

**TALBOT COUNTY  
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ROAD DEPT SUPERINTENDENT

**September 10, 2012**

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly Board of Commissioner's Meeting at 6 PM on Monday, September 10, 2012. The meeting was held at the Commission Office that is located at 74 West Monroe Street, Talbotton, Georgia. All Commissioners were in attendance.

Ken Barré, Law Clerk for the County Attorney, and the County Manager were also in attendance. County Attorney Andy Dodgen was unable to attend the meeting.

Chairman Montgomery called the meeting to order and led everyone in a moment of silence, and the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

A request for a \$7.00 increase on the 2011 CDBG Project was added to the Agenda.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion and Commissioner Chapman seconded for the Board to accept the add-on, and to approve the proposed Agenda. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion and Commissioner Chapman seconded for the Board to approve the Minutes from August 6, 2012 Regular Meeting, August 14, 21 and September 4 Called Meetings; and Executive Session Minutes for August 6, 21, and September 4, 2012. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Bids to remount the 2006 Ambulance (EMS) were received from Peach State Ambulance, Inc., (\$75,245), and from Custom Truck and Body Works, Inc., (\$76,550).

Following the discussion, Chairman Montgomery made a motion and Commissioner Chapman seconded for the Board to award the bid for the ambulance remounting to Custom Truck & Body Works, Inc., for a 2013 Model, in the amount of \$76,550. Also, to finance the cost with the Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) Financial Services for three years at the percentage rate of 3.35%, with a monthly payment of \$2,270 and an annual payment of \$26,804. The vote passed 5-0-0.

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Contract for resurfacing Baker Road (CR 70) and O'Neal Road (CR 76) was postponed for further research.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion and Commissioner Chapman seconded for the Board to approve reappointing the EMS Director, Jerry Anthony, to serve a two year term, from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2014, on the West Central Georgia Region 7 Emergency Medical Services ("EMS) Council. The vote passed 5-0-0.

The Road Department Superintendent Josh Buckner approached the Board with the request to advertise that the county will be accepting sealed bids for three pick-up trucks and a dump truck. Prior to advertising, the City of Woodland will be contacted and asked if they would like to purchase the dump truck and the backhoe for one dollar each. The County Manager will ask the Sheriff for his list of items to be sold.

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Commissioner Walker made a motion, and Commissioner Lanier seconded, for the Board to approve getting bids for resurfacing Taylor and Carter Loop Roads as outlined in the GDOT LMIG Contract., When the bids are received award the bid to the lowest bidder. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Following a discussion on the proposed Cartledge and Waverly Hall Roads Projects, Commissioner Lanier made a motion and Vice Chairman Holmes seconded for the Board to approve postponing making a decision until further research could be done. The vote passed 4-1-0. Commissioner Walker opposed postponing the project.

No decision was made on the request by the Habitat for Humanity for a soil donation.

The County Manager informed the Board that a letter was in their folder, from the Tax Assessor, outlining the progress of the audit(s) that Traylor Business is conducting on businesses (rock quarries, sand mines, and Oglethorpe Power) that are located in Talbot County.

The ACCG-Group Self Insurance Worker's Compensation Fund Membership Renewal was postponed until the October 2012 Board Meeting.

The Law Clerk for the County Attorney informed the Board that no information had been received from the City of Woodland in reference to the Intergovernmental Agreement for a Building Inspector.

The Board asked Mr. Barré to draft a new Alcohol Ordinance with emphasis on outlining the sale of alcohol on Holidays and Elections.

The County Manager informed the Board that the Fire Department Chief's were working on up-dating the dry hydrant list as requested by the Insurance Services Office (ISO).

The Building & Zoning Director Paul Higginbotham informed the Board that the Engineering Firm, EMC Engineering, requested a change from the original plan, for the 2011 CDBG Project in the Flint Hill Area, to avoid conflict with Georgia Power. The change is in reference to utility poles, and will be approximately \$7.00 that will need to be added to the original engineering estimate.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion for the Board to approve the requested change as presented by Mr. Higginbotham. Commissioner Chapman seconded the vote. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Walker made a request for the use of the gymnasium for a fundraiser that is to be held October 5, 2012. There was no opposition to her request. She will coordinate the date with Joretha Ryles.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion and Commissioner Chapman seconded for the Board to move into Executive Session at 7:05 PM to discuss a personnel matter. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Upon returning to Open Session, the Chairman stated that there were no decisions made in Executive Session.

There being no further business, Commissioner Chapman made a motion, and Chairman Montgomery seconded for the meeting to adjourn. The vote passed 5-0-0.

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Freeman Montgomery, Chairman

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Sandra N. Higginbotham, County Manager

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