and explained how bad the conditions are on the road, and informed them that they would like to see something done about it.

Chairman Montgomery directed the Road Department Superintendent to contact the Talbot County Water Department Superintendent and have him locate the water lines before proceeding with the road repairs.

Leigh Erenheim was not present.

William Lowe was not present.

Vice Chairman Holmes arrived at the meeting at this time.

Commissioner Walker informed the Board that she has roads in her district (District 3) that need to be repaired. She requested the Boards approval to move forward with getting bids, and informed everyone that Special Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) funds will be used to fund the project.

Chairman Montgomery informed everyone that the Transportation Act Passed (TSPLOST).

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, and Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to adopt the proposed Fiscal Year End 2013 Budget, at \$6,102,229.00, as presented. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Amendments in the amount of \$189,000.00, as presented. Vote passed 5-0-0.

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Commissioner Walker made a motion, and Commissioner Lanier seconded, for the Board to approve an invoice for \$3,600.00, from Yancey Bros. for the Hydraulic Excavator Rental from July 2, 2012 thru July 6, 2012. Vote passed 5-0-0.

The Road Department Superintendent, Josh Buckner, updated the Board on the work that his department is doing on various roads throughout the county.

The County Manager informed the Board that the meeting to set the millage rate is scheduled for August 14, 2012 at 6:00 P.M.

The County Attorney informed the Board, after consulting with the manager, the Energy Excise Tax (House Bill 386) that was recently passed will have little impact on Talbot County. The exemption applies only to the use of energy in manufacturing.

He also informed them that he had not received the requested fee schedule from the City of Woodland's Attorney; this is required to proceed with the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Woodland and Talbot County, for a Building Inspector.

The County Attorney informed the Board that a majority vote from the Board is necessary, in order to proceed with placing a bond issue on the ballot, to fund a new jail in Talbot County.

No decision was made.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the travel request for Carol Ison to attend the Clerk's Conference in Athens on September 9th - 11th. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Updates

Commissioner Walker informed the Board that Charles Kelley, O'Neal Volunteer Fire Department Chief, has done an outstanding job, resulting in a lower Insurance Service Office (ISO) rating in District 3.

Chairman Montgomery commended Josh Buckner, Talbot County Road Department Superintendent on the great job he is doing to improve the quality of the roads, throughout Talbot County.

Vice Chairman Holmes directed the County Manager to contact a repairman to have the air condition unit at the Flint Hill Volunteer Fire Department repaired.

Commissioner Lanier asked Chairman Montgomery to allow Annie Bell Pinkston the opportunity to speak in reference to the Velton Harmon Building.

Ms. Pinkston approached the Board with a request to use the Velton Harmon Building for a youth recreation center.

The County Manager informed Ms. Pinkston that the Building was built with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds, and she was already researching the procedure for the use of the Building for something else.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to go into Executive Session at 6:40 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 7:30 p.m.

Personnel and possible litigation was discussed, no decisions were made in Executive Session.

Vice Chairman Holmes and Commissioner Lanier left the meeting after Executive Session adjourned.

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

Freeman Montgomery, Chairman

Carol Ison, County Clerk

Date