

TALBOT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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SUPERINTENDENT**

September 6, 2011

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 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, with the exception of Ken Chapman, due to illness, were present. The County Manager and the County Clerk/ Assistant County Manager were also in attendance. Commissioner Walker 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.

The County Manager added one item, a Change Order Request from Engineer Scott Copley for the 2010 Off-System Safety Project Contract.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve the Minutes from the August 1st, 10th, and 18th meetings. Vote passed 3-0-0.

Marcus Thomas, the Talbot County Water Department Superintendent, presented 3 bids to the Board for the purchase of 35 water meters, 3 handheld computers, and data software. The bids were as follows:

1. Carolina Meter & Supply - \$19,750.00
2. Matchpoint - \$20,000.00
3. United Utilities - \$16,390.00

Following the discussion, Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve purchasing the meters from the lowest bidder, United Utilities for \$16,390.00. Vote passed 3-0-0.

Tommy Bussey, Talbot County Tax Assessor, and Bryan Traylor, representing Traylor Business Services, Inc., presented a proposed Business Personal Property verification Contract to the Board, for their review and approval.

Mr. Traylor gave a brief synopsis of the services they offer and informed them that Traylor Business Services would like to assist them, by providing consultation in organizing the program and by performing personal property verification reviews of Talbot County's business taxpayers.

Commissioner Walker came in (6:15 p.m.) during the discussion.

Following the discussion, Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve contracting with Traylor Business Services, Inc., subject to the County Attorney's review and approval of the contract. Vote passed 4-0-0.

Joe Horn, President of the Oak Mountain Estates Homeowners Association, introduced himself to the Board, and informed them that his goal was to make Oak Mountain Estates, and Talbot County a better community.

Chuck Kelley, Fire Chief for O'Neal Volunteer Fire Department, approached the Board with a request to proceed with the application process for a Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) Firefighters Assistance Grant, in order to purchase a Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and a SCBA fill station.

He informed them that the current FEMA grant cost share for a population of less than 20,000 is 95.5. The cost for the SCBA and a SCBA fill station is \$50,185.00, with the county's portion being \$2,509.25.

Following the discussion, Commissioner Walker made a motion, and Commissioner Lanier seconded, for the Board to approve Chuck Kelley proceeding with the application process for the Federal Emergency Management Association Firefighters Assistance Grant. Vote passed 4-0-0.

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The County Manager presented two bids to the Board for the purchase and installation of 11 High Bay 400 watt light fixtures for the Talbot County Gym. The bids are as follows:

1. Ronnie Hendricks Electrical - \$7,350.00
2. Maners Electric - \$7,800.00

Following the discussion Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Chairman Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve contracting with the lowest bidder, Ronnie Hendricks Electrical for \$7,350.00. Vote passed 4-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the request from EMS Director Jerry Anthony to purchase a power lift stretcher for \$8,411.20. Vote passed 4-0-0.

Colonel Ron Clark, representing Fort Benning and the 192nd Infantry Brigade approached the Board and introduced Major Toby Moore. Mr. Clark informed the Board of upcoming events that will be taking place at Fort Benning.

The Chairman introduced Andrew McCrory, the new editor of the Star Mercury Newspaper.

Josh Buckner, the Road Department Superintendent presented a prioritized list of roads to the Board that will be submitted to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the 2011 Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG).

Vice Chairman Holmes directed the Road Department Superintendent to add Owens Circle to the Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) list.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Chairman Montgomery seconded for the Board to approve contracting with Southern Asphalt to pave several roads in Vice Chairman Holmes district. Special Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) proceeds will be used to fund the projects. Vote passed 4-0-0. The roads are as follows:

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| 1. McDevitt Road (1265'x20') | \$27,189.26 |
| 2. Milner Road (1010'x14') | \$16,278.92 |
| 3. Chestnut Ridge Road (650'x13') | \$14,200.76 |
| 4. Bolton Road (1250'x18') | \$22,686.58 |

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve contracting with Southern Asphalt to pave a portion of South Howard Road for \$25,075.00. The project will be funded with SPLOST funds. Vote passed 4-0-0.

The County Manager informed the Board that Engineer Scott Copley was requesting \$1,000.00 for a change order on the 2010 Striping Contract. No decision was made.

She also informed them that Talbot County was awarded the 2011 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), in the amount of \$800, 000.00. The funds will be used to complete phase 2 of the Flint Hill Drainage Improvement Project.

The County Manager informed the Board that there was \$7,200.00 remaining to finish any change orders for the completion of the Courthouse Renovation project. No decision was made.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to adopt the revised Talbot County Drug and Alcohol Policy, as required by the Federal Transit Authority, subject to the County Attorney's review and approval. This policy will cover all Talbot County Employees. Vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Walker made a motion, and Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve the travel request for Coroner Clinton Cosby to attend Coroner training in Forsyth, November 2-4, 2011. Vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the travel request for Lauren Harbin, to attend the WinGap conference in Savannah, September 28-30, 2011. Vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Updates

Commissioner Walker informed everyone that the County Attorney was reviewing the plat for the cemetery in Box Springs that Ms. Chappell had previously discussed with the Board.

Commissioner Walker and Paul Higginbotham, the Building and Zoning Director, discussed the zoning requirements for the recycling center owned by Sammy Sizemore.

Chairman Montgomery commended the Road Department Superintendent, Josh Buckner; on the great job he was doing maintaining the Talbot County Roads.

Vice Chairman Holmes said he would contact Josh to discuss several roads in his district that need repairs.

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Commissioner Lanier asked the County Manager if she had contacted the owner of the Medical Center to see if they would have someone cut the lawn and prune back the shrubs.

Commissioner Walker made a motion, and Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to go into Executive Session at 7:00 pm to discuss personnel matters. Vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Walker left during executive session.

Chairman Montgomery called the Board Meeting back to order at 8:35 pm.

No decisions were made in Executive Session.

The Chairman directed the County Manager to schedule a called meeting on Monday, September 12, 2011 at 6:00 pm to discuss personnel issues.

There being no further business Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion for the Board Meeting to adjourn. Commissioner Lanier seconded the motion. Vote passed 3-0-0.

Freeman Montgomery, Chairman

Carol Ison, County Clerk

Date