

**TALBOT COUNTY
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SUPERINTENDENT**

October 1, 2012

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing and their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m., Monday, October 1, 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, Commissioner's Robert Lanier, Ken Chapman, and Sher'Londa Walker, the County Attorney, County Manager, and the County Clerk/ Assistant County Manager. Vice Chairman Holmes was attending the Legislative Leadership Conference in Athens.

Chairman Freeman Montgomery called the Public Hearing to order and informed everyone that the hearing was being held to discuss the rezoning request submitted by Wayne Wilder to rezone property located at the intersection of Highway 80 and Highway 355, from A1 (Agriculture) to C1 (Commercial), to operate a convenience store.

At this time Chairman Montgomery gave everyone in attendance an opportunity to speak in favor of, or in opposition to the rezoning request.

Wayne Wilder and Wiley Stinson spoke in favor of the rezoning request and informed the board that Mr. Stinson would be managing the convenience store.

No one spoke in opposition to the rezoning request.

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 Manager added Alvin E. Howard, the Sheriff Department's Personnel Policy, and power line easements on Hut Road.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the agenda add-ons. Vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the Minutes from the September 10th Regular Meeting and Executive Session. Vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Chairman Montgomery seconded, for the board to approve the rezoning request submitted by Wayne Wilder to rezone property located at the intersection of Highway 80 and Highway 355 from A1 to C1, to operate a convenience store. Vote passed 4-0-0.

Colonel Ron Clark, representing Fort Benning and the 192nd Brigade informed the Board that Major Toby Moore was promoted to Colonel. He also informed them of upcoming events that are going to be held at Fort Benning.

Leigh Erenheim, Talbot County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director, informed the Board that Talbot County was approved for the 2012 Emergency Management Performance (EMPG) Response and Recovery Grant.

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The County Manager presented two bids to the Board for the purchase of five digital radios for the Sheriff's Department. The bids were as follows:

- 1) Columbus Communications Inc. - \$3,900.00
- 2) Dean's Commercial Two-Way - \$3,075.00

Commissioner Walker made a motion, and Commissioner Lanier seconded, for the Board to approve the bid from Columbus Communications Inc. for \$3,900.00. Vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the bid from Acom Security for \$1,800.00 to install two Vandal Resistant Camera's, at the Talbot County Jail. Vote passed 4-0-0.

Chairman Montgomery directed the County Manager to schedule a called meeting for 6:00 p.m., October 15th, to discuss projects for the upcoming Transportation Special Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST), and to discuss the Road Ordinance.

Amy Brailey, representative for Oak Mountain Estates, was not present.

Commissioner Walker made a motion, and Chairman Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the Volunteer Firefighters Insurance Services (VFIS) Accident and Sickness Policy renewal, for a three year term, for \$8,047.00. Vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Walker informed the Board that she would like to review the Road Addressing Ordinance to be sure that it is being enforced in an effort to prevent loggers from damaging the roads.

She also directed the Building and Zoning Director to contact Mr. Sizemore and remind him that he remains noncompliant with the zoning requirements.

Paul Higginbotham, the Building and Zoning Director informed the Board that they needed to submit a project site to the River Valley Regional Commission (RVRC) for the 2013 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application. The project sites are as follows:

- 1) District 1 - Bunkley Road
- 2) District 2 - Carlisle Road (Oak Mountain Estates) & Jeff Hendricks Road
- 3) District 3 - Sizemore Road and Men's Club Road
- 4) District 5 - Welcome Church Road (Geneva - Grading and Drainage)

Commissioner Walker informed the Board that Cartledge Road was in desperate need of being resurfaced.

Mr. Higginbotham discussed with the Board the previous request from Flint Energies for an easement on Hut Road to install a power line.

The County Attorney directed Mr. Higginbotham to contact Flint Energies, and have them issue a request for a temporary easement along with a plat, for the Board's review and approval.

The County Manager informed the Board of the continuing bat problem at the courthouse. She told them that she was going to contact Trutech and have them come out and assess the issue.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, and Chairman Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the Walgreens Off-Site Clinic Agreement to administer flu shots to the employees of Talbot County. Vote passed 4-0-0.

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Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve amending the Talbot County Personnel Policy, to include not carrying over vacation or compensatory time into the following calendar year. Vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the travel request for Cheyenne Pinkston and Wardell Willis to attend the GEOC Training that is being held in Kennesaw October 2-4, 2012. Vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve amending the Alcohol Ordinance to prohibit Alcohol sales on Election Days between the hours of 7:00 am to 7:00 pm and on Christmas Day. Vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the 2012 Local Maintenance and Improvement (LMIG) contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), for \$186,644.44 Vote passed 4-0-0.

Alvin Howard approached the Board with a complaint that survey boundary markers, installed by a surveyor, were damaged when the Road Department was working on Baker Road. He also informed the Board that the markers had been replaced inaccurately. During the discussion with Mr. Howard and the Road Department Superintendent, it was determined that Jimmy Stubbs was doing some of the work on this road. Mr. Howard requested that Talbot County reimburse him \$2,500 to have the property resurveyed and to reinstall the markers.

The County Attorney informed the Board that this should be discussed further in executive session.

Chairman Montgomery informed Mr. Howard that the County Clerk would send him a letter informing him of the Board's decision.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to go into Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss personnel and possible litigation. Vote Passed 4-0-0.

Chairman Montgomery adjourned Executive Session at 8:20 p.m.

Commissioner Walker left after executive session adjourned.

Chairman Montgomery called the regular meeting back to order.

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

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

Freeman Montgomery, Chairman

Carol Ison, County Clerk

Date